
**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 25, 2008

MGIC Investment Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-10816

(Commission File Number)

39-1486475

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

MGIC Plaza, 250 East Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(414) 347-6480

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - 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))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Common Stock Offering

On March 25, 2008, MGIC Investment Corporation (the "Company") entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Banc of America Securities LLC as the representative of the several underwriters listed therein (collectively, the "Underwriters"). Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Company agreed to sell and the Underwriters agreed to purchase for resale to the public (the "Stock Offering"), subject to the terms and conditions expressed therein, 37,333,333 shares of the Company's common stock at a price per share of \$11.25 to the public, less an underwriting discount of \$0.5063 per share. The Underwriters also have an option to purchase up to 5,600,000 additional shares of the Company's common stock at the same price per share. The Company's common stock to be sold pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement was registered pursuant to effective Registration Statements on Form S-1 that the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Stock Offering is expected to close on March 28, 2008.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements of the Company, conditions to closing, indemnification rights and obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The description of the Underwriting Agreement set forth above is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Underwriting Agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, the Underwriters or their affiliates have performed and may in the future perform certain commercial banking, investment banking and advisory services for the Company from time to time for which they have received and may receive in the future customary fees and expenses.

Convertible Subordinated Debentures Offering

Also on March 25, 2008, the Company entered into a purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") by and among the Company and the initial purchasers named therein (the "Initial Purchasers"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell, and the Initial Purchasers agreed to purchase, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, \$325,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 9.0% Convertible Junior Subordinated Debentures due 2063 (the "Debentures"). The Initial Purchasers also have an option to purchase up to an additional \$65,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Debentures on the same terms and conditions. The Debentures are being resold in a private placement to qualified institutional buyers in an offering exempt from Securities Act registration requirements pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act (the "Debenture Offering"). The Debentures will be convertible, at the holder's option, at an initial conversion rate of 74.0741 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of Debentures, which represents a 20.0% conversion premium based on the \$11.25 per share price to the public in the Stock Offering. The Debenture Offering is expected to close on March 28, 2008.

The Purchase Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements of the Company, conditions to closing, indemnification rights and obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The description of the Purchase Agreement set forth above is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Purchase Agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, the Initial Purchasers or their affiliates have performed and may in the future perform certain commercial banking, investment banking and advisory services for the Company from time to time for which they have received and may receive in the future customary fees and expenses.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 25, 2008, the Company issued a press release announcing that it had priced the Stock Offering. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Also on March 25, 2008, the Company issued a press release announcing that it had priced the Debenture Offering. Pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 135c of the Securities Act, the Company is filing with this Current Report on Form 8-K the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Also on March 25, 2008, the Underwriters exercised their option to purchase an additional 5,600,000 additional shares of the Company's common stock at the same price per share as in the Stock Offering. On March 26, the Initial Purchasers exercised their option to purchase an additional \$40,000,000 aggregate amount of the Debentures on the same terms and conditions as in the Debenture Offering.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being filed herewith:

(1.1) Underwriting Agreement, dated March 25, 2008, among MGIC Investment Corporation and the underwriters named therein.*

(1.2) Purchase Agreement, dated March 25, 2008, among MGIC Investment Corporation and the initial purchasers named therein.*

(99.1) Press Release of MGIC Investment Corporation, dated March 25, 2008.

(99.2) Press Release of MGIC Investment Corporation, dated March 25, 2008.

* The schedules and exhibits referred to in the Underwriting Agreement and Purchase Agreement are not being filed herewith. The registrant agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any such schedules and exhibits to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

MGIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Date: March 26, 2008

By: /s/ J. Michael Lauer

J. Michael Lauer

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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37,333,333 Shares

MGIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Common Stock

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

dated March 25, 2008

Banc of America Securities LLC

Underwriting Agreement

March 25, 2008

BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC
9 West 57th Street
New York , NY 10019

Acting as Representative of the several
Underwriters named in the attached Schedule A.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

MGIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION, a Wisconsin corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell to the several underwriters named in Schedule A (the "Underwriters") an aggregate of 37,333,333 shares (the "Firm Shares") of its common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Common Stock"). In addition, the Company has granted to the Underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional 5,600,000 shares (the "Optional Shares") of Common Stock, as provided in Section 2. The Firm Shares and, if and to the extent such option is exercised, the Optional Shares are collectively called the "Shares." Banc of America Securities LLC has agreed to act as representative of the several Underwriters (in such capacity, the "Representative") in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares.

The Company has prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-149506), which contains a form of prospectus to be used in connection with the public offering and sale of the Shares. Such registration statement, as amended, including the financial statements, exhibits and schedules thereto, in the form in which it was declared effective by the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Securities Act"), including any required information deemed to be a part thereof at the time of effectiveness pursuant to Rule 430A under the Securities Act or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Exchange Act"), is called the "Registration Statement". Any registration statement filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act is called the "Rule 462(b) Registration Statement," and from and after the date and time of filing of the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement the term "Registration Statement" shall include the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement. Any preliminary prospectus included in the Registration Statement is hereinafter called a "preliminary prospectus." The term "Prospectus" shall mean the final prospectus relating to the Shares that is first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) after the date and time that this Agreement is executed and delivered by the parties hereto (the "Execution Time") or, if no filing pursuant to Rule 424(b) is required, shall mean the form of final prospectus relating to the Shares included in the Registration Statement at the effective date. Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to General Instruction VII of Form S-1 under the Securities Act. All references in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, a

preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus, or any amendments or supplements to any of the foregoing, shall include any copy thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system ("EDGAR").

The Company hereby agrees with the Underwriters as follows:

SECTION 1. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company hereby represents and warrants to, and covenants with, each Underwriter as follows:

(a) The Registration Statement has been declared effective by the Commission under the Securities Act. The Company has complied to the Commission's satisfaction with all requests of the Commission for additional or supplemental information. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement is in effect, the Commission has not issued any order or notice preventing or suspending the use of the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus and no proceedings for such purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, are threatened by the Commission.

(b) Each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus when filed complied in all material respects with the Securities Act and the rules thereunder. Each of the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the time it became effective and at the date hereof, complied and will comply in all material respects with the Securities Act and did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading. The Prospectus (including any Prospectus wrapper), as amended or supplemented, as of its date, at the time of any filing pursuant to Rule 424(b), at the Closing Date (as defined herein) and at any Subsequent Closing Date (as defined herein), 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. The representations and warranties set forth in the two immediately preceding sentences do not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto, or the Prospectus, or any amendments or supplements thereto, made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by the Representative expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Representative consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof. There is no contract or other document required to be described in the Prospectus or to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement that has not been described or filed as required.

(c) The documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus, when they were filed with the Commission, complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as applicable, and none of such documents, when they were so filed, included an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted 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.

(d) The term “Disclosure Package” shall mean (i) the preliminary prospectus, if any, as amended or supplemented, that is included in the Registration Statement immediately prior to the Applicable Time and (ii) the term sheet attached hereto as Exhibit C (the “Term Sheet”). As of 7:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on the date of execution and delivery of this Agreement (the “Applicable Time”), the Disclosure Package did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or 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. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from the Disclosure Package based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representative specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.

(e) The Company has not distributed and will not distribute, prior to the later of the last Subsequent Closing Date (as defined below) and the completion of the Underwriters’ distribution of the Shares, any offering material in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares other than a preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus or the Registration Statement.

(f) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(g) The Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and sale pursuant to this Agreement and, when issued and delivered by the Company to the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement on the Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

(h) There are no stamp or other issuance or transfer taxes or other similar fees or charges under federal law or the laws of any state, or any political subdivision thereof, required to be paid in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the issuance by the Company or sale by the Company of the Shares.

(i) There are no persons with registration or other similar rights to have any equity or debt securities registered for sale under the Registration Statement or included in the offering contemplated by this Agreement.

(j) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and has been duly qualified as a foreign corporation for the transaction of business and is in good standing (or the local equivalent) under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases properties or conducts any business so as to require such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing would not result, individually or in the aggregate, in a material adverse effect on the business, financial position, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a “Material Adverse Effect”).

(k) Each of the Company’s subsidiaries (which, for the avoidance of doubt, does not include Sherman Financial Group LLC or Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC)

that constitutes a “significant subsidiary” (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X) as of the last day of the Company’s most recent fiscal quarter (each a “Subsidiary” and collectively, the “Subsidiaries”) has been duly organized and is validly existing as a corporation or limited liability company in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and has been duly qualified as a foreign corporation or limited liability company for the transaction of business and is in good standing (or the local equivalent) under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases properties or conducts any business so as to require such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing, individually or in the aggregate, would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(l) The authorized, issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company is as set forth in the column entitled “Actual” under the “Capitalization” section of the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and such shares of capital stock have been duly authorized and validly issued by the Company and are fully paid and non-assessable, and none of such shares of capital stock was issued in violation of pre-emptive or other similar rights of any security holder of the Company. The Common Stock (including the Shares) conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. There are no authorized or outstanding options, warrants, preemptive rights, rights of first refusal or other rights to purchase, or equity or debt securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, any capital stock of the Company or any of its subsidiaries other than those accurately described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The description of the Company’s stock option, stock bonus and other stock plans or arrangements, and the options or other rights granted thereunder, set forth or incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus accurately and fairly presents the information required to be shown with respect to such plans, arrangements, options and rights. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock or limited liability company interests of each Subsidiary have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, and, except as otherwise set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Subsidiaries are owned by the Company either directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances.

(m) The financial statements and schedules of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package, the Prospectus and the Registration Statement present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates and for the periods indicated, comply as to form with the applicable accounting requirements of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as applicable, and have been prepared in conformance with United States generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved (except as otherwise noted therein). The financial data set forth in the preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus under the captions “Prospectus Summary—Summary Financial Data,” “Selected Financial Data” and “Capitalization” fairly present the information set forth therein on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(n) PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, who have certified the financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package, the Prospectus and the Registration Statement, are independent public accountants as required by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act.

(o) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, (A) there has been no material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Change"), (B) there have been no transactions entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than those arising in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, and (C) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company or, except for dividends paid to the Company or other subsidiaries, any of its subsidiaries on any class of capital stock or repurchase or redemption by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any class of capital stock.

(p) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and any other agreement or instrument entered into or issued or to be entered into or issued by the Company in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder and thereunder do not and will not conflict with or result in a breach of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any assets, properties or operations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, 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 assets, properties or operations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject (collectively, the "Agreements and Instruments") the result of which would have a Material Adverse Effect, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of (i) the charter or bylaws of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) any applicable law or statute or any order, rule, regulation or judgment of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their assets, properties or operations, except, in the case of clause (ii), for any such violations that would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(q) There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body now pending, or to the knowledge of the Company threatened, against or affecting the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any director or officer of the Company which is required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (other than as stated therein, including documents incorporated by reference), or which might reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect (other than as stated therein, including the documents incorporated by reference), or have a material adverse effect on the consummation of the transactions contemplated under the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, this Agreement or the performance by the Company of its

obligations hereunder and thereunder; and the aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any of their respective assets, properties or operations is the subject which is not described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, is not reasonably expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(r) No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any court or governmental agency or body is required for the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement or for the performance by the Company of the transactions contemplated under the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, this Agreement, except such as have already been made, obtained or rendered, as applicable, and such as may be required under state securities or blue sky laws or Canadian provincial securities laws or other foreign laws.

