# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-K**

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

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

or

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

Commission File Number 001-12822

# **BEAZER HOMES USA, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1000 Abernathy Road, Suite 260, Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices) 58-2086934 (I.R.S. employer Identification no.)

> 30328 (Zip Code)

(770) 829-3700 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	BZH	New York Stock Exchange

# Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes 🗆 No 🗵

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes 🗆 No 🗵

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to the filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company," and ""emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Accelerated filerSmaller reporting company

Outstanding at November 7, 2022

30,880,138

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). YES 🗌 NO 🗵

The aggregate market value of the registrant's Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of March 31, 2022, based on the closing sale price per share as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on such date, was \$460,369,020.

Class

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

# DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for the registrant's 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K to the extent stated herein. The Proxy Statement will be filed within 120 days of the registrant's fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

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References to "we," "us," "our," "Beazer," "Beazer Homes" and the "Company" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K refer to Beazer Homes USA, Inc.

# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K (Form 10-K) contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements represent our expectations or beliefs concerning future events or results, and it is possible that such events or results described in this Form 10-K will not occur or be achieved. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of statements that include words such as "outlook," "may," "will," "strategy," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan,"

"foresee," "likely," "goal," "target," "estimate," "project," "initial" or other similar words or phrases.

These forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside of our control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements, including, among other things, the matters discussed in this Form 10-K in the section captioned "<u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>." Additional information about factors that could lead to material changes is contained in <u>Part I, Item 1A – Risk Factors</u> of this Form 10-K. These factors are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of risks and uncertainties that may affect the operations, performance, development and results of our business, but instead are the risks that we currently perceive as potentially being material. Such factors may include:

- the cyclical nature of the homebuilding industry and further deterioration in homebuilding industry conditions;
- continued increases in mortgage interest rates and reduced availability of mortgage financing due to, among other factors, recent and likely continued actions by the Federal Reserve to address sharp increases in inflation;
- other economic changes nationally and in local markets, including changes in consumer confidence, wage levels, declines in employment levels, and an increase in the number of foreclosures, each of which is outside our control and affects the affordability of, and demand for, the homes we sell;
- continued supply chain challenges negatively impacting our homebuilding production, including shortages of raw materials and other critical components such as windows, doors, and appliances;
- continued shortages of or increased costs for labor used in housing production, and the level of quality and craftsmanship provided by such labor;
- inaccurate estimates related to homes to be delivered in the future (backlog), as they are subject to various cancellation risks that cannot be fully controlled;
- potential negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which, in addition to exacerbating each of the risks listed above and below, may include a
  significant decrease in demand for our homes or consumer confidence generally with respect to purchasing a home, an inability to sell and build
  homes in a typical manner or at all, increased costs or decreased supply of building materials, including lumber, or the availability of
  subcontractors, housing inspectors, and other third-parties we rely on to support our operations, and recognizing charges in future periods, which
  may be material, for goodwill impairments, inventory impairments and/or land option agreement abandonments;
- factors affecting margins, such as increased sales incentives and mortgage rate buy down programs; decreased revenues; decreased land values
  underlying land option agreements; increased land development costs in communities under development or delays or difficulties in implementing
  initiatives to reduce our production and overhead cost structure; not being able to pass on cost increases through pricing increases;
- the availability and cost of land and the risks associated with the future value of our inventory, such as asset impairment charges we took on select California assets during the second quarter of fiscal 2019;
- our ability to raise debt and/or equity capital, due to factors such as limitations in the capital markets (including market volatility) or adverse credit
  market conditions, and our ability to otherwise meet our ongoing liquidity needs (which could cause us to fail to meet the terms of our covenants
  and other requirements under our various debt instruments and therefore trigger an acceleration of a significant portion or all of our outstanding
  debt obligations), including the impact of any downgrades of our credit ratings or reduction in our liquidity levels;
- market perceptions regarding any capital raising initiatives we may undertake (including future issuances of equity or debt capital);
- changes in tax laws or otherwise regarding the deductibility of mortgage interest expenses and real estate taxes;
- increased competition or delays in reacting to changing consumer preferences in home design;
- natural disasters or other related events that could result in delays in land development or home construction, increase our costs or decrease demand in the impacted areas;



- the potential recoverability of our deferred tax assets;
- increases in corporate tax rates;
- potential delays or increased costs in obtaining necessary permits as a result of changes to, or complying with, laws, regulations or governmental policies, and possible penalties for failure to comply with such laws, regulations or governmental policies, including those related to the environment;
- the results of litigation or government proceedings and fulfillment of any related obligations;
- the impact of construction defect and home warranty claims;
- the cost and availability of insurance and surety bonds, as well as the sufficiency of these instruments to cover potential losses incurred;
- the impact of information technology failures, cybersecurity issues or data security breaches;
- the impact of governmental regulations on homebuilding in key markets, such as regulations limiting the availability of water;
- the success of our ESG initiatives, including our ability to meet our goal that every home we build will be Net Zero Energy Ready by 2025 as well as the success of any other related partnerships or pilot programs we may enter into in order to increase the energy efficiency of our homes and prepare for a Net Zero future; and
- terrorist acts, protests and civil unrest, political uncertainty, acts of war or other factors over which the Company has no control.

Any forward-looking statement, including any statement expressing confidence regarding future outcomes, speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made and, except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible to predict all such factors.



### PART I

# Item 1. Business

We are a geographically diversified homebuilder with active operations in 13 states within three geographic regions in the United States: the West, East, and Southeast. Our homes are designed to appeal to homeowners at different price points across various demographic segments and are generally offered for sale in advance of their construction. Our objective is to provide our customers with homes that incorporate extraordinary value and quality, at affordable prices, while seeking to maximize our return on invested capital over the course of a housing cycle.

Beazer Homes USA, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware in 1993. Our principal executive offices are located at 1000 Abernathy Road, Suite 260, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, and our main telephone number is (770) 829-3700. We also provide information about our company, including active communities, through our Internet website located at www.beazer.com. Information on our website is not a part of this Form 10-K and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference.

## **Business Strategy**

We continue to execute against our long-term balanced growth strategy, which we define as the expansion of earnings at a faster rate than our revenue growth, supported by a less-leveraged and return-driven capital structure. This strategy provides us with the flexibility to reduce leverage and increase return of capital, or increase investment in land and other operating assets in response to changing market conditions.

We remain committed to this strategy, which is designed to increase shareholder value by improving our return on assets while reducing operational risk and debt. Our objectives at the beginning of fiscal 2022 included growing our lot position through land spending and increased use of lot option agreements, improving profitability while reducing our total debt below \$1.0 billion, delivering extraordinary customer experience, and encouraging employee well-being. We have successfully achieved our goals as following:

- As of September 30, 2022, our land position included 25,170 controlled lots, up 14.5% from 21,987 a year ago. Through expansion of our use of lot option agreements, 54.6% of our total active lots were under option agreements as of September 30, 2022 compared to 46.6% a year ago.
- For fiscal 2022, we recorded net income of \$220.7 million, or \$7.17 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$122.0 million, or \$4.01 per diluted share, for fiscal 2021. Adjusted EBITDA was \$370.1 million in fiscal 2022, compared to \$262.7 million in the prior year, an increase of \$107.4 million, or 40.9%. Over the past five years, we have achieved a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15.7% for Adjusted EBITDA.
- We have successfully reached our deleveraging goal of reducing total debt to below \$1.0 billion. During fiscal 2022, we repurchased \$24.4 million of our Senior Notes and retired our Senior Unsecured Term Loan by repaying the final \$50.0 million. As of September 30, 2022, we had outstanding debt of \$983.4 million. During fiscal 2022, we also repurchased \$8.2 million of outstanding common stock.
- In April 2022, Beazer Homes was ranked first among construction companies in Newsweek's inaugural list of America's Most Trusted Companies 2022, which were identified based on an independent survey of approximately 50,000 U.S. residents who rated companies they knew from the perspective of customers, investors and employees. This award demonstrated recognition for our efforts to create and sustain a strong reputation among employees, shareholders, customers and other partners.

For fiscal 2023, our objectives include investing strategically in our land position, upholding operating margin, activating new communities, reducing cycle time, and delivering extraordinary customer experience.

# **Differentiating Beazer Homes**

We know that our buyers have many choices when purchasing a home. To help us become a builder of choice, we have identified the following three strategic pillars that differentiate Beazer's homes from both resale homes and other newly built homes:

<u>Mortgage Choice</u> – Most of our buyers need to arrange financing in order to purchase a new home. Unlike many of our major competitors, we have no ownership or other interest in a mortgage company, which allows us to partner with our customers to help them get the most competitive interest rates, fees and service levels available. For every Beazer community, we identify Choice Lenders, who are selected for their ability to provide a comprehensive array of products and programs, meet our high customer service standards and willingness to compete to earn our customer's business. We then provide our customers with an industry-leading online comparison tool that helps them easily compare multiple mortgage offers side-by-side.

<u>Choice Plans</u><sup>®</sup> – Every family lives in their home differently, which is why we created Choice Plans. Choice Plans provide our buyers with more floor plan flexibility at no additional cost. For example, buyers of to-be-built homes can typically choose between two different configurations in the kitchen/great room and in the primary bedroom/bathroom at no additional cost. Offering these pre-designed floor plan alternatives allows us to offer fewer different plans, which improves efficiency and reduce costs while creating living areas that match an individual buyer's lifestyle.