(s) Each insurance company subsidiary of the Company (collectively, the "Insurance Subsidiaries") is duly licensed as an insurance company in its jurisdiction of organization and is duly licensed or authorized as an insurer in each jurisdiction outside its jurisdiction of organization where it is required to be so licensed or authorized to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except where the failure to be so licensed or authorized, individually or in the aggregate, would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(t) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (i) in violation or in default (or, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, would be in default) ("Default") under its charter or by-laws, (ii) in Default under any indenture, mortgage, loan or credit agreement, deed of trust, note, contract, franchise, lease or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which the Company or such subsidiary is a party or by which it may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject or (iii) in violation of any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or such subsidiary or any of its properties, as applicable, except with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii) only, for such Defaults and violations as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(u) The Company and each subsidiary possess such valid and current licenses, certificates, authorizations or permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to conduct their respective businesses, and neither the Company nor any subsidiary has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such license, certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, could have a Material Adverse Effect.

(v) The Company and its subsidiaries have filed all necessary federal, state, local and foreign income and franchise tax returns in a timely manner and have paid all taxes required to be paid by any of them and, if due and payable, any related or similar assessment, fine or penalty levied against any of them, except for any taxes, assessments, fines or penalties as may be being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings. The Company has made appropriate

provisions in the applicable financial statements referred to in paragraph (m) above in respect of all federal, state, local and foreign income and franchise taxes for all current or prior periods as to which the tax liability of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has not been finally determined.

(w) There are no business relationships or related-party transactions involving the Company or any subsidiary or any other person required to be described in the preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus that have not been described as required.

(x) None of the following events has occurred or exists: (i) a failure to fulfill the obligations, if any, under the minimum funding standards of Section 302 of the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”), and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder with respect to a Plan, determined without regard to any waiver of such obligations or extension of any amortization period; (ii) an audit or investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any other federal or state governmental agency or any foreign regulatory agency with respect to the employment or compensation of employees by any member of the Company that could have a material adverse effect on the Company; (iii) any breach of any contractual obligation, or any violation of law or applicable qualification standards, with respect to the employment or compensation of employees by any member of the Company that could have a Material Adverse Effect. None of the following events has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur: (i) a material increase in the aggregate amount of contributions required to be made to all Plans in the current fiscal year of the Company compared to the amount of such contributions made in the Company’s most recently completed fiscal year; (ii) a material increase in the Company’s “accumulated post-retirement benefit obligations” (within the meaning of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 106) compared to the amount of such obligations in the Company’s most recently completed fiscal year; (iii) any event or condition giving rise to a liability under Title IV of ERISA that could have a Material Adverse Effect; or (iv) the filing of a claim by one or more employees or former employees of the Company related to their employment that could have a Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “Plan” means a plan (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA with respect to which any member of the Company may have any liability.

(y) The Company is not and, and after receipt of payment for the Shares and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, will not be, an “investment company” within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as Amended (the “Investment Company Act”).

(z) There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company and any of the Company’s directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”), including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.

(aa) The Company maintains (i) effective internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act, as amended, and (ii) a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (A) transactions are executed

in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (B) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability; (C) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (D) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

(bb) Except as disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, or in any document incorporated by reference therein, since the end of the Company's most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (i) no material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (ii) no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(cc) The Company and its subsidiaries maintain an effective system of "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act) that is designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company and its subsidiaries have carried out evaluations of the effectiveness of their disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act.

(dd) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such Persons of 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. "FCPA" means Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

(ee) 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 applicable jurisdictions, 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.

(ff) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department ("OFAC"); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds, to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of any person currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(gg) Nothing has come to the attention of the Company that has caused the Company to believe that the statistical and market-related data included in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus is not based on or derived from sources that are reliable and accurate in all material respects.

(hh) The Company has not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that might be reasonably expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Common Stock to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company and delivered to the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Securities shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company, as to matters covered thereby, to each Underwriter.

SECTION 2. Purchase, Sale and Delivery of the Shares.

(a) *The Firm Shares.* The Company agrees to issue and sell to the several Underwriters the Firm Shares upon the terms herein set forth. On the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements herein contained, and upon the terms but subject to the conditions herein set forth, the Underwriters agree, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the respective number of Firm Shares set forth opposite their names on Schedule A. The purchase price per Firm Common Share to be paid by the several Underwriters to the Company shall be \$11.25 per share.

(b) *The Closing Date.* Delivery of certificates for the Firm Shares to be purchased by the Underwriters and payment therefor shall be made at the offices of Foley & Lardner LLP, 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 (or such other place as may be agreed to by the Company and the Representative) at 9:00 a.m. New York time, on March 28, 2008, or such other time and date not later than 1:30 p.m. New York time, on April 4, 2008, as the Representative shall designate by notice to the Company (the time and date of such closing are called the "Closing Date").

(c) *The Optional Shares; the Subsequent Closing Date.* In addition, on the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements herein contained, and upon the terms but subject to the conditions herein set forth, the Company hereby grants an option to the several Underwriters to purchase, severally and not jointly, up to an aggregate of 5,600,000 Optional

Shares from the Company at the purchase price per share to be paid by the Underwriters for the Firm Shares. The option granted hereunder may be exercised at any time and from time to time upon notice by the Representative to the Company, which notice may be given at any time within 30 days from the date of this Agreement. Such notice shall set forth (i) the aggregate number of Optional Shares as to which the Underwriters are exercising the option, (ii) the names and denominations in which the certificates for the Optional Shares are to be registered and (iii) the time, date and place at which such certificates will be delivered (which time and date may be simultaneous with, but not earlier than, the Closing Date; and in such case the term "Closing Date" shall refer to the time and date of delivery of certificates for the Firm Shares and the Optional Shares). Each time and date of delivery, if subsequent to the Closing Date, is called a "Subsequent Closing Date" and shall be determined by the Representative and shall not be earlier than three nor later than five full business days after delivery of such notice of exercise. If any Optional Shares are to be purchased, each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase the number of Optional Shares (subject to such adjustments to eliminate fractional shares as the Representative may determine) that bears the same proportion to the total number of Optional Shares to be purchased as the number of Firm Shares set forth on Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of Firm Shares.

(d) *Public Offering of the Shares.* The Representative hereby advises the Company that the Underwriters intend to offer for sale to the public, as described in the Prospectus, their respective portions of the Shares as soon after this Agreement has been executed and the Registration Statement has been declared effective as the Representative, in its sole judgment, has determined is advisable and practicable.

(e) *Payment for the Shares.* Payment for the Shares shall be made at the Closing Date (and, if applicable, at any Subsequent Closing Date) by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the order of the Company.

It is understood that the Representative has been authorized, for its own account and the accounts of the several Underwriters, to accept delivery of and receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Firm Shares and any Optional Shares the Underwriters have agreed to purchase. Banc of America Securities LLC, individually and not as the Representative of the Underwriters, may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment for any Shares to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds shall not have been received by the Representative by the Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, for the account of such Underwriter, but any such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from any of its obligations under this Agreement.

(f) *Delivery of the Shares.* Delivery of the Firm Shares and the Optional Shares shall be made through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company unless the Representative shall otherwise instruct. Time shall be of the essence, and delivery at the time and place specified in this Agreement is a further condition to the obligations of the Underwriters.

(g) *Delivery of Prospectus to the Underwriters.* Not later than 10:00 a.m. on the second business day following the date the Shares are first released by the Underwriters for sale to the public, the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered, copies of the Prospectus in such quantities and at such places as the Representative shall request.

SECTION 3. *Covenants*. The Company covenants and agrees with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) *Representative's Review of Proposed Amendments and Supplements*. During the period beginning on the Applicable Time and ending on the later of the Closing Date or such date, as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, the Prospectus is no longer required by law to be delivered in connection with sales by an Underwriter or dealer, including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172 (the "Prospectus Delivery Period"), prior to amending or supplementing the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, subject to Section 3(e), the Company shall furnish to the Representative for review a copy of each such proposed amendment or supplement, and the Company shall not file or use any such proposed amendment or supplement to which the Representative reasonably objects; provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection (a) shall not apply to any of the Company's periodic filings under the Exchange Act described in subsection (c), copies of which filings in substantially final form the Company has delivered to you in advance of their transmission to the Commission for filing and provided you a reasonable opportunity to comment thereon.

(b) *Securities Act Compliance*. After the date of this Agreement, the Company shall promptly advise the Representative in writing (i) when the Registration Statement, if not effective at the Execution Time, shall have become effective, (ii) of the receipt of any comments of, or requests for additional or supplemental information from, the Commission, (iii) of the time and date of any filing of any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, (iv) of the time and date that any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement becomes effective and (v) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any order or notice preventing or suspending the use of the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, or of any proceedings to remove, suspend or terminate from listing or quotation the Common Stock from any securities exchange upon which it is listed for trading or included or designated for quotation, or of the threatening or initiation of any proceedings for any of such purposes. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order or notice of prevention or suspension of such use. If the Commission shall enter any such stop order or issue any such notice at any time, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to obtain the lifting or reversal of such order or notice at the earliest possible moment, or, subject to Section 3(a), will file an amendment to the Registration Statement or will file a new registration statement and use its reasonable best efforts to have such amendment or new registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable. Additionally, the Company agrees that it shall comply with the provisions of Rules 424(b) and 430A, as applicable, under the Securities Act, including with respect to the timely filing of documents thereunder.

(c) *Exchange Act Compliance*. During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act in the manner and within the time periods required by the Exchange Act.

(d) *Amendments and Supplements to the Registration Statement, Disclosure Package and Prospectus and Other Securities Act Matters.* If, during the Prospectus Delivery Period, any event or development shall occur or condition exist as a result of which the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or 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 or then prevailing, as the case may be, not misleading, or if it shall be necessary to amend or supplement the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made or then prevailing, as the case may be, not misleading, or if in the opinion of the Representative it is otherwise necessary to amend or supplement the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or to file a new registration statement containing the Prospectus, in order to comply with law, including in connection with the delivery of the Prospectus, the Company agrees to (i) notify the Representative of any such event or condition and (ii) promptly prepare (subject to Sections 3(a) and 3(e) hereof), file with the Commission (and use its reasonable best efforts to have any amendment to the Registration Statement or any new registration statement to be declared effective) and furnish at its own expense to the Underwriters and to dealers, amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or any new registration statement, necessary in order to make the statements in the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made or then prevailing, as the case may be, not misleading or so that the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with law.

(e) *Free Writing Prospectuses.* The Company represents that it has not made, and agrees that it will not make, any offer relating to the Shares that constitutes or would constitute a “free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act), other than the Term Sheet.

(f) *Copies of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.* The Company will furnish to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters signed copies of the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto (including, in each case, exhibits thereto) and, so long as delivery of a prospectus by an Underwriter or dealer may be required by the Act, as many copies of each preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus and any supplement thereto and the Disclosure Package as the Representative may reasonably request.

(g) *Blue Sky Compliance.* The Company shall cooperate with the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters to qualify or register the Shares for sale under (or obtain exemptions from the application of) the state securities or blue sky laws or Canadian provincial securities laws or other foreign laws of those jurisdictions designated by the Representative, shall comply with such laws and shall continue such qualifications, registrations and exemptions in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Shares. The Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any such jurisdiction where it is not presently qualified or where it would be subject to taxation as a foreign corporation, other than those arising out of the offering or sale of the Shares in any jurisdiction where it is not now so subject. The Company will advise the Representative promptly of the suspension of the qualification or registration of (or any such exemption relating to) the Shares for offering, sale or trading in any jurisdiction or any initiation or threat of any

proceeding for any such purpose, and in the event of the issuance of any order suspending such qualification, registration or exemption, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to obtain the withdrawal thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(h) *Use of Proceeds.* The Company shall apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Shares sold by it in the manner described under the caption “Use of Proceeds” in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(i) *Earnings Statement.* As soon as practicable, the Company will make generally available to its security holders and to the Representative an earnings statement (which need not be audited) covering the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2009 that satisfies the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 under the Securities Act.