<u>Surprising Performance</u> – We place an emphasis on building high-quality homes and delivering outstanding customer experience. All Beazer homes are designed and built to provide Surprising Performance, which means more quality, comfort, and savings. We deliver these benefits through our people, materials, and process. Some examples of these benefits are as follows:

- Our homes are built to the latest ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> standards, and we provide buyers with an energy rating for their home, completed by a qualified third-party rating company. Used homes typically have a HERS<sup>®</sup> index score (on a scale in which a lower score is better) of 130. As of September 30, 2022, the average new Beazer home has a gross HERS<sup>®</sup> index score of 54.
- Beazer is the first national builder to publicly commit to ensuring that by the end of 2025 every home we build will be Net Zero Energy Ready, which means that every home will meet the requirements of both the Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program and the U.S. Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home program, and have a gross HERS<sup>®</sup> index score (before any benefit of renewable energy production) of 45 or less. With a Net Zero Energy Ready home, homeowners will be able to achieve net zero energy consumption by attaching a properly sized renewable energy system.
- In fiscal 2022, we began designing and building to Indoor airPLUS standards. A program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, homes built to earn the Indoor airPLUS qualification have features to reduce mold, moisture, carbon monoxide, toxic chemicals and more.
- Each new Beazer home also comes equipped with powerful technologies, including Category 6 ethernet wiring (Cat6), a centralized network panel and immediate internet connectivity via a LTE Wi-Fi router.



# **Reportable Business Segments**

Our active homebuilding operations consist of the design, sale, and construction of single-family and multi-family homes in the following geographic regions, which represent our reportable segments:

Segment/State	Market(s)
West:	
Arizona	Phoenix
California	Placer County, Riverside County, Sacramento County, San Diego County, Tulare County
Nevada	Las Vegas
Texas	Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio
East:	
Indiana	Indianapolis
Maryland/Delaware	Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Howard County, Sussex County
Tennessee	Nashville
Virginia	Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Prince William County, Stafford County
Southeast:	
Florida	Orlando, Tampa
Georgia	Atlanta, Savannah
North Carolina	Raleigh/Durham
South Carolina	Charleston, Myrtle Beach

The following tables summarize certain operating information of our reportable segments, including number of homes closed, the average selling price (ASP) for the periods presented, and units and dollar value in backlog as of September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020. Refer to "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition" in Item 7 of this Form 10-K for additional information.

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,									
	20	022		20		2020				
(\$ in thousands)	Closings	Average Selling Closings Price		Closings	Average Sellin Closings Price		Closings	Ave Closings		
West	2,833	\$	468.7	2,945	\$	377.0	3,206	\$	368.2	
East	1,080		514.4	1,185		477.6	1,045		455.7	
Southeast	843		497.2	1,157		390.2	1,241		370.8	
Total Company	4,756	\$	484.1	5,287	\$	402.4	5,492	\$	385.5	

	As of September 30,										
	20	)22		20	2021				2020		
	Units in Backlog	Ι	Dollar Value in Backlog (in millions)	Units in Backlog	D Units in Backlog		Units in Backlog		Oollar Value in Backlog (in millions)		
West	1,257	\$	711.6	1,653	\$	736.0	1,365	\$	493.7		
East	410		223.7	611		302.0	624		301.1		
Southeast	424		209.6	522		246.0	520		200.5		
Total Company	2,091	\$	1,144.9	2,786	\$	1,284.0	2,509	\$	995.3		
ASP in backlog (in thousands)		\$	547.5		\$	460.9		\$	396.7		



### **Markets and Product Description**

We evaluate a number of factors in determining which geographic markets to enter and remain in as well as which consumer segments to target with our homebuilding activities. We compete in 17 geographic markets across the United States in part to reduce our exposure to any particular regional economy. Within these markets, we build homes in a variety of new home communities. We continually review our 17 markets based on aggregate demographic information, land prices and availability, competitive dynamics, and our own operating results. We use the results of these reviews to re-allocate our investments generally to those markets where we believe we can maximize our profitability and return on capital.

We maintain the flexibility to alter our product mix within a given market, depending on market conditions. In determining our product mix, we consider demographic trends, demand for a particular type of product, product affordability, consumer preferences, land availability, margins, timing, and the economic strength of the market. Depending on the market, we attempt to address one or more of the following categories of home buyers: entry-level, move-up, or 55+. Within these buyer groups, we have developed detailed targeted buyer profiles based on demographic and psychographic data, including information about marital and family status, employment, age, affluence, special interests, media consumption, and distance moved. Although we offer a selection of amenities and home customization options, we generally do not build "custom homes." In all of our home offerings, we attempt to increase customer satisfaction by incorporating quality and energy-efficient materials, distinctive design features, convenient locations, and competitive prices.

<u>*Gatherings*</u> – In 2016, Gatherings<sup>®</sup> by Beazer Homes was officially introduced across several markets within Beazer's geographic footprint through age restricted condominiums. We strive to provide extraordinary value, a strong commitment to customer service, and a quality, lower-maintenance home for those seeking a 55+ lifestyle. In addition to condominiums, the Gatherings<sup>®</sup> brand also includes town homes, villas, duets, and single-family homes. Our Dallas, Houston, Las Vegas, Maryland, Atlanta, and Orlando markets are actively selling Gatherings homes, while development is currently underway in Virginia and additional sites in Maryland. As of September 30, 2022, we have approved communities representing 714 potential future sales, and we have sold 456 Gatherings branded homes since 2016.

# **Marketing and Sales**

We make extensive use of digital and traditional marketing vehicles and other promotional activities, including our website (www.beazer.com), real estate listing sites, digital advertising (including search engine marketing and display advertising), social media, video, brochures, direct marketing, and out-of-home advertising (including billboards and signage) located in the immediate areas of our developments, as well as additional activities. In connection with these marketing vehicles, we have registered or applied for registration of trademarks and Internet domain names, including Beazer Homes<sup>®</sup>, Gatherings<sup>®</sup>, and Choice Plans<sup>®</sup>, for use in our business.

In response to the changing needs of consumers, our sales operations continue to improve our virtual sales tools to connect with our customers online, including a 24/7 chatbot feature, self-guided tours to allow homebuyers to tour models privately, safely, and outside of normal business hours, and self-service appointments to help customers schedule an appointment with ease and speed.

Our practice is to build, decorate, furnish, and landscape model homes for each community we build and maintain on-site sales offices. As of September 30, 2022, we maintained and owned 215 model homes. We believe that model homes play a particularly important role in our selling efforts, and we are continuously innovating within our model homes to provide a unique, memorable, and hands-on experience, including digital kiosks, interactive site maps/plans, interactive magnetic floor plan boards, interactive cutaway homes, interactive Surprising Performance rooms, signage, and more. The selection of interior features is also a principal component of our marketing and sales efforts.

Our homes are customarily sold through commissioned new home sales counselors (who work from sales offices located in the model homes used in the community) as well as through independent brokers. Our new home counselors are available to assist prospective homebuyers by providing them with floor plans, pricing information, tours of model homes, the community's unique selling proposition, detailed explanations of our differentiators as discussed above, and associated savings opportunities. Sales personnel are trained internally through a structured training program focused on sales techniques, product familiarity, competitive products in the area, construction schedules, and Company policies around compliance, which management believes results in a sales force with extensive knowledge of our operating policies and housing products. Sales personnel must be licensed real estate agents where required by law.

We sometimes use various sales incentives in order to attract homebuyers. The use of incentives depends largely on local economic and competitive market conditions.

Depending on market conditions, we also at times begin construction on a number of homes for which no signed sales contract exists, known as "speculative" or "spec" homes. This speculative inventory satisfies demand by providing near ready or move-in ready homes targeted at relocated personnel and others who require a completed home within a shorter timeframe.

# **Operational Overview**

# Corporate Operations

We perform the following functions at our corporate office to promote standardization and operational excellence:

- evaluate and select geographic markets;
- allocate capital resources for land acquisitions;
- maintain and develop relationships with lenders and capital markets to create and maintain access to financial resources;
- maintain and develop relationships with national product vendors;
- perform various centralized functions including accounting, finance, purchasing, legal, risk, planning/design, and marketing activities to support our field operations;
- operate and manage information systems and technology support operations; and
- monitor the operations of our divisions and partners.

We allocate capital resources in a manner consistent with our overall business strategy. We will vary our capital allocation based on market conditions, results of operations, and other factors. Capital commitments are determined through consultation among executive and operational personnel who play an important role in ensuring that new investments are consistent with our strategy. Financial controls are also maintained through the centralization and standardization of accounting and finance activities, policies, and procedures.

# Field Operations

The development and construction of each of our communities is managed by our operating divisions, each of which is led by a regional market leader and/or an area president who reports to our Chief Executive Officer. Within our operating divisions, our field teams are equipped with the skills needed to complete the functions of land acquisition, land entitlement, land development, home construction, local marketing, sales, warranty service, and certain purchasing and planning/design functions. However, the accounting and accounts payable functions of our field operations are concentrated in our national accounting center, which we consider to be part of our corporate operations.

## Land Acquisition and Development

Generally, the land we acquire is purchased only after necessary entitlements have been obtained so that we have the right to begin development or construction as market conditions dictate. The term "entitlements" refers to subdivision approvals, development agreements, tentative maps, or recorded plats, depending on the jurisdiction in which the land is located. Entitlements generally give a developer the right to obtain building permits upon compliance with conditions that are usually within the developer's control. Although entitlements are ordinarily obtained prior to the purchase of land, we are still required to obtain a variety of other governmental approvals and permits during the development process. In limited circumstances, we will purchase property without all necessary entitlements where we have identified an opportunity to build on such property in a manner consistent with our strategy.

We select land for purchase based upon a variety of factors, including:

- internal and external demographic and marketing studies;
- suitability for development during the time period of one to five years from the beginning of the development process to the last closing;
- financial review as to the feasibility of the proposed project, including profit margins and returns on capital employed;
- the ability to secure governmental approvals and entitlements;
- environmental and legal due diligence;
- competition in the area;

- proximity to local traffic corridors, job centers, and other amenities; and
- management's judgment of the real estate market and economic trends and our experience in a particular market.