(j) *Periodic Reporting Obligations.* During the Prospectus Delivery Period the Company shall file, on a timely basis, with the Commission and the New York Stock Exchange all reports and documents required to be filed under the Exchange Act.

(k) *Listing.* The Company will use its reasonable best efforts to list, subject to notice of issuance, the Shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

(l) *Agreement Not to Offer or Sell Additional Shares.* During the period commencing on the date hereof and ending on the 90th day following the date of the Prospectus, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of the Representative (which consent may be withheld at the sole discretion of the Representative), directly or indirectly, sell, offer, contract or grant any option to sell, pledge, transfer or establish an open “put equivalent position” or liquidate or decrease a “call equivalent position” within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(h) under the Exchange Act, or otherwise dispose of or transfer (or enter into any transaction which is designed to, or might reasonably be expected to, result in the disposition of), or announce the offering of, or file any registration statement under the Securities Act in respect of, any shares of Common Stock, options or warrants to acquire shares of the Common Stock or securities exchangeable or exercisable for or convertible into shares of Common Stock (other than as contemplated by this Agreement with respect to the Shares); provided, however, that the Company may issue shares of its Common Stock or options to purchase its Common Stock, or Common Stock upon exercise of options, pursuant to any stock option, stock bonus or other stock plan or arrangement described in the Prospectus. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if (x) during the last 17 days of the 90-day restricted period the Company issues an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to the Company occurs, or (y) prior to the expiration of the 90-day restricted period, the Company announces that it will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the 90-day period, the restrictions imposed in this clause shall continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of the issuance of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event in writing, such extension. The Company will provide the Representative and any co-managers and each individual subject to the restricted period pursuant to the lockup letters described in Section 5(g) with prior notice of any such announcement that gives rise to an extension of the restricted period.

(n) *Compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act.* The Company will comply with all applicable securities and other laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Sarbanes-

Oxley Act, and use its best efforts to cause the Company's directors and officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with such laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

(o) *Future Reports to Shareholders.* To furnish to its shareholders as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year an annual report (including a balance sheet and statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries certified by independent public accountants) and, as soon as practicable after the end of each of the first three quarters of each fiscal year (beginning with the fiscal quarter ending after the effective date of the Registration Statement), to make available to its shareholders consolidated summary financial information of the Company and its subsidiaries for such quarter in reasonable detail.

(q) *No Manipulation of Price.* The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to constitute, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any securities of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

(r) *Investment Limitation.* The Company shall not invest, or otherwise use the proceeds received by the Company from its sale of the Shares in such a manner as would require the Company or any of its subsidiaries to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act.

The Representative, on behalf of the several Underwriters, may, in its sole discretion, waive in writing the performance by the Company of any one or more of the foregoing covenants or extend the time for their performance.

SECTION 4. *Payment of Expenses.* The Company agrees to pay all costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations hereunder, including without limitation (i) all expenses incident to the issuance and delivery of the Shares (including all printing and engraving costs), (ii) all fees and expenses of the registrar and transfer agent of the Common Stock, (iii) all necessary issue, transfer and other stamp taxes in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares to the Underwriters, (iv) all fees and expenses of the Company's counsel, independent public or certified public accountants and other advisors, (v) all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, printing, filing, shipping and distribution of the Registration Statement (including financial statements, exhibits, schedules, consents and certificates of experts), each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus, and all amendments and supplements thereto, and this Agreement, (vi) all filing fees, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the Company or the Underwriters in connection with qualifying or registering (or obtaining exemptions from the qualification or registration of) all or any part of the Shares for offer and sale under the state securities or blue sky laws or the provincial securities laws of Canada, and, if requested by the Representative, preparing and printing a "Blue Sky Survey" or memorandum, and any supplements thereto, advising the Underwriters of such qualifications, registrations and exemptions (including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in an amount not to exceed \$10,000), (vii) the fees and expenses associated with listing of the Shares on the New York Stock Exchange, (viii) all transportation and other

expenses incurred in connection with presentations to prospective purchasers of the Shares, except that the Company and the Underwriters will each pay 50% of the cost of privately chartered airplanes used for such purposes and (ix) all other fees, costs and expenses referred to in Item 13 of Part II of the Registration Statement. Except as provided in this Section 4, Section 6, Section 8 and Section 9 hereof, the Underwriters shall pay their own expenses, including the fees and disbursements of their counsel.

SECTION 5. *Conditions of the Obligations of the Underwriters.* The obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Shares as provided herein on the Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Shares, any Subsequent Closing Date, shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company forth in Section 1 hereof as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date as though then made and, with respect to the Optional Shares, as of any Subsequent Closing Date as though then made, to the accuracy of the statements of the Company made in any certificates pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the timely performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to each of the following additional conditions:

(a) *Accountants' Comfort Letter.* On the date hereof, on the Closing Date and on each Subsequent Closing Date, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP shall have furnished to you a letter, dated such date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to you, containing statements and information of the type customarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(b) *Compliance with Registration Requirements; No Stop Order.* For the period from and after effectiveness of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Shares, any Subsequent Closing Date:

(i) the Company shall have filed the Prospectus with the Commission (including the information required by Rule 430A under the Securities Act) in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act; or the Company shall have filed a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement containing the information required by such Rule 430A, and such post-effective amendment shall have become effective; and

(ii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, or any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement, shall be in effect and no proceedings for such purpose shall have been instituted or threatened by the Commission; and

(c) *No Material Adverse Change or Ratings Agency Change.* For the period from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Shares, any Subsequent Closing Date:

(i) in the judgment of the Representative there shall not have occurred any Material Adverse Change;

(ii) there shall not have been any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section 5 which is, in the sole judgment of the Representative, so material and adverse as to make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or delivery of the Shares as contemplated by the Registration Statement and the Prospectus; and

(iii) other than as contemplated by the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, in the rating accorded any securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries by any “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Securities Act.

(d) *Opinion of Counsel for the Company.* On the Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date, the Representative shall have received (i) the favorable opinion of Foley & Lardner LLP, counsel for the Company, other than as to paragraphs (xii) and (xiii) thereof insofar as such paragraphs relate to insurance law matters, and (ii) the General Counsel or Associate General Counsel of the Company, as to paragraphs (xii) and (xiii) thereof insofar as such paragraphs relate to insurance law matters, each dated as of such Closing Date, the form of which is attached as Exhibit A.

(e) *Opinion of Counsel for the Underwriters.* On the Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date, the Representative shall have received the favorable opinion of Mayer Brown LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated as of such Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to, and addressed to, the Representative, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Shares, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto), the Disclosure Package and other related matters as the Representative may reasonably require, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.

(f) *Officers' Certificate.* On the Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date, the Representative shall have received a written certificate executed by the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer or President of the Company and the Chief Financial Officer or Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, dated as of such Closing Date, to the effect that the signers of such certificate have carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, and any amendment or supplement thereto and this Agreement, to the effect set forth in subsections (b) and (c)(iii) of this Section 5, and further to the effect that, to the best of their knowledge, after reasonable investigation:

(i) for the period from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to such Closing Date, there has not occurred any Material Adverse Change;

(ii) the representations, warranties and covenants of the Company set forth in Section 1 of this Agreement are true and correct on and as of the Closing Date with the same force and effect as though expressly made on and as of such Closing Date; and

(iii) the Company has complied with all the agreements hereunder and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to such Closing Date.

(g) *Lock-Up Agreement from Certain Securityholders of the Company.* On or prior to the date hereof, the Company shall have furnished to the Representative an agreement in the form of Exhibit B hereto from each director and executive officer of the Company, and such agreement shall be in full force and effect on the Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date.

(h) *Listing of Shares.* The Shares shall have been listed and admitted and authorized for trading on the New York Stock Exchange, and satisfactory evidence of such actions shall have been provided to the Representative.

(i) *Additional Documents.* On or before the Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date, the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters shall have received such information, documents and opinions as they may reasonably require for the purposes of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Shares as contemplated herein, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations and warranties, or the satisfaction of any of the conditions or agreements, herein contained.

If any condition specified in this Section 5 is not satisfied when and as required to be satisfied, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representative by notice to the Company at any time on or prior to the Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Shares, at any time prior to the applicable Subsequent Closing Date, which termination shall be without liability on the part of any party to any other party, except that Section 4, Section 6, Section 8 and Section 9 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

SECTION 6. *Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses.* If this Agreement is terminated by the Representative pursuant to Section 5, Section 7 or Section 11, or if the sale to the Underwriters of the Shares on the Closing Date is not consummated because of any refusal, inability or failure on the part of the to perform any agreement herein or to comply with any provision hereof, the Company agrees to reimburse the Representative and the other Underwriters (or such Underwriters as have terminated this Agreement with respect to themselves), severally, upon demand for all out-of-pocket expenses that shall have been reasonably incurred by the Representative and the Underwriters in connection with the proposed purchase and the offering and sale of the Shares, including but not limited to fees and disbursements of counsel, printing expenses, travel expenses, postage, facsimile and telephone charges.

SECTION 7. *Effectiveness of this Agreement.* This Agreement shall not become effective until the later of (i) the execution of this Agreement by the parties hereto and (ii) notification by the Commission to the Company and the Representative (which may be via a posting on EDGAR) of the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the Securities Act.

Prior to such effectiveness, this Agreement may be terminated by any party by notice to each of the other parties hereto, and any such termination shall be without liability on the part of (a) the Company to any Underwriter, except that the Company shall be obligated to reimburse

the expenses of the Representative and the Underwriters pursuant to Sections 4 and 6 hereof or (b) of any Underwriter to the Company.

SECTION 8. Indemnification.

(a) *Indemnification of the Underwriters.* The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its directors, officers, employees and agents, and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, as incurred, to which such Underwriter, director, officer, employee, agent or controlling person may become subject, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or actions in respect thereof as contemplated below) arises out of or is based (i) upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, or any amendment thereto, including any information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430A, Rule 430B or Rule 430C under the Securities Act, 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 (ii) upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), the Term Sheet, any Prospectus wrapper or any “road show” (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) not constituting a “free writing prospectus” (a “Non-FWP Road Show”), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact, in each case, necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and to reimburse each Underwriter, its officers, directors, employees, agents and each such controlling person for any and all expenses (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by the Representative) as such expenses are reasonably incurred by such Underwriter, or its officers, directors, employees, agents or such controlling person in connection with investigating, defending, settling, compromising or paying any such loss, claim, damage, liability, expense or action; *provided, however*, that the foregoing indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense to the extent, but only to the extent, arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Representative expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), the Term Sheet or any Non-FWP Road Show. The indemnity agreement set forth in this Section 8(a) shall be in addition to any liabilities that the Company may otherwise have.

(b) *Indemnification of the Company, its Directors and Officers.* Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, as incurred, to which the Company, or any such director, officer or controlling person may become subject, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or actions in respect thereof as contemplated below) arises out of or is based upon any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), the Term Sheet or any Non-FWP Road Show, or arises out of or is based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or

necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, and only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), the Term Sheet or any Non-FWP Road Show, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Representative expressly for use therein; and to reimburse the Company, or any such director, officer or controlling person for any legal and other expense reasonably incurred by the Company, or any such director, officer or controlling person in connection with investigating, defending, settling, compromising or paying any such loss, claim, damage, liability, expense or action. The Company hereby acknowledges that the only information that the Underwriters have furnished to the Company expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or any Non-FWP Road Show are the information appearing in the table in the first paragraph, under the caption "Underwriting" in the Prospectus, the concession figures appearing in the third paragraph under the caption "Underwriting" in the Prospectus, and the information contained in the eighth through twelfth paragraphs concerning stabilization under the caption "Underwriting" in the Prospectus. The indemnity agreement set forth in this Section 8(b) shall be in addition to any liabilities that each Underwriter may otherwise have.

(c) *Notifications and Other Indemnification Procedures.* Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 8 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against an indemnifying party under this Section 8, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof (in such detail as may be available to such indemnified person), but the failure to so notify the indemnifying party (i) will not relieve it from liability under paragraph (a) or (b) above unless and to the extent it did not otherwise learn of such action and such failure results in the forfeiture by the indemnifying party of substantial rights and defenses and (ii) will not, in any event, relieve the indemnifying party from any obligations to any indemnified party other than the indemnification obligation provided in paragraph (a) or (b) above. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party and such indemnified party seeks or intends to seek indemnity from an indemnifying party, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate in, and, to the extent that it shall elect, jointly with all other indemnifying parties similarly notified, by written notice delivered to the indemnified party promptly after receiving the aforesaid notice from such indemnified party, to assume the defense thereof with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that a conflict may arise between the positions of the indemnifying party and the indemnified party in conducting the defense of any such action or that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties that are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to assume such legal defenses and to otherwise participate in the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. Upon receipt of notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of such indemnifying party's election so to assume the defense of such action and approval by the indemnified party of counsel, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 8 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the

proviso to the preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (other than local counsel), reasonably approved by the indemnifying party (or by the Representative in the case of Section 8(b)), representing the indemnified parties who are parties to such action) or (ii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action, in each of which cases the fees and expenses of counsel shall be at the expense of the indemnifying party.

(d) *Settlements.* The indemnifying party under this Section 8 shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, which shall not be withheld unreasonably, but if settled with such consent or if there is a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by Section 8(c) hereof, the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request and (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement, compromise or consent to the entry of judgment in any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity was or could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement, compromise or consent (x) includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such action, suit or proceeding and (y) 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.

SECTION 9. *Contribution.* If the indemnification provided for in Section 8 is for any reason unavailable to or otherwise insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount paid or payable by such indemnified party, as incurred, as a result of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to therein (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 Shares pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above 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 the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities 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 Shares pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Shares 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 front cover page of the Prospectus bear to the aggregate initial public offering

price of the Shares as set forth on such cover. 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, on the one hand, or the Underwriters, on the other hand, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses referred to above shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 8(c), any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 9 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 that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in this Section 9.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 9, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the underwriting commissions received by such Underwriter in connection with the Shares underwritten by it and distributed to the public. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 9 are several, and not joint, in proportion to their respective underwriting commitments as set forth opposite their names in Schedule A. For purposes of this Section 9, each director, officer, employee and agent of an Underwriter and each person, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act 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 the Securities Act or the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company.

SECTION 10. *Default of One or More of the Several Underwriters.* If, on the Closing Date or a Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, any one or more of the several Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Shares that it or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on such date, and the aggregate number of Shares which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase does not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the Shares to be purchased on such date, the other Underwriters shall be obligated, severally, in the proportions that the number of Firm Shares set forth opposite their respective names on Schedule A bears to the aggregate number of Firm Shares set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Underwriters, or in such other proportions as may be specified by the Representative with the consent of the non-defaulting Underwriters, to purchase the Shares which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date. If, on the Closing Date or a Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, any one or more of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Shares and the aggregate number of Shares with respect to which such default occurs exceeds 10% of the aggregate number of Shares to be purchased on such date, and arrangements satisfactory to the Representative and the

Company for the purchase of such Shares are not made within 48 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability of any non-defaulting party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 4, Section 6, Section 8 and Section 9 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination. In any such case either the Representative or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date or a Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, but in no event for longer than seven days in order that the required changes, if any, to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus or any other documents or arrangements may be effected.

As used in this Agreement, the term "Underwriter" shall be deemed to include any person substituted for a defaulting Underwriter under this Section 10. Any action taken under this Section 10 shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

SECTION 11. *Termination of this Agreement.* Prior to the Closing Date this Agreement may be terminated by the Representative by notice given to the Company if at any time (i) trading or quotation in any of the Company's securities shall have been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or by the New York Stock Exchange, or trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange shall have been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices shall have been generally established on the New York Stock Exchange by the Commission or on such stock exchange; (ii) a general banking moratorium shall have been declared by federal or New York authorities or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States has occurred; or (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of national or international hostilities or declaration of a national emergency or war by the United States or any crisis or calamity, or any change in the United States or international financial markets, or any substantial change or development involving a prospective substantial change in United States' or international political, financial or economic conditions, as in the judgment of the Representative is material and adverse and makes it impracticable or inadvisable to market the Shares in the manner and on the terms described in the Prospectus or to enforce contracts for the sale of securities. Any termination pursuant to this Section 11 shall be without liability on the part of (a) the Company to any Underwriter, except that the Company shall be obligated to reimburse the expenses of the Representative and the Underwriters pursuant to Sections 4 and 6 hereof or (b) any Underwriter to the Company.

SECTION 12. *No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility.* The Company acknowledges and agrees that: (i) 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, and the Company is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (ii) in respect of each transaction contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary of the Company or its affiliates, shareholders, creditors or employees or any other party in respect of such transaction; (iii) no Underwriter has assumed or will assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to any of the transactions 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; (iv) the several 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 that the several Underwriters have no obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship in respect of any transaction contemplated hereby; and (v) 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.

This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company and the several Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof. The Company hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company may have against the several Underwriters with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty.

SECTION 13. *Research Analyst Independence.* The Company acknowledges that the Underwriters' research analysts and research departments are required to be independent from their respective investment banking divisions and are subject to certain regulations and internal policies, and that such Underwriters' research analysts may hold views and make statements or investment recommendations and/or publish research reports with respect to the Company and/or the offering that differ from the views of their respective investment banking divisions. The Company hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company may have against the Underwriters with respect to any conflict of interest that may arise from the fact that the views expressed by their independent research analysts and research departments may be different from or inconsistent with the views or advice communicated to the Company by such Underwriters' investment banking divisions. The Company acknowledges that each of the Underwriters is a full service securities firm and as such from time to time, subject to applicable securities laws, may effect transactions for its own account or the account of its customers and hold long or short positions in debt or equity securities of the companies that may be the subject of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

SECTION 14. *Representations and Indemnities to Survive Delivery.* The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company, of its officers, and of the several Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement (i) will remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any (A) investigation, or statement as to the results thereof, made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, the officers or employees of any Underwriter, or any person controlling the Underwriter, the Company, the officers or employees of the Company, or any person controlling the Company, as the case may be or (B) acceptance of the Shares and payment for them hereunder and (ii) will survive delivery of and payment for the Shares sold hereunder and any termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 15. *Notices.* All communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed, hand delivered or telecopied and confirmed to the parties hereto as follows:

If to the Representative:

Banc of America Securities LLC
9 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019
Facsimile: (212) 933-2217
Attention: Syndicate Department

with a copy to:

Banc of America Securities LLC
9 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019
Attention: ECM Legal

If to the Company:

MGIC Investment Corporation
MGIC Plaza
250 East Kilbourn Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
Facsimile: (414) 347-6959
(414) 347-2655
Attention: Treasurer
General Counsel

with a copy to:

Foley & Lardner LLP
777 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
Facsimile: 414-297-5670
Attention: Benjamin F. Garmer, III
Patrick G. Quick

Any party hereto may change the address for receipt of communications by giving written notice to the others.

SECTION 16. *Successors and Assigns.* This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, including any substitute Underwriters pursuant to Section 10 hereof, and to the benefit of (i) the Company, its directors, any person who controls the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act and any officer of the Company who signs the Registration Statement, (ii) the Underwriters, the officers, directors, employees and agents of the Underwriters, and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, and (iii) the respective successors and assigns of any of the above, all as and to the extent provided in this Agreement, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this

Agreement. The term “successors and assigns” shall not include a purchaser of any of the Shares from any of the several Underwriters merely because of such purchase.

SECTION 17. *Partial Unenforceability.* The invalidity or unenforceability of any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other Section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

SECTION 18. *Governing Law Provisions.* THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 19. *General Provisions.* This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties to this Agreement and supersedes all prior written or oral and all contemporaneous oral agreements, understandings and negotiations with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each one of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. This Agreement may not be amended or modified unless in writing by all of the parties hereto, and no condition herein (express or implied) may be waived unless waived in writing by each party whom the condition is meant to benefit. The Section headings herein are for the convenience of the parties only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

Each of the parties hereto acknowledges that it is a sophisticated business person who was adequately represented by counsel during negotiations regarding the provisions hereof, including, without limitation, the indemnification provisions of Section 8 and the contribution provisions of Section 9, and is fully informed regarding said provisions.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, kindly sign and return to the Company the enclosed copies hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts hereof, shall become a binding agreement in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

MGIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION

By: /s/ J. Michael Lauer

Name: J. Michael Lauer

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

The foregoing Underwriting Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted by the Representative as of the date first above written.

BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC

Acting as Representative of the several Underwriters named
in the attached Schedule A.

By: /s/ Thomas Morrison

Managing Director

\$325,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
MGIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION
9% CONVERTIBLE SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES DUE 2063
Purchase Agreement
dated March 25, 2008

Purchase Agreement

March 25, 2008

BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC
9 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019

As Representatives of the several Initial Purchasers

Ladies and Gentlemen:

MGIC Investment Corporation, a Wisconsin corporation (the “Company”), proposes to issue and sell to the several purchasers named in Schedule A (the “Initial Purchasers”) \$325,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its 9% Convertible Subordinated Debentures due 2063 (the “Firm Debentures”). In addition, the Company has granted to the Initial Purchasers an option to purchase up to an additional \$65,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its 9% Convertible Subordinated Debentures due 2063 (the “Optional Debentures” and, together with the Firm Debentures, the “Debentures”). Banc of America Securities LLC (“BAS”) has agreed to act as representative of the several Initial Purchasers (in such capacity, the “Representative”) in connection with the offering and sale of the Debentures. The terms Representatives and Initial Purchasers shall mean either the singular or plural as the context requires.

The Debentures will be convertible on the terms, and subject to the conditions, set forth in the indenture (the “Indenture”) to be entered into between the Company and the U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”), on the Closing Date (as defined herein). As used herein, “Conversion Shares” means the shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Company (the “Common Stock”) to be received by the holders of the Debentures upon conversion of the Debentures pursuant to the terms of the Debentures and the Indenture. This Agreement, the Indenture and the Debentures are referred to herein collectively as the “Operative Documents.”

The Debentures will be offered and sold to the Initial Purchasers without being registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) thereunder (the “Securities Act”), in reliance upon an exemption therefrom.

The Company understands that the Initial Purchasers propose to make an offering of the Debentures on the terms and in the manner set forth herein and in the Disclosure Package (as defined below), including the Preliminary Offering Memorandum (as defined below), and the Final Offering Memorandum (as defined below) and agrees that the Initial Purchasers may resell, subject to the conditions set forth herein, all or a portion of the Debentures to purchasers (the “Subsequent Purchasers”) at any time after the date of this Agreement.