We generally purchase land or obtain an option to purchase land, which, in either case, requires certain site improvements prior to home construction. Where required, we then undertake, or the grantor of the option then undertakes in the case of land under option, the development activities (through contractual arrangements with local developers, general contractors, and/or subcontractors), which include site planning and engineering as well as constructing roads, water, sewer, and utility infrastructures, drainage and recreational facilities, and other amenities. In some transactions, land bankers take title to the land at closing subject to agreements which obligate us to perform all development activities (which may be reimbursed by the land bankers) with respect to the land and provide us with an option to purchase the finished lots. When available in certain markets, we also buy finished lots that are ready for home construction. During our fiscal 2022 and 2021, we continued to pursue land acquisition opportunities and develop our land positions, spending approximately \$418.5 million and \$440.8 million, respectively, for land acquisition and \$155.1 million and \$154.7 million, respectively, for land development.

### **Option Agreements**

We acquire certain lots by means of option agreements from various sellers and developers, including land banking entities. Option agreements generally require the payment of a cash deposit or issuance of a letter of credit or surety bond for the right to acquire lots during a specified period of time at a fixed or variable price.

Under option agreements, purchase of the underlying properties is contingent upon satisfaction of certain requirements by us and the sellers. Our liability under option agreements is generally limited to forfeiture of the non-refundable deposits, letters of credit or surety bonds, and other non-refundable amounts incurred, which totaled approximately \$142.4 million as of September 30, 2022. The total remaining purchase price, net of cash deposits, committed under all land option agreements was \$827.6 million as of September 30, 2022.

We expect to exercise, subject to market conditions and seller satisfaction of contract terms, substantially all of our option agreements. Various factors, some of which are beyond our control, such as market conditions, weather conditions, and the timing of the completion of development activities, will have a significant impact on the timing of option exercises or whether lot options will be exercised at all.

The following table summarizes land controlled by us by reportable segment as of September 30, 2022: Lots Owned

	Lots Owned							
	Lots with Homes Under Construction	Finished Lots	Lots Under Development	Lots Held for Future Development	Lots Held for Sale	Total Lots Owned	Total Lots Under Contract	Total Lots Controlled
West								
Arizona	280	59	296	—		635	767	1,402
California	333	90	757		59	1,239	657	1,896
Nevada	162	232	400	66		860	859	1,719
Texas	996	1,129	1,637		408	4,170	5,231	9,401
Total West	1,771	1,510	3,090	66	467	6,904	7,514	14,418
East								
Indiana	134	133	171	—		438	589	1,027
Maryland/Delaware	187	373	207	—	—	767	1,081	1,848
New Jersey	—	—	—	117		117	—	117
Tennessee	149	114	467			730	1,473	2,203
Virginia	42	157	—	—		199	309	508
Total East	512	777	845	117		2,251	3,452	5,703
Southeast								
Florida	130	241	104	_		475	935	1,410
Georgia	155	202	353	—		710	320	1,030
North Carolina	76	51	294	21	—	442	358	800
South Carolina	259	443	272	68	34	1,076	733	1,809
Total Southeast	620	937	1,023	89	34	2,703	2,346	5,049
Total	2,903	3,224	4,958	272	501	11,858	13,312	25,170

<sup>(a)</sup> This category represents lots upon which construction of a home has commenced, including model homes.

The following table summarizes the dollar value of our land under development, land held for future development, and land held for sale by reportable segment as of September 30, 2022:

in thousands	Land Under Development	Land Held for Future Development	Land Held for Sale
West	\$ 429,491	\$ 3,483	\$ 14,998
East	171,900	10,888	—
Southeast	129,791	5,508	676
Corporate and unallocated <sup>(a)</sup>	8	—	
Total	\$ 731,190	\$ 19,879	\$ 15,674

### Construction

We typically act as the general contractor for the construction of our new home communities. Our project development activities are controlled by our operating divisions whose employees supervise the construction of each new home community by coordinating the activities of independent subcontractors and suppliers, subjecting their work to quality and cost controls and ensuring compliance with zoning and building codes. We specify that quality, durable materials be used in the construction of our homes. Our subcontractors follow design plans prepared by architects and engineers who are retained or directly employed by us and whose designs are geared to the local market and staying current with changing home design trends as well as expanding our focus on engineering without sacrificing value for our customers.

Agreements with our subcontractors and materials suppliers are generally entered into after a competitive bidding process during which we obtain information from prospective subcontractors and vendors with respect to their financial condition and ability to perform their agreements with us in accordance with the specifications we provide. Subcontractors typically are retained on a project-by-project basis to complete construction at a fixed price. We do not maintain significant inventories of construction materials, except for materials being utilized for homes under construction. We have numerous suppliers of raw materials and services used in our business. While such materials and services generally have been and continue to be available, from time to time, supply chain disruptions may occur due to material and labor shortages, such as the widespread supply chain disruptions we experienced throughout fiscal 2022. In addition, material prices may fluctuate due to various factors, including demand or supply shortages and the price of certain commodities, which may be beyond the control of us or our vendors. When it is economically advantageous, we enter into regional and national supply contracts with certain of our vendors. We believe that we maintain positive and productive relationships with our suppliers and subcontractors.

### Warranty Program

We currently provide a limited warranty ranging from one to two years covering workmanship and materials per our defined standards. In addition, we provide a limited warranty for up to ten years covering only certain defined structural element failures.

Our homebuilding work is performed by subcontractors who typically must agree to indemnify us with regard to their work and provide certificates of insurance demonstrating that they have met our insurance requirements and have named us as an additional insured under their policies. Therefore, many claims relating to workmanship and materials that result in warranty spending are the primary responsibility of these subcontractors.

In addition, we maintain third-party insurance, subject to applicable self-insured retentions, for most construction defects that we encounter in the normal course of business. We believe that our warranty and litigation accruals and third-party insurance are adequate to cover the ultimate resolution of our potential liabilities associated with known and anticipated warranty and construction-defect related claims and litigation. However, there can be no assurance that the terms and limitations of the limited warranty will be effective against claims made by homebuyers; that we will be able to renew our insurance coverage or renew it at reasonable rates; that we will not be liable for damages, the cost of repairs, and/or the expense of litigation surrounding possible construction defects, soil subsidence, or building related claims; or that claims will not arise out of events or circumstances not covered by insurance and/or not subject to effective indemnification agreements with our subcontractors. Please see Note 9 of notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K for additional information.

## **Customer Financing**

As previously mentioned, we do not provide mortgage origination services. Unlike many of our peers, we have no ownership interest in any lender and are able to promote competition among lenders on behalf of our customers through our Mortgage Choice program. Approximately 92% of our fiscal 2022 customers elected to finance a portion of their home purchase.



### Competition

The development and sale of residential properties is highly competitive and fragmented. We compete for residential sales on the basis of a number of interrelated factors, including location, reputation, amenities, design, quality, and price with numerous large and small homebuilders, including many homebuilders with nationwide operations and greater financial resources and/or lower costs than us. We also compete for residential sales with individual resales of existing homes and available rental housing.

We utilize our experience within our geographic markets and the breadth of our product line to vary regional product offerings to reflect changing market conditions. We strive to respond to market conditions and to capitalize on the opportunities for advantageous land acquisitions in desirable locations. Our product offerings strive to provide extraordinary value at an affordable price with intentional focus on Millennials and Baby Boomers because they are the two largest demographic groups of potential home buyers.

### Seasonal and Quarterly Variability

Our homebuilding operating cycle historically has reflected escalating new order activity in the second and third fiscal quarters and increased closings in the third and fourth fiscal quarters. However, these seasonal patterns may be impacted or reduced by a variety of factors, including periods of economic downturn, which result in decreased revenues and closings.

## **Government Regulation and Environmental Matters**

We are subject to a variety of local, state and federal statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations concerning zoning, building, design, constructions, the availability of water, and matters concerning the protection of health, safety and the environment. These laws may result in delays, cause us to incur substantial compliance and other costs, and prohibit or severely restrict development in certain environmentally sensitive regions or areas. Any delay or refusal from government agencies to grant us necessary licenses, permits and approvals could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

As part of our due diligence process for land acquisitions, we often use third-party environmental consultants to investigate potential environmental risks, and we require disclosures, representations and warranties from land sellers regarding environmental risks. We also take steps prior to our acquisition of the land to gain reasonable assurance as to the precise scope of any remediation work required and the costs associated with removal, site restoration and/or monitoring. To the extent contamination or other environmental issues have occurred in the past, we will attempt to recover restoration costs from third parties, such as the generators of hazardous waste, land sellers or others in the prior chain of title and/or their insurers.

In order to provide homes to homebuyers qualifying for Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured or Veterans Affairs (VA)-guaranteed mortgages, we must construct homes in compliance with FHA and VA regulations. These laws and regulations include provisions regarding operating procedures, investments, lending, and privacy disclosures and premiums.

In some states, we are required to be registered as a licensed contractor and comply with applicable rules and regulations. Also, in various states, our new home counselors are required to be licensed real estate agents and to comply with the laws and regulations applicable to real estate agents.

Failure to comply with any of these laws or regulations, where applicable, could result in loss of licensing and a restriction of our business activities in the applicable jurisdiction.

# Human Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2022, we employed 1,129 persons, of whom 272 were sales and marketing personnel and 294 were construction personnel. Although none of our employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements, at times certain of the independent subcontractors engaged by us may be represented by labor unions or may be subject to collective bargaining arrangements.