The Company has prepared an offering memorandum, dated the date hereof, setting forth information concerning the Company, the Debentures and the Common Stock, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Initial Purchasers. As used in this Agreement, “Offering

Memorandum” means, collectively, the Preliminary Offering Memorandum dated as of March 17, 2008 (the “Preliminary Offering Memorandum”) and the offering memorandum dated the date hereof (the “Final Offering Memorandum”), each as then amended or supplemented by the Company. As used herein, each of the terms “Disclosure Package”, “Offering Memorandum”, “Preliminary Offering Memorandum” and “Final Offering Memorandum” shall include in each case the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein.

The Company hereby agrees with the Initial Purchasers as follows:

Section 1. Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Company.

The Company hereby represents, warrants and covenants to each Initial Purchaser as follows:

(a) Assuming the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Initial Purchasers contained in Section 6 and their compliance with the agreements set forth therein, it is not necessary, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Debentures to the Initial Purchasers, the offer, resale and delivery of the Debentures by the Initial Purchasers and the conversion of the Debentures into Conversion Shares, in each case in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Indenture, the Disclosure Package and the Offering Memorandum, to register the Debentures or the Conversion Shares under the Securities Act or to qualify the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the “Trust Indenture Act”).

(b) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has, directly or through any agent, sold, offered for sale, solicited offers to buy or otherwise negotiated in respect of, any “security” (as defined in the Securities Act) that is or will be integrated with the sale of the Debentures or the Conversion Shares in a manner that would require registration under the Securities Act of the Debentures or the Conversion Shares.

(c) No securities of the same class (within the meaning of Rule 144A(d)(3) under the Securities Act) as the Debentures are listed on any national securities exchange registered under Section 6 of the Exchange Act, or quoted on an automated inter-dealer quotation system.

(d) The Company has not paid or agreed to pay to any person any compensation for soliciting another person to purchase any securities of the Company (except as contemplated in this Agreement).

(e) The Company hereby confirms that it has authorized the use of the Disclosure Package, including the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, and the Final Offering Memorandum in connection with the offer and sale of the Debentures by the Initial Purchasers. Each document, if any, filed or to be filed pursuant to the Exchange Act and incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package or the Final Offering Memorandum complied when it was filed, or will comply when it is filed, as the case may be, in all material respects with the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder. The Preliminary Offering Memorandum, at the date thereof, did 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. At the date of this Agreement, the Closing Date and on any Subsequent Closing Date, the Final Offering Memorandum did not and will not (and any amendment or supplement thereto, at the date thereof, at the Closing Date and on any Subsequent Closing Date, will not) contain any untrue statement of a material fact or 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; provided that the Company makes no representation or warranty as to information contained in or omitted from the Preliminary Offering Memorandum or the Final Offering Memorandum in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on the behalf of the Initial Purchasers specifically for inclusion therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on the behalf of the Initial Purchasers consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.

(f) The term “Disclosure Package” shall mean (i) the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, as amended or supplemented at the Applicable Time, (ii) the Final Term Sheet (as defined herein) and (iii) any other writings that the parties expressly agree in writing to treat as part of the Disclosure Package (“Issuer Written Information”). The Disclosure Package as of 7:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on the date hereof (the “Applicable Time”) will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or 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. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from the Disclosure Package made or omitted in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Initial Purchaser through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.

(g) The statements in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum under the headings “Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” insofar as such statements summarize legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings discussed therein, are accurate and fair summaries of such legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings.

(h) [Reserved]

(i) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(j) The Indenture has been duly authorized by the Company; on the Closing Date, the Indenture will have been duly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery thereof by the Trustee, will constitute a legally valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors or by general equitable principles; and the Indenture conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum.

(k) The Debentures have been duly authorized by the Company; when the Debentures are executed, authenticated and issued in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and delivered to and paid for by the Initial Purchasers pursuant to this Agreement on the Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be (assuming due authentication of the Debentures by the Trustee), such Debentures will constitute legally valid and binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors or by general equitable principles; and the Debentures will conform in all

material respects to the description thereof contained in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum.

(l) The Conversion Shares have been duly authorized and reserved and, when issued upon conversion of the Debentures in accordance with the terms of the Debentures and the Indenture, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and the issuance of such shares will not be subject to any preemptive or similar rights.

(m) There are no stamp or other issuance or transfer taxes or duties or other similar fees or charges under federal law or the laws of any state, or any political subdivision thereof required to be paid in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the issuance or sale by the Company of the Debentures or upon the issuance of Common Stock upon the conversion thereof.

(n) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, and has been duly qualified as a foreign corporation for the transaction of business and is in good standing (or the local equivalent) under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases properties or conducts any business so as to require such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing would not result, individually or in the aggregate, in a material adverse effect on the business, financial position, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect").

(o) Each of the Company's subsidiaries (which, for the avoidance of doubt, does not include Sherman Financial Group LLC or Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC) that constitutes a "significant subsidiary" (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X) as of the last day of the Company's most recent fiscal quarter (each a "Subsidiary" and collectively, the "Subsidiaries") has been duly organized and is validly existing as a corporation or limited liability company in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, and has been duly qualified as a foreign corporation or limited liability company for the transaction of business and is in good standing (or the local equivalent) under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases properties or conducts any business so as to require such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing, individually or in the aggregate, would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(p) The authorized, issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company is as set forth in the column entitled "Actual" under the "Capitalization" section of the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, and such shares of capital stock have been duly authorized and validly issued by the Company and are fully paid and non-assessable, and none of such shares of capital stock was issued in violation of pre-emptive or other similar rights of any security holder of the Company. The Common Stock (including the Conversion Shares) conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum. There are no authorized or outstanding options, warrants, preemptive rights, rights of first refusal or other rights to purchase, or equity or debt securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, any capital stock of the Company or any of its subsidiaries other than those accurately described in the Disclosure Package and the Final

Offering Memorandum. The description of the Company's stock option, stock bonus and other stock plans or arrangements, and the options or other rights granted thereunder, set forth or incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum accurately and fairly presents the information required to be shown with respect to such plans, arrangements, options and rights. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock or limited liability company interests of each Subsidiary have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, and, except as otherwise set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Subsidiaries are owned by the Company either directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances.

(q) The financial statements and schedules of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates and for the periods indicated, comply as to form with the applicable accounting requirements of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as applicable, and have been prepared in conformance with United States generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved (except as otherwise noted therein). The financial data set forth in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum and the Final Offering Memorandum under the captions "Summary—Summary Financial Data," "Selected Financial Data" and "Capitalization" fairly present the information set forth therein on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements incorporated by reference in the Final Offering Memorandum.

(r) PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, who have certified the financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, are independent public accountants as required by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act.

(s) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum (exclusive of any amendments or supplements thereto subsequent to the date of this Agreement), except as otherwise stated therein, (A) there has been no material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Change"), (B) there have been no transactions entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than those arising in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, and (C) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company or, except for dividends paid to the Company or other subsidiaries, any of its subsidiaries on any class of capital stock or repurchase or redemption by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any class of capital stock.

(t) The execution, delivery and performance of the Operative Documents and any other agreement or instrument entered into or issued or to be entered into or issued by the Company in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum and compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder and thereunder do not and will not conflict with or result in a breach of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any assets, properties or operations of the Company or any of its

subsidiaries pursuant to, 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 assets, properties or operations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject (collectively, the “Agreements and Instruments”) the result of which would have a Material Adverse Effect, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of (i) the charter or bylaws of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) any applicable law or statute or any order, rule, regulation or judgment of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their assets, properties or operations, except, in the case of clause (ii), for any such violations that would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(u) There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body now pending, or to the knowledge of the Company threatened, against or affecting the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any director or officer of the Company which is required to be disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum (other than as stated therein, including documents incorporated by reference), or which might reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect (other than as stated therein, including the documents incorporated by reference), or have a material adverse effect on the consummation of the transactions contemplated under the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, the Operative Documents or the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and thereunder; and the aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any of their respective assets, properties or operations is the subject which is not described in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, is not reasonably expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(v) No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any court or governmental agency or body is required for the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company of the Operative Documents or for the performance by the Company of the transactions contemplated under the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, the Operative Documents, except such as have already been made, obtained or rendered, as applicable, and such as may be required under state securities or blue sky laws or Canadian provincial securities laws or other foreign laws.

(w) Each insurance company subsidiary of the Company (collectively, the “Insurance Subsidiaries”) is duly licensed as an insurance company in its jurisdiction of organization and is duly licensed or authorized as an insurer in each jurisdiction outside its jurisdiction of organization where it is required to be so licensed or authorized to conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, except where the failure to be so licensed or authorized, individually or in the aggregate, would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(x) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (i) in violation or in default (or, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, would be in default) (“Default”) under its charter or by-laws, (ii) in Default under any indenture, mortgage, loan or credit agreement, deed of trust, note, contract, franchise, lease or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which the Company or such subsidiary is a party or by which it may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject or (iii) in violation of any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body,

administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or such subsidiary or any of its properties, as applicable, except with respect to clause (ii) only, for such Defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(y) The Company and each subsidiary possess such valid and current licenses, certificates, authorizations or permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to conduct their respective businesses, and neither the Company nor any subsidiary has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such license, certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, could have a Material Adverse Effect.

(z) The Company and its subsidiaries have filed all necessary federal, state, local and foreign income and franchise tax returns in a timely manner and have paid all taxes required to be paid by any of them and, if due and payable, any related or similar assessment, fine or penalty levied against any of them, except for any taxes, assessments, fines or penalties as may be being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings. The Company has made appropriate provisions in the applicable financial statements referred to in paragraph (q) above in respect of all federal, state, local and foreign income and franchise taxes for all current or prior periods as to which the tax liability of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has not been finally determined.

(aa) There are no business relationships or related-party transactions involving the Company or any subsidiary or any other person required to be described in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum or the Final Offering Memorandum that have not been described as required.

(bb) None of the following events has occurred or exists: (i) a failure to fulfill the obligations, if any, under the minimum funding standards of Section 302 of the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”), and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder with respect to a Plan, determined without regard to any waiver of such obligations or extension of any amortization period; (ii) an audit or investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any other federal or state governmental agency or any foreign regulatory agency with respect to the employment or compensation of employees by any member of the Company that could have a material adverse effect on the Company; (iii) any breach of any contractual obligation, or any violation of law or applicable qualification standards, with respect to the employment or compensation of employees by any member of the Company that could have a Material Adverse Effect. None of the following events has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur: (i) a material increase in the aggregate amount of contributions required to be made to all Plans in the current fiscal year of the Company compared to the amount of such contributions made in the Company’s most recently completed fiscal year; (ii) a material increase in the Company’s “accumulated post-retirement benefit obligations” (within the meaning of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 106) compared to the amount of such obligations in the Company’s most recently completed fiscal year; (iii) any event or condition giving rise to a liability under Title IV of ERISA that could have a Material Adverse Effect; or (iv) the filing of a claim by one or more employees or former employees of the Company related to their employment that could have a Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “Plan” means a plan (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA with respect to which any member of the Company may have any liability.

(cc) The Company is not and, and after receipt of payment for the Debentures and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, will not be, an “investment company” within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as Amended (the “Investment Company Act”).

(dd) There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company and any of the Company’s directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”), including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.

(ee) The Company maintains (i) effective internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act, as amended, and (ii) a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (A) transactions are executed in accordance with management’s general or specific authorizations; (B) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability; (C) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management’s general or specific authorization; and (D) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

(ff) Except as disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, or in any document incorporated by reference therein, since the end of the Company’s most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (i) no material weakness in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (ii) no change in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

(gg) The Company and its subsidiaries maintain an effective system of “disclosure controls and procedures” (as defined in Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act) that is designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission’s rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company’s management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company and its subsidiaries have carried out evaluations of the effectiveness of their disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act.

(hh) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such Persons of 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. “FCPA” means Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

(ii) 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 applicable jurisdictions, 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.

(jj) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department (“OFAC”); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds, to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of any person currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(kk) Nothing has come to the attention of the Company that has caused the Company to believe that the statistical and market-related data included in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum is not based on or derived from sources that are reliable and accurate in all material respects.

(ll) The Company has not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that might reasonably 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 Debentures.

(mm) *No General Solicitation.* None of the Company or any of its affiliates (as defined in Rule 501(b) of Regulation D under the Securities Act (“Regulation D”)), has, directly or through an agent, engaged in any form of general solicitation or general advertising in connection with the offering of the Debentures or the Conversion Shares (as those terms are used in Regulation D) under the Securities Act or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(2) of the Securities Act; the Company has not entered into any contractual arrangement with respect to the distribution of the Debentures or the Conversion Shares except for this Agreement, and the Company will not enter into any such arrangement.

(nn) The Company has been advised by the NASD’s PORTAL Market that the Debentures have been designated PORTAL-eligible securities in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NASD.

Any certificate signed by an officer of the Company and delivered to the Representatives or to counsel for the Initial Purchasers shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company to each Initial Purchaser as to the matters set forth therein.

Section 2. Purchase, Sale and Delivery of the Debentures

(a) *The Firm Debentures.* The Company agrees to issue and sell to the several Initial Purchasers the Firm Debentures upon the terms herein set forth. On the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements herein contained, and upon the terms but subject to the conditions herein set forth, the Initial Purchasers agree, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the respective principal amount of Firm Debentures set forth opposite their names on Schedule A at a purchase price of 97% of the aggregate principal amount thereof.

(b) *The Closing Date.* Delivery of the Firm Debentures to be purchased by the Initial Purchasers and payment therefor shall be made at the offices of Foley & Lardner LLP, 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 (or such other place as may be agreed to by the Company and the Representatives) at 9:00 a.m. New York City time, on March 28, 2008 or such other time and date not later than April 4, 2008 as the Representatives shall designate by notice to the Company (the time and date of such closing are called the "Closing Date").

(c) *The Optional Debentures; any Subsequent Closing Date.* In addition, on the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements herein contained, and upon the terms but subject to the conditions herein set forth, the Company hereby grants an option to the several Initial Purchasers to purchase, severally and not jointly, up to \$65,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Optional Debentures from the Company at the same price as the purchase price to be paid by the Initial Purchasers for the Firm Debentures. The option granted hereunder may be exercised at any time and from time to time upon notice by the Representatives to the Company, which notice may be given at any time within 30 days from the date of this Agreement. Such notice shall set forth (i) the amount (which shall be an integral multiple of \$1,000 in aggregate principal amount) of Optional Debentures as to which the Initial Purchasers are exercising the option, (ii) the names and denominations in which the Optional Debentures are to be registered and (iii) the time, date and place at which such Debentures will be delivered (which time and date may be simultaneous with, but not earlier than, the Closing Date; and in such case the term "Closing Date" shall refer to the time and date of delivery of the Firm Debentures and the Optional Debentures). Such time and date of delivery, if subsequent to the Closing Date, is called a "Subsequent Closing Date" and shall be determined by the Representatives. Such date may be the same as the Closing Date but not earlier than the Closing Date nor later than 10 business days after the date of such notice. If any Optional Debentures are to be purchased, each Initial Purchaser agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase the principal amount of Optional Debentures (subject to such adjustments to eliminate fractional amount as the Representatives may determine) that bears the same proportion to the total principal amount of Optional Debentures to be purchased as the principal amount of Firm Debentures set forth on Schedule A opposite the name of such Initial Purchaser bears to the total principal amount of Firm Debentures.

(d) *Payment for the Debentures.* Payment for the Debentures shall be made at the Closing Date (and, if applicable, at any Subsequent Closing Date) by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the order of the Company.

It is understood that the Representatives have been authorized, for their own account and the accounts of the several Initial Purchasers, to accept delivery of and receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Firm Debentures and any Optional Debentures the Initial Purchasers have agreed to purchase. BAS, individually and not as the Representative of the Initial Purchasers, may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment for any Debentures to be purchased by any Initial Purchaser whose funds shall not have been received by the

Representatives by the Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, for the account of such Initial Purchaser, but any such payment shall not relieve such Initial Purchaser from any of its obligations under this Agreement.

(e) *Delivery of the Debentures.* The Company shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Representatives for the accounts of the several Initial Purchasers the Firm Debentures at the Closing Date, against the irrevocable release of a wire transfer of immediately available funds for the amount of the purchase price therefor. The Company shall also deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Representatives for the accounts of the several Initial Purchasers, the Optional Debentures the Initial Purchasers have agreed to purchase at the Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, against the irrevocable release of a wire transfer of immediately available funds for the amount of the purchase price therefor. Delivery of the Debentures shall be made through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company unless the Representatives shall otherwise instruct. Time shall be of the essence, and delivery at the time and place specified in this Agreement is a further condition to the obligations of the Initial Purchasers.

(f) *Delivery of Prospectus to the Underwriters.* Not later than 10:00 a.m. on the second business day following the date the Debentures are first released by the Initial Purchasers for sale to the public, the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered, copies of the Final Offering Memorandum in such quantities and at such places as the Representative shall request.

Section 3. Covenants of the Company

The Company covenants and agrees with each Initial Purchaser as follows:

(a) *Representatives' Review of Proposed Amendments and Supplements.* During such period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the date of the completion of the resale of the Debentures by the Initial Purchasers (as notified by the Initial Purchasers to the Company), prior to amending or supplementing the Disclosure Package or the Final Offering Memorandum, the Company shall furnish to the Representatives for review a copy of each such proposed amendment or supplement, and the Company shall not print, use or distribute such proposed amendment or supplement to which the Representatives reasonably object; provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection (a) shall not apply to any of the Company's periodic filings under the Exchange Act, copies of which filings in substantially final form the Company has delivered to you in advance of their transmission to the Commission for filing and provided you a reasonable opportunity to comment thereon.

(b) *Amendments and Supplements to the Offering Memorandum and Other Securities Act Matters.* If, at any time prior to the completion of the resale of the Debentures by the Initial Purchasers (as notified by the Initial Purchasers to the Company), any event or development shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Disclosure Package or the Final Offering Memorandum in order that the Disclosure Package or the Final Offering Memorandum will not include an 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 or then prevailing, as the case may be, not misleading, or if in the opinion of the Representatives it is otherwise necessary to amend or supplement the Disclosure Package or the Final Offering Memorandum to comply with law, the Company shall promptly notify the Initial Purchasers and prepare, subject to Section 3(a) hereof, such amendment or supplement as may be necessary to correct such untrue statement or omission or to comply with law.

(c) *Copies of Disclosure Package and the Offering Memorandum.* The Company agrees to furnish to the Representatives, without charge, until the earlier of nine months after the date hereof or the completion of the resale of the Debentures by the Initial Purchasers (as notified by the Initial Purchasers to the Company) as many copies of the materials contained in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum and any amendments and supplements thereto as the Representatives may request.

(d) *Blue Sky Compliance.* The Company shall cooperate with the Representatives and counsel for the Initial Purchasers, as the Initial Purchasers may reasonably request from time to time, to qualify or register the Debentures for sale under (or obtain exemptions from the application of) the state securities or blue sky laws or Canadian provincial securities laws of those jurisdictions designated by the Representatives, shall comply with such laws and shall continue such qualifications, registrations and exemptions in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Debentures. The Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any such jurisdiction where it is not presently qualified or where it would be subject to taxation as a foreign corporation. The Company will advise the Representatives promptly of the suspension of the qualification or registration of (or any such exemption relating to) the Debentures for offering, sale or trading in any jurisdiction or any initiation or threat of any proceeding for any such purpose, and in the event of the issuance of any order suspending such qualification, registration or exemption, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to obtain the withdrawal thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(e) *Rule 144A Information.* For so long as any of the Debentures are “restricted securities” within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act, the Company shall provide to any holder of the Debentures or to any prospective purchaser of the Debentures designated by any holder, upon request of such holder or prospective purchaser, information required to be provided by Rule 144A(d)(4) of the Securities Act if, at the time of such request, the Company is not subject to the reporting requirements under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

(f) *Legends.* Each of the Debentures will bear, to the extent applicable, the legend contained in “Notice to Investors” in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum for the time period and upon the other terms stated therein.

(g) *Written Information Concerning the Offering.* Without the prior written consent of the Representatives, the Company will not give to any prospective purchaser of the Debentures or any other person not in its employ any written information concerning the offering of the Debentures other than the Disclosure Package, the Final Offering Memorandum or any other offering materials prepared by or with the prior consent of the Representatives.

(h) *No General Solicitation.* The Company will not, and will cause its subsidiaries not to, solicit any offer to buy or offer to sell the Debentures by means of any form of general solicitation or general advertising (as those terms are used in Regulation D under the Securities Act) or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(2) of the Securities Act.

(i) *No Integration.* The Company will not, and will cause its subsidiaries not to, sell, offer for sale or solicit offers to buy or otherwise negotiate in respect of any “security” (as defined in the Securities Act) in a transaction that could be integrated with the sale of the

Debentures in a manner that would require the registration under the Securities Act of the Debentures.

(j) *Information to Publishers.* Any information provided by the Company to publishers of publicly available databases about the terms of the Debentures and the Indenture shall include a statement that the Debentures have not been registered under the Securities Act and are subject to restrictions under Rule 144A of the Securities Act.

(k) *DTC.* The Company will cooperate with the Representatives and use its reasonable best efforts to permit the Debentures to be eligible for clearance and settlement through The Depository Trust Company.

(l) *Rule 144 Tolling.* During the period of one year after the last Closing Date, the Company will not, and will not permit any of its “affiliates” (as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act) to, resell any of the Debentures that constitute “restricted securities” under Rule 144 that have been reacquired by any of them.

(m) *Use of Proceeds.* The Company shall apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Debentures sold by it in the manner described under the caption “Use of Proceeds” in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum.

(n) *Earnings Statement.* As soon as practicable, the Company will make generally available to its security holders and to the Representative an earnings statement (which need not be audited) covering the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2009 that satisfies the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 under the Securities Act.

(o) *Transfer Agent.* The Company shall engage and maintain, at its expense, a registrar and transfer agent for the Common Stock.

(p) *Available Conversion Shares.* The Company will reserve and keep available at all times, free of pre-emptive rights, the full number of Conversion Shares.

(q) *Conversion Price.* Between the date hereof and the Closing Date, the Company will not do or authorize any act or thing that would result in an adjustment of the conversion price.

(r) *Agreement Not to Offer or Sell Additional Securities.* During the period commencing on the date hereof and ending on the 90th day following the date of the Final Offering Memorandum, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of BAS (which consent may be withheld at the sole discretion of BAS), directly or indirectly, sell, offer, contract or grant any option to sell, pledge, transfer or establish an open “put equivalent position” or liquidate or decrease a “call equivalent position” within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(h) under the Exchange Act, or otherwise dispose of or transfer (or enter into any transaction that is designed to, or might reasonably be expected to, result in the disposition of), or announce the offering of, or file any registration statement under the Securities Act in respect of, any shares of Common Stock, options or warrants to acquire shares of the Common Stock or securities exchangeable or

foregoing, if (x) during the last 17 days of the 90-day restricted period the Company issues an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to the Company occurs, or (y) prior to the expiration of the 90-day restricted period, the Company announces that it will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the 90-day period, the restrictions imposed in this clause shall continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of the issuance of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event in writing, such extension. The Company will provide BAS and any co-managers and each individual subject to the restricted period pursuant to the lockup letters described in Section 5(f) with prior notice of any such announcement that gives rise to an extension of the restricted period.