A safe and healthy working environment for our employees at every level of our organization is our highest priority. This begins with our health and safety audit system, which is designed to assist our employees in locating resources tailored for their specific employment responsibilities. We also conduct various safety-related inspections and training programs, such as daily visual inspections of our jobsites, weekly written safety inspections and bi-weekly "toolbox" talks with our trade partners. We have also increased our focus on employee wellness by expanding our program options to include a number of webinars, online classes, and virtual support groups. Upon the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we established a cross-functional taskforce and deployed enhanced IT resources to facilitate new processes and procedures to keep our teams informed with the most up to date information and create new work protocols to ensure the continued safety and health of our stakeholders, as well as the continuation of our business operations.

We believe that our employees are critical to our continued growth and success, and competition for qualified personnel is intense across our footprint. To remain competitive, we continue to focus on attracting and retaining qualified employees and providing them with comprehensive training and continuous development. In addition, we center our employee experience on engagement and work-life balance by offering a broad range of company-paid benefits and compensation packages, such as a 12-week parental leave and flexible time off program (with no accrual or maximum time away from work).

We are also committed to building an inclusive culture in which everyone feels welcome, respected, safe and valued. As we continue to progress in this area, we are reaching across all facets of our functional and operational areas. For example, in 2020, we implemented an ongoing inclusion and diversity learning program that is completed quarterly by every employee. As of September 30, 2022, women made up approximately 40.7% of our workforce and 31.5% of our managerial employees, with ethnic and racial minorities making up approximately 23.7% of our workforce and 15.2% of our managerial employees.

### **Charitable Giving**

Across our Company, our team members are committed to supporting causes that make a difference. From local service activities to Company-wide initiatives, giving back is a central element of our culture, championed by passionate employees and embraced by partners who share our commitment to have a positive impact on the communities we serve. As part of our ongoing commitment to strengthen the communities we serve, we created a wholly-owned title insurance agency, Charity Title Agency. Charity Title Agency donates 100% of its net profits to charity. During the year ended September 30, 2022, Charity Title Agency made \$1.5 million charitable contributions to Beazer Charity Foundation, our Company's philanthropic arm. Beazer Charity Foundation is a non-profit entity that provides donations to unrelated national and local non-profits and is managed by current employees of the Company.

## **Available Information**

Our Internet website address is www.beazer.com. Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act are available free of charge through our website as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file with or furnish them to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and are available in print to any stockholder who requests a printed copy. The public may also read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Furthermore, the SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy statements, information statements and other information regarding issuers, including us, that file electronically with the SEC at www.sec.gov.

In addition, many of our corporate governance documents are available on our website at www.beazer.com. Specifically, our Audit, Finance, Compensation, and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee Charters, our Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics are available. Each of these documents is also available in print to any stockholder who requests it.

The content on our website is available for information purposes only and is not a part of and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in this Form 10-K.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, as well as other information in this Form 10-K, before deciding whether to invest in shares of our common stock. The occurrence of any of the events described below could harm our business, financial condition, results of operations, and growth prospects. In such an event, the trading price of our common stock may decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

### **Business and Market Risks**

# A number of conditions that affect demand for the homes we sell are outside of our control. Many of these conditions, such as interest rates, inflation, employment levels, wage levels and governmental actions also impact consumer confidence, upon which our business is highly dependent.

Changes in national and regional economic conditions, as well as local economic conditions where we conduct our operations, may result in more caution on the part of homebuyers and, consequently, fewer home purchases. While housing market conditions remained robust and demand remained strong during the first half of fiscal 2022, during the second half of fiscal 2022, housing demand weakened due to a sharp increase in mortgage rates, the substantial increase in home prices experienced over the past two years, significant inflation in the broader economy, stock market volatility, and other macro-economic conditions, which have negatively impacted buyer sentiment and behavior. These economic uncertainties are out of our control and affect buyer sentiment and behavior, as well as the affordability of, and demand for, the homes we sell. These conditions also impact consumer confidence, upon which our business is highly dependent. Adverse changes in any of these conditions could decrease demand and pricing for our homes or result in customer cancellations of pending contracts, which could adversely affect the number of home sales we make or reduce home prices, either of which could result in a decrease in our revenues and earnings and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

During periods of downturn in the homebuilding industry, housing markets across the United States may experience an oversupply of both new and resale home inventory, an increase in foreclosures, reduced levels of consumer demand for new homes, increased cancellation rates, aggressive price competition among homebuilders, and increased incentives for home sales. In the event of a downturn, we would likely experience a material reduction in revenues and margins and our financial condition as well as our results of operations could be adversely affected.

# Because almost all of our customers require mortgage financing, increases in interest rates would likely negatively affect the affordability of the homes we sell. In addition, reductions in mortgage availability or increases in the effective costs of owning a home could prevent our customers from buying our homes and adversely affect our business and financial results.

Substantially all of the purchasers of our homes finance their acquisition with mortgage financing. Over the past year, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates multiple times in response to concerns about inflation and economic uncertainties, and it may raise them again. Increases in interest rates increase the costs of owning a home and have adversely affected the purchasing power of consumers and lower demand for the homes we sell, which could result in a decrease in our revenues and earnings and adversely affect our financial condition.

The availability of mortgage financing is significantly influenced by governmental entities such as the Federal Housing Administration, Veteran's Administration, and Government National Mortgage Association and government-sponsored enterprises known as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. If these or other lenders' borrowing standards are tightened and/or the federal government were to reduce or eliminate these mortgage loan programs (including due to any failure of lawmakers to agree on a budget or appropriation legislation to fund relevant programs or operations), it would likely make it more difficult for our customers to obtain acceptable financing, which would, in turn, adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Mortgage interest expense and real estate taxes represent significant costs of homeownership. Therefore, when there are changes in federal or state income tax laws that eliminate or substantially limit the income tax deductions relating to these expenses, the after-tax costs of owning a new home can increase significantly. For example, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was enacted in December 2017, includes provisions that impose significant limitations with respect to these income tax deductions. Under this legislation, through the end of 2025, the annual deduction for real estate property taxes and state and local income or sales taxes has been limited to a combined amount of \$10,000 (\$5,000 in the case of a separate return filed by a married individual). In addition, through the end of 2025, the deduction for mortgage interest will generally only be available with respect to acquisition indebtedness that does not exceed \$750,000 (\$375,000 in the case of a separate return filed by a married individual). There also continues to be meaningful discussion around certain proposed tax legislation contemplated by the Biden administration, including increasing the U.S. corporate tax rate, as well as long standing discussions within the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD"). It is unclear at this time which of these proposals, if any, may be enacted and how these various provisions will interact on a local, country and global scale. We believe changes such as these adversely impact or, in case of the proposed tax legislation, could adversely impact the demand for and sales prices of homes in certain markets, including parts of California, Maryland, and Virginia, and therefore could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# If we are unsuccessful in competing against our competitors, our market share could decline or our growth could be impeded and, as a result, our financial condition and results of operations could suffer.

Competition in the homebuilding industry is intense, and there are relatively low barriers to entry into our business. Increased competition could hurt our business, as it could prevent us from acquiring attractive parcels of land on which to build homes or make such acquisitions more expensive, hinder our market share expansion and lead to pricing pressures on our homes that may adversely impact our margins and revenues. If we are unable to successfully compete, our financial results could suffer and our ability to service our debt could be adversely affected. Our competitors may independently develop land and construct housing units that are superior or substantially similar to our products. Furthermore, many of our competitors have substantially greater financial resources, less leverage, and lower costs of funds and operations than we do. Many of these competitors also have longstanding relationships with subcontractors and suppliers in the markets in which we operate. We currently build in several of the top markets in the nation and, therefore, we expect to continue to face additional competition from new entrants into our markets.

# Our business could be materially and adversely disrupted by an epidemic or pandemic (such as COVID-19), or similar public threat, or fear of such an event, and the measures that international, federal, state and local governments, agencies, law enforcement and/or health authorities implement to address it.

An epidemic, pandemic, or similar serious public health issue, and the measures undertaken by governmental authorities to address it, could significantly disrupt or prevent us from operating our business in the ordinary course for an extended period, and thereby, and/or along with any associated economic and/or social instability or distress, have a material adverse impact on our consolidated financial statements.

For example, our business and operations were significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the corresponding actions taken by governmental authorities. While general economic conditions have improved and our operations have since normalized, we are uncertain of the potential full magnitude or duration of the business and economic impacts from the unprecedented public health effort to contain and combat the spread of COVID-19, which include, among other things, significant volatility in financial markets and a sharp decrease in the value of equity securities, including our common stock.

If COVID-19 or another public health emergency were to reemerge, we could again experience material disruptions in our operating environment, impairing our ability to sell and build homes in a typical manner, as occurred in during our 2020 fiscal year, or at all, due to, among other things, increased costs or decreased supply of building materials, reduced availability of subcontractors, employees, and other talent, as a result of infections or recommended self-quarantining, or governmental mandates to direct production activities to support public health efforts. This could result in our recognizing charges in future periods, which may be material, for inventory impairments or land option agreement abandonments, or both, related to our inventory assets.

Should the adverse impacts described above (or others that are currently unknown) occur, whether individually or collectively, we would expect to experience, among other things, decreases in our net new orders, home closings, average selling prices, revenues, and profitability, and such impacts could be material to our consolidated financial statements. Along with an increase in cancellations of home purchase contracts, if there are prolonged government restrictions on our business and our customers, and/or an extended economic recession, we could be unable to produce revenues and cash flows sufficient to conduct our business; meet the terms of our covenants and other requirements under the Secured Revolving Credit Facility, our senior notes, and the related indenture, and/or mortgages and land contracts due to land sellers and other loans; service our outstanding debt. Such a circumstance could, among other things, exhaust our available liquidity (and ability to access liquidity sources) and/or trigger an acceleration to pay a significant portion or all of our then-outstanding debt obligations, which we may be unable to do.

## The market value of our land and/or homes may decline, leading to impairments or other charges and reduced profitability.