(s) *Compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act.* The Company will comply with all applicable securities and other laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and use its best efforts to cause the Company's directors and officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with such laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

(t) *Future Reports to Shareholders.* The Company will make available to its shareholders as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year an annual report (including a balance sheet and statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries certified by independent public accountants) and, as soon as practicable after the end of each of the first three quarters of each fiscal year (beginning with the fiscal quarter ending after the date of the Final Offering Memorandum), to make available to its shareholders consolidated summary financial information of the Company and its subsidiaries for such quarter in reasonable detail.

(u) *Investment Limitation.* The Company shall not invest or otherwise use the proceeds received by the Company from its sale of the Debentures in such a manner as would require the Company or any of its subsidiaries to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act.

(v) *No Manipulation of Price.* The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to constitute, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any securities of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Debentures.

(w) *New Lock-Up Agreements.* The Company will enforce all agreements between the Company and any of its security holders to be entered into pursuant to this agreement that prohibit the sale, transfer, assignment, pledge or hypothecation of any of the Company's securities. In addition, the Company will direct the transfer agent to place stop transfer restrictions upon any such securities of the Company that are bound by such "lock-up" agreements for the duration of the periods contemplated in such agreements.

(x) *Final Term Sheet.* The Company will prepare a final term sheet, containing solely a description of the Debentures and the offering thereof, in the form approved by you and attached as Schedule B hereto (the "Final Term Sheet").

Section 4. Payment of Expenses

The Company agrees to pay all costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations hereunder, including without limitation (i) all expenses incident to the issuance and delivery of the Debentures (including all printing and engraving costs), (ii) all fees and expenses of the Trustee under the Indenture, (iii) all necessary issue, transfer and other stamp taxes in connection with the issuance and sale of the Debentures to the Initial Purchasers, (iv) all fees and expenses of the Company's counsel, independent public or certified public accountants and other advisors, (v) all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, printing, shipping and distribution of the materials contained in the Disclosure Package, including the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, and the Final Offering Memorandum, all amendments and supplements thereto and this Agreement, (vi) all filing fees, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the Company or the Initial Purchasers in connection with qualifying or registering (or obtaining exemptions from the qualification or registration of) all or any part of the Debentures for offer and sale under the state securities or blue sky laws or the provincial securities laws of Canada, and, if requested by the Representatives, preparing and printing a "Blue Sky Survey" or memorandum, and any supplements thereto, advising the Initial Purchasers of such qualifications, registrations and exemptions (including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in an amount not to exceed \$10,000), (vii) the expenses of the Company and the Initial Purchasers in connection with the marketing and offering of the Debentures, including all transportation and other expenses incurred in connection with presentations to prospective purchasers of the Debentures, except that the Company and the Initial Purchasers will each pay 50% of the cost of privately chartered airplanes used for such purposes, (viii) the fees and expenses associated with listing the Conversion Shares on the New York Stock Exchange and (ix) all expenses and fees in connection with admitting the Debentures for trading in the PORTAL Market. Except as provided in this Section 4, Section 7 and Section 11 hereof, the Initial Purchasers shall pay their own expenses, including the fees and disbursements of their counsel.

Section 5. Conditions of the Obligations of the Initial Purchasers

The obligations of the several Initial Purchasers to purchase and pay for the Debentures as provided herein on the Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Debentures, any Subsequent Closing Date, shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations, warranties and agreements on the part of the Company set forth in Section 1 hereof as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date as though then made and, with respect to the Optional Debentures, as of the related Subsequent Closing Date as though then made, to the accuracy of the statements of the Company made in any certificates pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the timely performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to each of the following additional conditions:

(a) *Accountants' Comfort Letter.* On the date hereof, on the Closing Date and on any Subsequent Closing Date, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP shall have furnished to you a letter, dated such date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to you, containing statements and information of the type customarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained or incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum.

(b) *No Material Adverse Change or Rating Agency Change.* For the period from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Debentures, any Subsequent Closing Date:

(i) in the judgment of the Representatives there shall not have occurred any Material Adverse Change;

(ii) there shall not have been any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section 5 which is, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, so material and adverse as to make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or delivery of the Debentures as contemplated by the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum; and

(iii) other than as contemplated by the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum, there shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, in the rating accorded any securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries by any “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Securities Act.

(c) *Opinion of Counsel for the Company.* On each of the Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date, the Representatives shall have received (i) the favorable opinion of Foley & Lardner LLP, counsel for the Company, other than as to paragraphs (xiii) and (xiv) thereof insofar as such paragraphs relate to insurance law matters, and (ii) the General Counsel or Associate General Counsel of the Company, as to paragraphs (xiii) and (xiv) thereof insofar as such paragraphs relate to insurance law matters, each dated as of such Closing Date, the form of which is attached as Exhibit A

(d) *Opinion of Counsel for the Initial Purchasers.* On each of the Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion of Mayer Brown LLP, counsel for the Initial Purchasers, dated as of such Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to, and addressed to, the Representatives, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Shares, the Disclosure Package, the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Final Offering Memorandum and such other related matters as the Representatives may reasonably require, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.

(e) *Officers' Certificate.* On each of the Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date, the Representatives shall have received a written certificate executed by the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer or President of the Company and the Chief Financial Officer or Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, dated as of such Closing Date, to the effect that the signers of such certificate have carefully examined the Disclosure Package, including the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, and the Final Offering Memorandum, any amendments or supplements thereto and this Agreement, to the effect set forth in subsection (b)(iii) of this Section 5, and further to the effect that, to the best of their knowledge, after reasonable investigation:

(i) for the period from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to such Closing Date or such Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, there has not occurred any Material Adverse Change;

(ii) the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in Section 1 of this Agreement are true and correct on and as of the Closing Date or the Subsequent

Closing Date, as the case may be, with the same force and effect as though expressly made on and as of such Closing Date or such Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be; and

(iii) the Company has complied with all the agreements hereunder and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to such Closing Date or such Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be.

(f) *Lock-Up Agreement from Certain Securityholders of the Company.* On or prior to the date hereof, the Company shall have furnished to the Representatives an agreement in the form of Exhibit B hereto from each director and executive officer of the Company, and such agreement shall be in full force and effect on each of the Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date.

(g) *PORTAL Designation.* The Debentures shall have been designated PORTAL-eligible securities in accordance with the rules and regulations of The PORTAL Market.

(h) *Listing.* The Company shall have caused the Conversion Shares to be approved for listing, subject to issuance, on the New York Stock Exchange.

(i) *Additional Documents.* On or before each of the Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date, the Representatives and counsel for the Initial Purchasers shall have received such information, documents and opinions as they may reasonably require for the purposes of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Debentures as contemplated herein, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations and warranties, or the satisfaction of any of the conditions or agreements, herein contained.

If any condition specified in this Section 5 is not satisfied when and as required to be satisfied, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representatives by notice to the Company at any time on or prior to the Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Debentures, at any time prior to the applicable Subsequent Closing Date, which termination shall be without liability on the part of any party to any other party, except that Section 4, Section 7, Section 8, Section 9 and Section 13 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

Section 6. Representations, Warranties and Agreements of Initial Purchasers

Each of the Initial Purchasers represents and warrants that it is a “qualified institutional buyer”, as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act. Each Initial Purchaser agrees with the Company that:

(a) it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any Debentures within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (x) as part of their distribution at any time or (y) otherwise until one year after the later of the commencement of the offering and the date of closing of the offering except to those it reasonably believes to be “qualified institutional buyers” (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act);

(b) neither it nor any person acting on its behalf has made or will make offers or sales of the Debentures by means of any form of general solicitation or general advertising (within the meaning of Regulation D);

(c) in connection with each sale pursuant to Section 6(a), it has taken or will take reasonable steps to ensure that the purchaser of such Debentures is aware that such sale is being made in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

(d) any information provided by the Initial Purchasers to publishers of publicly available databases about the terms of the Debentures and the Indenture shall include a statement that the Debentures have not been registered under the Securities Act and are subject to restrictions under Rule 144A under the Securities Act; and

(e) it acknowledges that additional restrictions on the offer and sale of the Debentures and the Common Stock issuable upon conversion thereof are described in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum.

Section 7. Reimbursement of Initial Purchasers' Expenses

If this Agreement is terminated by the Representatives pursuant to Section 5 or Section 11, or if the sale to the Initial Purchasers of the Debentures on the Closing Date is not consummated because of any refusal, inability or failure on the part of the Company to perform any agreement herein or to comply with any provision hereof, the Company agrees to reimburse the Representatives and the other Initial Purchasers (or such Initial Purchasers as have terminated this Agreement with respect to themselves), severally, upon demand for all out-of-pocket expenses that shall have been reasonably incurred by the Representatives and the Initial Purchasers in connection with the proposed purchase and the offering and sale of the Debentures, including but not limited to fees and disbursements of counsel, printing expenses, travel expenses, postage, facsimile and telephone charges.

Section 8. Indemnification

(a) *Indemnification of the Initial Purchasers.* The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Initial Purchaser, its directors, officers and employees, agents, and each person, if any, who controls any Initial Purchaser within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, as incurred, to which such Initial Purchaser, director, officer, employee, agent or controlling person may become subject, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or actions in respect thereof as contemplated below) arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Final Offering Memorandum, the Final Term Sheet, any Issuer Written Information or any other written information used by or on behalf of the Company in connection with the offer or sale of the Debentures (or any amendment or supplement to the foregoing), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact, in each case, necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and to reimburse each Initial Purchaser, its officers, directors, employees, agents and each such controlling person for any and all expenses (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by BAS) as such expenses are reasonably incurred by such Initial Purchaser, its officers, directors, employees, agents or such controlling person in connection with investigating, defending, settling, compromising or paying any such loss, claim, damage, liability, expense or action; provided, however, that the foregoing indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense to the extent, but only to the extent, arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the

Representatives expressly for use in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Final Offering Memorandum, the Final Term Sheet, any Issuer Written Information or any other written information used by or on behalf of the Company in connection with the offer or sale of the Debentures (or any amendment or supplement to the foregoing). The indemnity agreement set forth in this Section 8(a) shall be in addition to any liabilities that the Company may otherwise have.

(b) *Indemnification of the Company, its Directors and Officers.* Each Initial Purchaser agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, each of its officers and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, as incurred, to which the Company, or any such director, officer or controlling person may become subject, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or actions in respect thereof as contemplated below) arises out of or is based upon any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Final Offering Memorandum, the Final Term Sheet, any Issuer Written Information or any other written information used by or on behalf of the Company in connection with the offer or sale of the Debentures (or any amendment or supplement to the foregoing), or arises out of or is based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case to the extent, and only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Final Offering Memorandum, the Final Term Sheet, any Issuer Written Information or any other written information used by or on behalf of the Company in connection with the offer or sale of the Debentures (or any amendment or supplement to the foregoing), in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Representatives expressly for use therein; and to reimburse the Company, or any such director, officer or controlling person for any legal and other expense reasonably incurred by the Company, or any such director, officer or controlling person in connection with investigating, defending, settling, compromising or paying any such loss, claim, damage, liability, expense or action. The Company hereby acknowledges that the only information that the Initial Purchasers have furnished to the Company expressly for use in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Final Offering Memorandum, the Final Term Sheet, any Issuer Written Information or any other written information used by or on behalf of the Company in connection with the offer or sale of the Debentures (or any amendment or supplement to the foregoing) are the statements set forth in Schedule C. The indemnity agreement set forth in this Section 8(b) shall be in addition to any liabilities that each Initial Purchaser may otherwise have.

(c) *Notifications and Other Indemnification Procedures.* Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 8 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against an indemnifying party under this Section 8, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof (in such detail as may be available to such indemnified person), but the failure to so notify the indemnifying party (i) will not relieve it from liability under paragraph (a) or (b) above unless and to the extent it did not otherwise learn of such action and such failure results in the forfeiture by the indemnifying party of substantial rights and defenses and (ii) will not, in any event, relieve the indemnifying party from any obligations to any indemnified party other than the indemnification obligation provided in paragraph (a) or (b) above. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party and such indemnified party seeks or intends to seek indemnity from an indemnifying party, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate in, and, to the extent that

it shall elect, jointly with all other indemnifying parties similarly notified, by written notice delivered to the indemnified party promptly after receiving the aforesaid notice from such indemnified party, to assume the defense thereof with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that a conflict may arise between the positions of the indemnifying party and the indemnified party in conducting the defense of any such action or that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties that are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to assume such legal defenses and to otherwise participate in the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. Upon receipt of notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of such indemnifying party's election so to assume the defense of such action and approval by the indemnified party of counsel, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 8 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (other than local counsel), reasonably approved by the indemnifying party (or by BAS in the case of Section 8(b)), representing the indemnified parties who are parties to such action) or (ii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action, in each of which cases the fees and expenses of counsel shall be at the expense of the indemnifying party.

(d) *Settlements.* The indemnifying party under this Section 8 shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, which shall not be withheld unreasonably, but if settled with such consent or if there is a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by Section 8(c) hereof, the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request and (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement, compromise or consent to the entry of judgment in any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity was or could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement, compromise or consent (x) includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such action, suit or proceeding and (y) 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.

Section 9. Contribution

If the indemnification provided for in Section 8 is for any reason unavailable to or otherwise insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount paid or payable by such indemnified party, as incurred, as a result of any

losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to therein (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, from the offering of the Debentures pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above 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 the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, in connection with the offering of the Debentures pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Debentures pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company, and the total discount received by the Initial Purchasers bear to the aggregate initial offering price of the Debentures. The relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, 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, on the one hand, or the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses referred to above shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 8(c), any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim.

The Company and the Initial Purchasers agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 9 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Initial Purchasers 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 in this Section 9.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 9, no Initial Purchaser shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the purchase discount or commission received by such Initial Purchaser in connection with the Debentures purchased by it hereunder. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Initial Purchasers' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 9 are several, and not joint, in proportion to their respective commitments as set forth opposite their names in Schedule A. For purposes of this Section 9, each director, officer, employee and agent of an Initial Purchaser and each person, if any, who controls an Initial Purchaser within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Initial Purchaser, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company.

Section 10. Default of One or More of the Several Initial Purchasers

If, on the Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, any one or more of the several Initial Purchasers shall fail or refuse to purchase Debentures that it or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on such date, and the aggregate principal amount of Debentures which such defaulting Initial Purchaser or Initial Purchasers agreed but failed or

refused to purchase does not exceed 10% of the aggregate principal amount of the Debentures to be purchased on such date, the other Initial Purchasers shall be obligated, severally, in the proportions that the principal amount of Firm Debentures set forth opposite their respective names on Schedule A bears to the aggregate principal amount of Firm Debentures set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Initial Purchasers, or in such other proportions as may be specified by the Representatives with the consent of the non-defaulting Initial Purchasers, to purchase the Debentures which such defaulting Initial Purchaser or Initial Purchasers agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date. If, on the Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, any one or more of the Initial Purchasers shall fail or refuse to purchase Debentures and the aggregate principal amount of Debentures with respect to which such default occurs exceeds 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Debentures to be purchased on such date, and arrangements satisfactory to the Representatives and the Company for the purchase of such Debentures are not made within 48 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability of any non-defaulting party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 4, Section 7, Section 8, Section 9 and Section 13 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination. In any such case either the Representatives or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, but in no event for longer than seven days in order that the required changes, if any, to the Final Offering Memorandum or any other documents or arrangements may be effected.

As used in this Agreement, the term "Initial Purchaser" shall be deemed to include any person substituted for a defaulting Initial Purchaser under this Section 10. Any action taken under this Section 10 shall not relieve any defaulting Initial Purchaser from liability in respect of any default of such Initial Purchaser under this Agreement.

Section 11. Termination of this Agreement

On or prior to the Closing Date this Agreement may be terminated by the Representatives by notice given to the Company if at any time (i) trading or quotation in any of the Company's securities shall have been suspended or limited by the Commission or by the New York Stock Exchange, or trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange shall have been suspended or limited, or minimum or maximum prices shall have been generally established by the Commission or on such stock exchange; (ii) a general banking moratorium shall have been declared by any federal or New York authority or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States has occurred; or (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of national or international hostilities or any crisis or calamity, or any change in the United States or international financial markets, or any substantial change or development involving a prospective substantial change in United States' or international political, financial or economic conditions, as in the judgment of the Representatives is material and adverse and makes it impracticable or inadvisable to market the Debentures in the manner and on the terms described in the Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum or to enforce contracts for the sale of securities. Any termination pursuant to this Section 11 shall be without liability on the part of (a) the Company to any Initial Purchaser, except that the Company shall be obligated to reimburse the expenses of the Representatives and the Initial Purchasers pursuant to Sections 4 and 7 hereof or (b) any Initial Purchaser to the Company.

Section 12. No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility

The Company acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the purchase and sale of the Debentures pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the offering price of the Debentures and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the several Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, and the Company is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (ii) in respect of each transaction contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction each Initial Purchaser is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary of the Company or its affiliates, shareholders, creditors or employees or any other party in respect of such transaction; (iii) no Initial Purchaser has assumed or will assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Initial Purchaser has advised or is currently advising the Company on other matters) and no Initial Purchaser has any obligation to the Company with respect to the offering contemplated hereby except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement; (iv) the several Initial Purchasers and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Company and that the several Initial Purchasers have no obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship in respect of any transaction contemplated hereby; and (v) the Initial Purchasers 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.

This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company and the several Initial Purchasers, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof. The Company hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company may have against the several Initial Purchasers with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty.

Section 13. Representations and Indemnities to Survive Delivery

The respective indemnities, contribution, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company, of its officers and of the several Initial Purchasers set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of (i) any investigation, or statement as to the result thereof, made by or on behalf of any Initial Purchaser or the Company or any of its or their partners, officers, directors, employees, agents or any controlling person, as the case may be, (ii) acceptance of the Debentures and payment for them hereunder or (iii) any termination of this Agreement.

Section 14. Notices

All communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed, hand delivered or telecopied and confirmed to the parties hereto as follows:

If to the Representatives:

Banc of America Securities LLC
9 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019
Facsimile: 212-933-2217
Attention: Syndicate Department

with a copy to:

Banc of America Securities LLC
9 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019
Attention: ECM Legal

If to the Company:

MGIC Investment Corporation
MGIC Plaza
250 East Kilbourn Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
Facsimile: (414) 347-6959
(414) 347-2655
Attention: Treasurer
General Counsel

with a copy to:

Foley & Lardner LLP
777 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
Facsimile: 414-297-5670

Attention: Benjamin F. Garmer, III
Patrick G. Quick

Any party hereto may change the address for receipt of communications by giving written notice to the others.

Section 15. Successors

This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, including any substitute Initial Purchasers pursuant to Section 10 hereof, and to the benefit of the employees, officers and directors and controlling persons referred to in Section 8 and Section 9, and in each case their respective successors, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder. The term "successors" shall not include any purchaser of the Debentures as such from any of the Initial Purchasers merely by reason of such purchase.

Section 16. Partial Unenforceability

The invalidity or unenforceability of any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other Section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

Section 17. Governing Law Provisions

(a) *Governing Law Provisions.* THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 18. General Provisions

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties to this Agreement and supersedes all prior written or oral and all contemporaneous oral agreements, understandings and negotiations with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each one of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. This Agreement may not be amended or modified unless in writing by all of the parties hereto and no condition herein (express or implied) may be waived unless waived in writing by each party whom the condition is meant to benefit. The Section headings herein are for the convenience of the parties only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

Each of the parties hereto acknowledges that it is a sophisticated business person who was adequately represented by counsel during negotiations regarding the provisions hereof, including, without limitation, the indemnification provisions of Section 8 and the contribution provisions of Section 9, and is fully informed regarding said provisions.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, kindly sign and return to the Company the enclosed copies hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts hereof, shall become a binding agreement in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

MGIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION

By: /s/ J. Michael Lauer
Name: J. Michael Lauer
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing Purchase Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted by the Representatives as of the date first above written.

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Acting as Representatives of the several Initial Purchasers named in the attached Schedule A.

By: /s/ Henry (Hank) Erbe III
Name: Henry (Hank) Erbe III
Title: Managing Director



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MGIC Announces Pricing and Upsizing of Common Stock Offering

MILWAUKEE, March 25, 2008 — MGIC Investment Corporation (NYSE: MTG) (“MGIC”) has announced that it has agreed to sell 37,333,333 shares of its common stock in a public offering at a price per share of \$11.25, for gross proceeds of approximately \$420 million. The gross proceeds represent a 20% increase in the size of the offering over what MGIC had previously announced. MGIC also granted to the underwriters of the public offering an option to purchase an additional 5,600,000 shares of common stock at the same price. Banc of America Securities LLC is acting as book-runner of the public offering.

The net proceeds of the offering will be used to increase the capital of Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation, MGIC’s principal insurance subsidiary, in order to enable it to expand the volume of its new business and for MGIC’s general corporate purposes.

Copies of the prospectus relating to this offering, when available, may be obtained from Banc of America Securities LLC, Capital Markets (Prospectus Fulfillment) by e-mail to dg.prospectus_distribution@bofasecurities.com or by mail to Banc of America Securities LLC, Capital Markets Operations, 100 West 33rd Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10001 or at the Securities and Exchange Commission’s website at <http://www.sec.gov/>.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

MGIC is not undertaking any obligation to update any information in this press release regarding its capital raising plans. No investor should rely on the fact that such information is current at any time other than the time at which this press release was issued.

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Media Contact: Katie Monfre, (414) 347-2650, katie_monfre@mgic.com**Investor Contact:** Michael J. Zimmerman, (414) 347-6596, mike_zimmerman@mgic.com**MGIC Announces Pricing of Convertible Debenture Placement**

MILWAUKEE, March 25, 2008 — MGIC Investment Corporation (NYSE: MTG) (“MGIC”) has announced that it has agreed to sell \$325 million principal amount of 9% Convertible Junior Subordinated Debentures due 2063. MGIC also granted to the initial purchaser an option to purchase an additional \$65 million aggregate principal amount of debentures. The debentures are being sold in a private placement to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). The debentures will be convertible, at the holder’s option, at an initial conversion rate of 74.0741 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of debentures, which represents a 20% conversion premium based on the \$11.25 per share price in MGIC’s concurrent public common stock offering.

The net proceeds of the offering will be used to increase the capital of Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation, MGIC’s principal insurance subsidiary, in order to enable it to expand the volume of its new business and for MGIC’s general corporate purposes.

The debentures and the shares of MGIC common stock issuable upon conversion of the debentures will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

MGIC is not undertaking any obligation to update any information in this press release regarding its capital raising plans. No investor should rely on the fact that such information is current at any time other than the time at which this press release was issued.