We regularly acquire land for replacement and expansion of our land inventory within our existing and new markets. The market value of land, building lots and housing inventories can fluctuate significantly as a result of changing market conditions. While we employ measures to manage inventory risk, we may not be able to adequately insulate our operations from a severe drop in inventory values. As a result, we may incur impairment charges or have to sell land at a loss. For example, during the second quarter of fiscal 2019, we recognized impairments of \$110.0 million on projects in progress and \$38.6 million on land held for sale. In addition, when market conditions are such that land values are not appreciating, option agreements previously entered into may become less desirable, at which time we may elect to forgo deposits and pre-acquisition costs and terminate the agreements, which could result in abandonment charges. Material impairment charges, abandonment charges or other write-downs of assets could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

# Negative publicity or poor relations with the residents of our communities could negatively impact sales, which could cause our revenues or results of operations to decline.

Unfavorable media related to our industry, company, brands, marketing, personnel, operations, business performance, or prospects may affect our stock price and the performance of our business, regardless of its accuracy or inaccuracy. Our success in maintaining, extending and expanding our brand image depends on our ability to adapt to a rapidly changing media environment. Adverse publicity or negative commentary on social media outlets could hurt operating results, as consumers might avoid or protest brands that receive bad press or negative reviews. Negative publicity may result in a decrease in our operating results. In addition, residents of communities we develop may look to us to resolve issues or disputes that may arise in connection with the operation or development of their communities. Efforts made by us to resolve these issues or disputes could be deemed unsatisfactory by the affected residents, and subsequent actions by these residents could adversely affect sales or our reputation.

# **Operational, Legal and Regulatory Risks**

#### Inflation may adversely affect us by increasing costs beyond what we can recover through price increases.

Inflation can adversely affect us by increasing costs of land, materials, and labor. In addition, inflation is often accompanied by higher interest rates. In an inflationary environment, depending on homebuilding industry and other economic conditions, we may be unable to raise home prices enough to keep up with the rate of inflation, which would reduce our profit margins. Given the inflation rates in fiscal year 2022, we have experienced, and continue to experience, increases in the prices of land, labor, and materials.

# An increase in cancellation rates will negatively impact our business and could lead to imprecise estimates related to homes to be delivered in the future (backlog).

Our backlog reflects the number and value of homes for which we have entered into a sales contract with a customer but have not yet delivered the home. Although these sales contracts typically require a cash deposit and do not make the sale contingent on the sale of the customer's existing home, in some cases a customer may cancel the contract and receive a complete or partial refund of the deposit as a result of local laws or as a matter of our business practices. If industry or economic conditions deteriorate or if mortgage financing becomes less accessible, more homebuyers may have an incentive to cancel their contracts with us, even where they might be entitled to no refund or only a partial refund, rather than complete the purchase. For example, the cancellation rate increased significantly from the low teens in the first half of the fiscal year to 17.0% in fiscal third quarter and 32.8% in fiscal fourth quarter, resulting in a cancellation rate for the year ended September 30, 2022 was 17.6%, up from 11.1% in the prior year. Significant cancellations have had, and could have, a material adverse effect on our business as a result of lost sales revenue and the accumulation of unsold housing inventory. It is important to note that both backlog and cancellation metrics are operational, rather than accounting data, and should be used only as a general gauge to evaluate our performance. There is an inherent imprecision in these metrics based on an evaluation of qualitative factors during the transaction cycle.

# Supply shortages and other risks related to the demand for skilled labor and building materials could increase costs, delay deliveries and could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The residential construction industry experiences price fluctuations and shortages in labor and materials from time to time. Shortages in labor can be due to shortages in qualified trades people, changes in immigration laws and trends in labor migration, lack of availability of adequate utility infrastructure and services, or our need to rely on local subcontractors who may not be adequately capitalized or insured. Shortages of materials can be due to certain disruptions, such as natural disasters, civil or political unrest and conflicts (such as the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine), trade disputes, difficulties in production or delivery or health issues like the COVID-19 pandemic. Labor and material shortages can be more severe during periods of strong demand for housing or during periods in which the markets where we operate experience natural disasters such as hurricanes or flooding as discussed more fully below. Pricing for labor and materials can be affected by the factors discussed above, changes in energy prices, and various other national, regional, and local economic and political factors. For example, government imposed tariffs and trade regulations on imported building supplies have, and in the future could have, significant impacts on the cost to construct our homes. Such measures limit our ability to control costs, which if we are not able to successfully offset such increased costs through higher sales prices, could adversely affect our margins on the homes we build.

# Our long-term success depends on our ability to acquire finished lots and undeveloped land suitable for residential homebuilding at reasonable prices, in accordance with our land investment criteria.

The homebuilding industry is highly competitive for suitable land and the risk inherent in purchasing and developing land increases as consumer demand for housing increases. The availability of finished and partially finished developed lots and undeveloped land for purchase that meet our investment criteria depends on a number of factors outside our control, including land availability in general, competition with other homebuilders and land buyers, inflation in land prices, zoning, allowable housing density, the ability to obtain building permits, and other regulatory requirements. Should suitable lots or land become less available, the number of homes we may be able to build and sell could be reduced, and the cost of land could increase, perhaps substantially, which could adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations.

As competition for suitable land increases, the cost of acquiring both finished and undeveloped lots and the cost of developing owned land could rise, and the availability of suitable land at acceptable prices may decline, which could adversely impact our financial results. The availability of suitable land assets could also affect the success of our land acquisition strategy and ultimately our long-term strategic goals by impacting our ability to increase the number of actively selling communities, grow our revenues and margins and achieve or maintain profitability.

# Reduced numbers of home sales extend the time it takes us to recover land purchase and property development costs, negatively impacting profitability and our results of operations.

We incur many costs even before we begin to build homes in a community. Depending on the stage of development a land parcel is in when we acquire it, these may include costs of preparing land, finishing and entitling lots, installing roads, sewers, water systems, and other utilities, taxes, and other costs related to ownership of the land on which we plan to build homes. If the rate at which we sell and deliver homes slows, or if we delay the opening of new home communities, we may incur additional pre-construction costs, and it may take longer for us to recover our costs, which could adversely affect our profitability and results of operations.

# We could experience a reduction in home sales and revenues due to our inability to acquire and develop land for our communities if we are unable to obtain reasonably priced financing.

The homebuilding industry is capital intensive and homebuilding requires significant up-front expenditures to acquire land and to begin development. Accordingly, we incur substantial indebtedness to finance our homebuilding activities. If internally generated funds are not sufficient, we would seek additional capital in the form of equity or debt financing from a variety of potential sources, including additional bank financing and/or securities offerings. The amount and types of indebtedness that we may incur are limited by the terms of our existing debt. In addition, the availability of borrowed funds, especially for land acquisition and construction financing, may be greatly reduced nationally, and the lending community may require increased amounts of equity to be invested in a project by borrowers in connection with both new loans and the extension of existing loans. The credit and capital markets have continued to experience significant volatility. If we are required to seek additional financing to fund our operations, the volatility in these markets may restrict our flexibility to access such financing. If we are not successful in obtaining sufficient capital to fund our planned capital and other expenditures, we may be unable to acquire land for our housing developments, thereby limiting our anticipated growth and community count. Additionally, if we cannot obtain additional financing to fund the purchase of land under our option agreements, we may incur contractual penalties and fees.

# Natural disasters and other related events could result in delays in land development or home construction, increase our costs or decrease demand in the impacted areas.

The climates and geology of many of the states in which we operate, including California, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and certain mid-Atlantic states, present increased risks of natural disasters. To the extent that hurricanes, tornadoes, severe storms, heavy or prolonged precipitation, earthquakes, droughts, floods, wildfires or other natural disasters or similar events occur, our homes under construction or our building lots in such states could be damaged or destroyed, which may result in losses exceeding our insurance coverage. For example, in fiscal 2017 and 2018, Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Florence disrupted our operations in Texas, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina, which resulted in temporary reductions in sales and closings. In fiscal 2022, Hurricane Ian disrupted our operations in Florida, which resulted in temporary reductions in sales and closings. Natural disasters can also lead to increased competition for subcontractors, which can delay our progress even after the event has concluded. Additionally, and as discussed above, increased competition for skilled labor can lead to cost overruns, as we may have to incentivize the impacted region's limited trade base to work on our homes. Finally, natural disasters and other related events may also temporarily impact demand, as buyers are not as willing to shop for new homes during or after the event. These risks could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

# We may incur additional operating expenses or longer construction cycle times due to compliance programs or fines, penalties and remediation costs pertaining to environmental regulations within our markets. Additionally, any violations of such regulations could harm our reputation, thereby negatively impacting our financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to a variety of local, state and federal statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations concerning the protection of health and the environment. The particular environmental laws that apply to any given community vary greatly according to the location of the community site, the site's environmental conditions and the present and former use of the site. Environmental laws may result in delays, may cause us to implement time consuming and expensive compliance programs and may prohibit or severely restrict development in certain environmentally sensitive regions or areas. From time to time, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and similar federal or state agencies review homebuilders' compliance with environmental laws and may levy fines and penalties for failure to strictly comply with applicable environmental laws or impose additional requirements for future compliance as a result of past failures. Any such actions taken with respect to us may increase our costs or harm our reputation. Further, we expect that increasingly stringent requirements will be imposed on homebuilders in the future. Environmental regulations can also have an adverse impact on the availability and price of certain raw materials such as lumber. Our communities in California are especially susceptible to restrictive government regulations and environmental laws, particularly surrounding water usage due to continuing drought conditions within that region.

In addition, there is a growing concern from advocacy groups and the general public that the emissions of greenhouse gases and other human activities have caused, or will cause, significant changes in weather patterns and temperatures and the frequency and severity of natural disasters. Government mandates, standards and regulations enacted in response to these projected climate change impacts could result in restrictions on land development in certain areas or increased energy, transportation, and raw material costs that may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

### We are subject to extensive government regulation, which could cause us to incur significant liabilities or restrict our business activities.

Regulatory requirements could cause us to incur significant liabilities and operating expenses and could restrict our business activities. We are subject to local, state and federal statutes and rules regulating, among other things, certain developmental matters, building and site design, the availability of water and matters concerning the protection of health, safety and the environment. Our operating costs may be increased by governmental regulations, such as building permit allocation ordinances and impact and other fees and taxes, which may be imposed to defray the cost of providing certain governmental services and improvements. Other governmental regulations, such as building moratoriums and "no growth" or "slow growth" initiatives, which may be adopted in communities that have developed rapidly, may cause delays in new home communities or otherwise restrict our business activities, resulting in reductions in our revenues. Any delay or refusal from government agencies to grant us necessary licenses, permits and approvals could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

## We may be subject to significant potential liabilities as a result of construction defect, product liability and warranty claims made against us.

As a homebuilder, we have been, and continue to be, subject to construction defect, product liability and home warranty claims, including moisture intrusion and related claims, arising in the ordinary course of business. These claims are common to the homebuilding industry and can be costly.

With respect to certain general liability exposures, including construction defect claims, product liability claims and related claims, assessment of claims and the related liability and reserve estimation process is highly judgmental due to the complex nature of these exposures and unique circumstances of each claim. Furthermore, once claims are asserted for construction defects, it can be difficult to determine the extent to which the assertion of these claims will expand geographically. Although we have obtained insurance for construction defect claims, such policies may not be available or adequate to cover liability for damages, the cost of repairs and/or the expense of litigation. Current and future claims may arise out of events or circumstances not covered by insurance and not subject to effective indemnification agreements with our subcontractors.

# At any given time, we may be the subject of civil litigation that could require us to pay substantial damages or could otherwise have a material adverse effect on us.

While no current material lawsuits are pending, we may be subject to civil litigation regarding claims made by homebuyers. We cannot predict or determine the timing or final outcome of such lawsuits, or the effect that any adverse determinations the lawsuits may have on us. An unfavorable determination in any of the lawsuits could result in the payment by us of substantial monetary damages that may not be covered by insurance. Further, the legal costs associated with the lawsuits and the amount of time required to be spent by management and the Board of Directors on these matters, even if we are ultimately successful, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition to expenses incurred to defend the Company in these matters, under Delaware law and our bylaws, we may have an obligation to indemnify our current and former officers and directors in relation to these matters. We have obligations to advance legal fees and expenses to directors and certain officers.

Our insurance carriers may seek to rescind or deny coverage with respect to such lawsuits, or we may not have sufficient coverage under our insurance policies. If the insurance companies are successful in rescinding or denying coverage, or if we do not have sufficient coverage under our policies, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

# Our operating expenses could increase if we are required to pay higher insurance premiums or litigation costs for various claims, which could negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, our insurance policies may not offset our entire expense due to limitation in coverages, amounts payable under the policies or other related restrictions.

The costs of insuring against construction defect, product liability and director and officer claims are substantial. Increasingly in recent years, lawsuits (including class action lawsuits) have been filed against builders, asserting claims of personal injury and property damage. Our insurance may not cover all of the claims, including personal injury claims, or such coverage may become prohibitively expensive. If we are not able to obtain adequate insurance against these claims, we may experience losses that could negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations, as well as our cash flows.

Historically, builders have recovered from subcontractors and their insurance carriers a significant portion of the construction defect liabilities and costs of defense that the builders have incurred. However, insurance coverage available to subcontractors for construction defects is becoming increasingly expensive and the scope of coverage is restricted. If we cannot effectively recover from our subcontractors or their carriers, we may suffer even greater losses.



A builder's ability to recover against any available insurance policy depends upon the continued solvency and financial strength of the insurance carrier that issued the policy. Many of the states in which we build homes have lengthy statutes of limitations and/or repose applicable to claims for construction defects. To the extent that any carrier providing insurance coverage to us or our subcontractors becomes insolvent or experiences financial difficulty in the future, we may be unable to recover on those policies, thereby negatively impacting our financial condition and results of operations.

### We are dependent on the services of certain key employees and the loss of their services could hurt our business.

Our future success depends upon our ability to attract, train and retain skilled personnel, including officers and directors. If we are unable to retain our key employees or attract, train or retain other skilled personnel in the future, it could hinder our business strategy and impose additional costs of identifying and training new individuals. Competition for qualified personnel in all of our operating markets, as well as within our corporate operations, is intense.

# Global economic and political instability and conflicts, such as the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Our business could be adversely affected by unstable economic and political conditions within the United States and foreign jurisdictions and geopolitical conflicts, such as the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. While we do not have any customer or direct supplier relationships in either country, the current military conflict, and related sanctions, as well as export controls or actions that may be initiated by nations (e.g., potential cyberattacks, disruption of energy flows, etc.) and other potential uncertainties could adversely affect our supply chain by causing shortages or increases in costs for materials necessary to construct homes and/or increases to the price of gasoline and other fuels. In addition, such events could cause higher interest rates, inflation or general economic uncertainty, which could negatively impact our business partners, employees or customers, or otherwise adversely impact our business.

# Terrorist attacks or acts of war against the United States or increased domestic or international instability could have an adverse effect on our operations.

Adverse developments in the war on terrorism, terrorist attacks against the United States or any outbreak or escalation of hostilities between the United States and/or any foreign power may cause disruption to the economy, our Company, our employees and our customers, which could negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations.

#### Information technology failures, cybersecurity breaches or data security breaches could harm our business.

We use information technology and other computer resources to perform important operational and marketing activities and to maintain our business records. Certain of these resources are provided to us and/or maintained by third-party service providers pursuant to agreements that specify certain security and service level standards. Our computer systems, including our back-up systems and portable electronic devices, and those of our third-party providers, are subject to damage or interruption from power outages, computer and telecommunication failures, computer viruses, security breaches including malware and phishing, cyberattacks, natural disasters, usage errors by our employees or contractors, and other related risks. As part of our normal business activities, we collect and store certain confidential information, including information about employees, homebuyers, customers, vendors and suppliers. This information is entitled to protection under a number of regulatory regimes. We share some of this information with third parties who assist us with certain aspects of our business. A significant and extended disruption of or breach of security related to our computer systems and back-up systems may result in business disruption, damage our reputation and cause us to lose customers, sales and revenue, result in the unintended misappropriation of proprietary, personal and confidential information, and require us to incur significant expense to remediate or otherwise resolve these issues including financial obligations to third parties, fines, penalties, regulatory proceedings and private litigation with potentially large costs and other competitive disadvantages. While, to date, we have not had a significant cybersecurity breach or attack that had a material impact on our business or results of operations, there can be no assurance that our efforts to maintain the security and integrity of these types of IT networks and related systems will be effective or that attempted security breaches or disruptions would not



# **Financial and Liquidity Risks**

# Our access to capital and our ability to obtain additional financing could be affected by any downgrade of our credit ratings, as well as limitations in the capital markets or adverse credit market conditions.

The Company's credit rating and ratings on our senior notes and our current credit condition affect, among other things, our ability to access new capital, especially debt. Negative changes in these ratings may result in more stringent covenants and higher interest rates under the terms of any new debt. If our credit ratings are lowered or rating agencies issue adverse commentaries in the future, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. In particular, a weakening of our financial condition, including a significant increase in our leverage or decrease in our profitability or cash flows, could adversely affect our ability to obtain necessary funds, result in a credit rating downgrade or change in outlook, or otherwise increase our cost of borrowing.

# Our Senior Notes, Secured Revolving Credit Facility, Senior Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility, letter of credit facilities and certain other debt impose significant restrictions and obligations on us. Restrictions on our ability to borrow could adversely affect our liquidity. In addition, our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition, limit our growth and make it more difficult for us to satisfy our debt obligations.

Our senior notes, revolving credit facilities, letter of credit facilities and certain other debt impose certain restrictions and obligations on us. Under certain of these instruments, we must comply with defined covenants that limit our ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness, engage in certain asset sales, make certain types of restricted payments, engage in transactions with affiliates and create liens on our assets. Failure to comply with certain of these covenants could result in an event of default under the applicable instrument. Any such event of default could negatively impact other covenants or lead to cross defaults under certain of our other debt agreements. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain any waivers or amendments that may become necessary in the event of a future default situation without significant additional cost or at all.

Our substantial indebtedness could have important consequences to us and the holders of our securities, including, among other things:

- causing us to be unable to satisfy our obligations under our debt agreements;
- causing us to pay higher interest rates upon refinancing indebtedness if interest rates rise;
- making us more vulnerable to adverse general economic and industry conditions;
- making it difficult to fund future working capital, land purchases, acquisitions, capital expenditures, share repurchases, general corporate or other activities; and
- causing us to be limited in our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business.

In addition, subject to the restrictions of our existing debt instruments, we may incur additional indebtedness. If new debt is added to our current debt levels, the related risks that we now face could intensify. Our growth plans and our ability to make payments of principal or interest on, or to refinance, our indebtedness will depend on our future operating performance and our ability to enter into additional debt and/or equity financings. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flows in the future to service our debt, we may be required to refinance all or a portion of our existing debt, to sell assets or to obtain additional financing. We may not be able to do any of the foregoing on terms acceptable to us, if at all.

# The tax benefits of our pre-ownership change net operating loss carryforwards and built-in losses were substantially limited since we experienced an "ownership change" as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, and portions of our deferred income tax asset have been written off since they were not fully realizable. Any subsequent ownership change, should it occur, could have a further impact on these tax attributes.

Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code contains rules that limit the ability of a company that undergoes an "ownership change," which is generally defined as any change in ownership of more than 50% of its common stock over a three-year period, to utilize its net operating loss carryforwards, tax credits and certain built-in losses or deductions, as of the ownership change date, that are recognized during the five-year period after the ownership change. These rules generally operate by focusing on changes in the ownership among shareholders owning, directly or indirectly, 5% or more of the company's common stock (including changes involving a shareholder becoming a 5% shareholder) or any change in ownership arising from a new issuance of stock or share repurchases by the company.

We currently have an immaterial amount of "built-in losses" in our assets, i.e., an excess tax basis over current fair market value, which may result in tax losses as such assets are sold. Those "built-in losses" could become significant in the future if market conditions worsen and our inventory is impaired. Net operating losses and tax credits generally may be carried forward for a 20-year period to offset future earnings and reduce our federal income tax liability. Any net operating losses created during or after our fiscal 2019 may be carried forward indefinitely; however, the loss can only be utilized to offset 80% of taxable income generated in a tax year. Built-in losses, if and when recognized, generally will result in tax losses that may then be deducted or carried forward. However, we experienced an "ownership change" under Section 382 as of January 12, 2010. As a result of this previous "ownership change" for purposes of Section 382, our ability to use certain net operating loss carryforwards, tax credits and built-in losses or deductions in existence prior to the ownership change was limited by Section 382. We cannot predict or control the occurrence or timing of another ownership change in the future. If another ownership change were to occur, the limitations imposed by Section 382 could result in a material amount of our net operating loss carryforwards and tax credits expiring unused and, therefore, significantly impair the future value of our deferred tax assets.

Our certificate of incorporation prohibits certain transfers of our common stock that could result in an ownership change. In addition, we are party to a rights agreement intended to act as a deterrent to any person desiring to acquire 4.95% or more of our common stock. In February 2022, our stockholders approved an extension of these protective provisions in our certificate of incorporation and the rights agreement, which as a result are scheduled to expire on November 2025. Any extension of these protective provisions and our entry into a new rights agreement will require additional approval by our stockholders. We cannot guarantee that the requisite stockholder approvals will be obtained. In addition, neither the protective provisions nor the rights agreement offer a complete solution, and an ownership change may occur even if the protective provisions of our charter are extended and a new rights agreement is approved upon expiration. The protective provisions of our certificate of incorporation may not be enforceable against all stockholders and may not prevent all stock transfers that have the potential to cause a Section 382 ownership shift, and the rights agreement may deter, but ultimately may not block all transfers of our common stock that might result in an ownership change.

The realization of all or a portion of our deferred income tax assets (including net operating loss carryforwards and tax credits) is dependent upon the generation of future income during the statutory carryforward periods. Our inability to utilize our limited pre-ownership change net operating loss carryforwards, tax credits and recognized built-in losses or deductions, or the occurrence of a future ownership change and resulting additional limitations to these tax attributes, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

### Inefficient or ineffective allocation of capital could adversely affect our operating results and/or stockholder value.

Our goal is to allocate capital to maximize our overall long-term returns. This includes spending on capital projects, such as developing strategic businesses (e.g., the launch of our Gatherings<sup>®</sup> business in 2016 to meet the needs of the growing 55 plus segment) and acquiring other homebuilders with the potential to strengthen our industry position. In addition, from time to time we may engage in bond repurchases to reduce our indebtedness and return value to our stockholders through share repurchases. If we do not properly allocate our capital, we may fail to produce optimal financial results and we may experience a reduction in stockholder value, including increased volatility in our stock price.

## **Risk Relating to an Investment in our Common Stock**

#### Our stock price is volatile and could decline.

The securities markets in general and our common stock in particular have experienced significant price and volume volatility over the past several years. The market price and volume of our common stock may continue to experience significant fluctuations due not only to general stock market conditions, but also to a change in sentiment in the market regarding our industry, operations or business prospects. The price and volume volatility of our common stock may be affected by:

- factors influencing home purchases, such as higher interest rates and availability of home mortgage loans, credit criteria applicable to prospective borrowers, ability to sell existing residences and homebuyer sentiment in general;
- the operating and securities price performance of companies that investors consider comparable to us;
- · operating results that vary from the expectations of securities analysts and investors;
- · announcements of strategic developments, acquisitions and other material events by us or our competitors; and
- changes in global financial markets and global economies and general market conditions, such as inflation, interest rates, commodity and equity
  prices and the value of financial assets.



Our ability to raise funds through the issuance of equity or otherwise use our common stock as consideration is impacted by the price of our common stock. A low stock price may adversely impact our ability to reduce our financial leverage, as measured by the ratio of total debt to total capital. Continued high levels of leverage or significant increases may adversely affect our credit ratings and make it more difficult for us to access additional capital. These factors may limit our ability to implement our operating and growth plans.

# We experience fluctuations and variability in our operating results on a quarterly basis and, as a result, our historical performance may not be a meaningful indicator of future results.

We historically have experienced, and expect to continue to experience, variability in home sales and earnings on a quarterly basis. As a result of such variability, our historical performance may not be a meaningful indicator of future results. Our quarterly results of operations may continue to fluctuate in the future as a result of a variety of both national and local factors, including, among others:

- the timing of home closings and land sales;
- our ability to continue to acquire additional land or secure option agreements to acquire land on acceptable terms;
- conditions of the real estate market in areas where we operate and of the general economy;
- inventory impairments or other material write-downs;
- raw material and labor shortages;
- seasonal home buying patterns; and
- other changes in operating expenses, including the cost of labor and raw materials, personnel and general economic conditions.

# Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

# Item 2. Properties

As of September 30, 2022, we had under lease approximately 32,000 square feet of office space in Atlanta, Georgia to house our corporate headquarters. We also lease and own an aggregate of approximately 158,000 and 4,500 square feet of office space, respectively, for our divisional and other corporate operations at various locations. All facilities are in good condition, adequately utilized, and sufficient to meet our present operating needs.

Due to the nature of our business, significant amounts of property are held by us as inventory in the ordinary course of our homebuilding operations. See Note 5 of notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K for a further discussion of our inventory.

# **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

# Litigation

In the normal course of business, we are subject to various lawsuits. We cannot predict or determine the timing or final outcome of these lawsuits or the effect that any adverse findings or determinations in pending lawsuits may have on us. In addition, an estimate of possible loss or range of loss, if any, cannot presently be made with respect to certain of these pending matters. An unfavorable determination in any of the pending lawsuits could result in the payment by us of substantial monetary damages that may not be fully covered by insurance. Further, the legal costs associated with the lawsuits and the amount of time required to be spent by management and our Board of Directors on these matters, even if we are ultimately successful, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

For a discussion of our legal proceedings, see Note 9 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K.

# Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.



## PART II

### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

## **Market Information**

The Company lists its common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol "BZH." On November 7, 2022, the last reported sales price of the Company's common stock on the NYSE was \$11.21, and we had approximately 207 stockholders of record and 30,880,138 shares of common stock outstanding.

# Dividends

The indentures under which our senior notes were issued contain certain restrictive covenants, including limitations on the payment of dividends. There were no dividends paid during our fiscal 2022, 2021 or 2020. The Board of Directors will periodically reconsider the declaration of dividends, assuming payment of dividends is not limited under our indentures. The reinstatement of quarterly dividends, the amount of such dividends and the form in which the dividends are paid (cash or stock) will depend upon our financial condition, results of operations, and other factors that the Board of Directors deems relevant.

# Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table provides information about the Company's shares of common stock that may be issued under our existing equity compensation plans as of September 30, 2022, all of which have been approved by our stockholders:

Plan Category	Number of Common Shares to be	Weighted-Average	Number of Common Shares
	Issued Upon Exercise of	Exercise Price of	Remaining Available for Future
	Outstanding Options, Warrants	Outstanding Options,	Issuance Under Equity
	and Rights	Warrants and Rights	Compensation Plans
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	27,507	\$14.31	1,487,202

## **Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

The following table summarizes the Company's common stock repurchases during the fourth fiscal quarter of 2022:

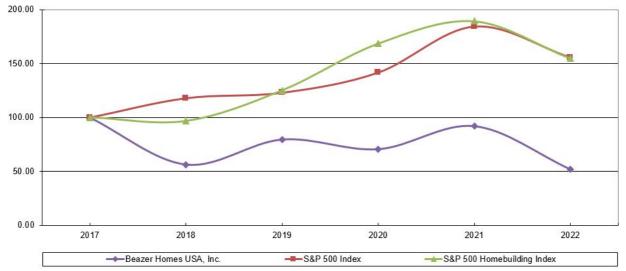
Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Ave	erage Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program <sup>(a)</sup>	f Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program
July 1, 2022 - July 31, 2022		\$	_		\$ 47,467,968
August 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022	244,957	\$	14.69	244,957	\$ 43,870,670
September 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022	149,903	\$	13.54	149,903	\$ 41,840,522

Approvimate Dollar Value

(a) In May 2022, the Company's Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase program that authorizes the Company to repurchase up to \$50.0 million of its outstanding common stock. As part of this new program, the Company repurchased 570 thousand shares of its common stock for \$8.2 million at an average price per share of \$14.33 during the year ended September 30, 2022 through open market transactions. All shares have been retired upon repurchase. The repurchase program has no expiration date.

## **Performance Graph**

The following graph illustrates the cumulative total stockholder return on Beazer Homes' common stock for the last five fiscal years through September 30, 2022 as compared to the S&P 500 Index and the S&P 500 Homebuilding Index. The comparison assumes an investment of \$100 at September 30, 2018 in Beazer Homes' common stock and in each of the benchmark indices specified, assumes that all dividends were reinvested, and accounts for the impact of any stock splits, where applicable. Stockholder returns over the indicated period are based on historical data and should not be considered indicative of future stockholder return.



	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,								
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022				
u Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	56.03	79.51	70.44	92.05	51.60				
<sup>g</sup> S&P 500 Index	117.91	122.93	141.55	184.02	155.55				
» S&P 500 Homebuilding Index	96.65	125.09	168.52	189.24	154.60				

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### Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is intended to help the reader understand our Company, business, operations and present business environment and is provided as a supplement to, and should be read together with the sections entitled "Risk Factors," and the financial statements and the accompanying notes included elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

In addition, the statements in this discussion and analysis regarding industry outlook, our expectations regarding the performance of our business, anticipated financial results, liquidity and the other non-historical statements are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the risks and uncertainties described in "Forward-Looking Statements" and in "Risk Factors" above. Our actual results may differ materially from those contained in or implied by any forward-looking statements.

# **Executive Overview and Outlook**

### Market Conditions

During the first half of fiscal 2022, housing market conditions remained robust and demand remained relatively strong despite the geopolitical environment and increasing affordability concerns due to the substantial increase in home prices over the past two years. However, during the second half of fiscal 2022, housing demand sharply weakened due to a rapid and substantial increase in mortgage rates, significant inflation in the broader economy, stock market volatility, and other macro-economic conditions, which have negatively impacted buyer sentiment and behavior. We expect these factors to continue to negatively impact demand in fiscal 2023. We believe, however, that the long-term housing market outlook remains positive, supported by a demographic shift towards homeownership, robust employment market, and a multimillion unit housing deficit that has accumulated over the past decade.

We are focused on making the necessary adjustments to adapt to the weak demand environment. For instance, our sales process involves continuous analysis of competitive market data, including pricing, features and incentives, which enables us to adjust pricing, incentives and specification levels to enhance affordability and respond to competitive dynamics and to best position each of our communities. In relation to land acquisition, we are more conservative in our underwriting of new land deals and will continue to attempt to renegotiate or terminate deals if a project no longer meets our stricter underwriting standards.

Like many other homebuilders, we continue to experience production challenges due to supply chain disruptions and tightness in labor markets. These factors have resulted in elongated construction cycle times and decreased backlog conversion. We have been proactively working with our suppliers and trade partners to address these issues and expect to see some improvements in fiscal 2023.

## Balanced Growth Strategy

Fiscal 2022 represented significant progress towards the execution of our balanced growth strategy. We successfully reached our goal of reducing total debt below \$1.0 billion. We believe our improvements in operating margin, land position and use of lot option agreements, together with a less-leveraged and more efficient balance sheet, have positioned us well for the headwinds we expect to encounter in fiscal 2023.

As we look to fiscal 2023, we are anticipating continuing weakness in both demand and pricing in the quarters ahead. During fiscal 2022, we made sizable improvement in our land position and share of lots controlled through option agreements. In fiscal 2023, we plan to continue to invest in land strategically and increase our use of lot option agreements to position ourselves for long-term growth, while focusing on the appropriate balance between pursuing growth opportunities, controlling risk and maintaining a strong liquidity position.

# Overview of Results for Our Fiscal 2022

The following is a summary of our performance against certain key operating and financial metrics during fiscal 2022:

• During the year ended September 30, 2022, sales per community per month was 2.8 compared to 3.7 in the prior year, and our net new orders were 4,061, down 27.0% from 5,564 in the prior year. The decrease in sales pace is a reflection of the previously discussed macro-economic factors adversely impacting homebuyers. As we navigate the current environment, we are focused on balancing sales pace, incentives and price adjustments to maximize return on capital over time.



- As of September 30, 2022, our land position includes 25,170 controlled lots, up 14.5% from 21,987 as of September 30, 2021. Excluding land held for future development and land held for sale lots, we controlled 24,397 active lots, up 13.9% from the prior year. As of September 30, 2022, we had 13,312 lots, or 54.6% of our total active lots, under option agreements as compared to 9,992 lots controlled, or 46.6% of our total active lots, under option agreements as of September 30, 2021.
- ASP for homes closed during the year ended September 30, 2022 was \$484.1 thousand, up 20.3% from \$402.4 thousand in the prior year. The year-over-year increase in ASP on closings was impacted primarily by price appreciation due to strong demand and limited supply of homes. However, higher mortgage interest rates and softening demand may temper ASP growth in the future.
- Homebuilding gross margin for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 was 23.1%, up from 18.9% in the prior year. Homebuilding gross margin excluding impairments, abandonments, and interest for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 was 26.3%, up from 23.0% in the prior year. Our homebuilding gross margin has been driven by a favorable pricing environment, although softening demand may temper gross margin in the future.
- Cancellation rate for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 was 17.6%, up from 11.1% in the prior year. Cancellation rates increased significantly during the second half of the fiscal year due to the previously discussed unfavorable macro-economic factors.
- SG&A for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 was 10.9% of total revenue compared with 11.4% a year earlier. The decrease in SG&A as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to increased homebuilding revenue. The dollar amount of SG&A increased by \$8.2 million, or 3.4%, primarily due to increased personnel expense. We remain focused on improving overhead cost management in relation to our revenue growth.

**Seasonal and Quarterly Variability:** Our homebuilding operating cycle historically has reflected escalating new order activity in the second and third fiscal quarters and increased closings in the third and fourth fiscal quarters. However, these seasonal patterns may be impacted or reduced by a variety of factors, including periods of economic downturn, which result in decreased revenues and closings.

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The following tables present new order and closings data for the periods presented:

	New Orders (Net of Cancellations)							
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total			
2022	1,141	1,291	925	704	4,061			
2021	1,442	1,854	1,199	1,069	5,564			
2020	1,251	1,661	1,372	2,009	6,293			
		Closings						
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total			
2022	1,019	1,078	1,043	1,616	4,756			
2021	1,114	1,388	1,378	1,407	5,287			
2020	1,112	1,277	1,366	1,737	5,492			

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# **RESULTS OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

The following table summarizes certain key income statement metrics for the periods presented:

	-	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
\$ in thousands		2022		2021		2020	
Revenue:							
Homebuilding	\$	2,302,520	\$	2,127,700	\$	2,116,910	
Land sales and other		14,468		12,603		10,167	
Total	\$	2,316,988	\$	2,140,303	\$	2,127,077	
Gross profit (loss):			-		-		
Homebuilding	\$	532,149	\$	401,720	\$	348,110	
Land sales and other		5,358		2,535		(470)	
Total	\$	537,507	\$	404,255	\$	347,640	
Gross margin:			-		-		
Homebuilding <sup>(a)</sup>		23.1 %		18.9 %		16.4 %	
Land sales and other <sup>(b)</sup>		37.0 %		20.1 %		(4.6)%	
Total		23.2 %		18.9 %		16.3 %	
Commissions	\$	74,336	\$	80,125	\$	82,507	
General and administrative expenses (G&A)	\$	177,320	\$	163,285	\$	170,386	
SG&A (commissions plus G&A) as a percentage of total revenue		10.9 %		11.4 %		11.9 %	
G&A as a percentage of total revenue		7.7 %		7.6 %		8.0 %	
Depreciation and amortization	\$	13,360	\$	13,976	\$	15,640	
Operating income	\$	272,491	\$	146,869	\$	79,107	
Operating income as a percentage of total revenue		11.8 %		6.9 %		3.7 %	
Effective tax rate <sup>(c)</sup>		19.4 %		15.0 %		25.2 %	
Inventory impairments and abandonments	\$	2,963	\$	853	\$	2,903	
Gain (loss) on extinguishment of debt, net	\$	309	\$	(2,025)	\$	_	

<sup>(a)</sup> Excluding impairments, abandonments, and interest amortized to cost of sales, homebuilding gross margin was 26.3%, 23.0% and 21.0% for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Please see "Homebuilding Gross Profit and Gross Margin" section below for a reconciliation of homebuilding gross profit and the related gross margin excluding impairments and abandonments and interest amortized to cost of sales to homebuilding gross profit and gross margin, the most directly comparable GAAP measure.

<sup>(b)</sup> Calculated as land sales and other gross profit (loss) divided by land sales and other revenue.

<sup>(c)</sup> Calculated as tax expense for the period divided by income from continuing operations. Due to a variety of factors, our income tax expense is not always directly correlated to the amount of pre-tax income for the associated periods. Our effective tax rate was impacted by, among other factors, tax credits of \$12.1 million, \$12.1 million and \$0.9 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Please see Note 13 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K for details of significant items that impact our effective tax rate.

# **Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA**

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to total company net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP measure, is provided for each period discussed below. Management believes that Adjusted EBITDA assists investors in understanding and comparing the operating characteristics of homebuilding activities by eliminating many of the differences in companies' respective capitalization, tax position, and level of impairments. These EBITDA measures should not be considered alternatives to net income (loss) determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of operating performance.

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

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,									
	2022		2021		2020		2019		2018
\$	220,704	\$	122,021	\$	52,226	\$	(79,520)	\$	(45,375)
	53,267		21,501		17,664		(37,245)		94,373
es	72,058		87,290		95,662		108,941		93,113
			2,781		8,468		3,109		5,325
	346,029		233,593		174,020		(4,715)		147,436
	13,360		13,976		15,640		14,759		13,807
	359,389		247,569		189,660		10,044		161,243
	8,478		12,167		10,036		10,526		10,258
	(309)		2,025		_		24,920		27,839
	2,524		853		2,111		134,711		4,988
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\$	370,082	\$	262,724	\$	204,384	\$	180,201	\$	204,669
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<sup>(a)</sup> In periods during which we impaired certain of our inventory assets, capitalized interest that is impaired is included in the line above titled "Interest amortized to home construction and land sales expenses and capitalized interest impaired."

### **Homebuilding Operations Data**

The following table summarizes new orders and cancellation rates by reportable segment for the periods presented:

			New Orders, ne	Ca				
	2022	2021	2020	22 v 21	21 v 20	2022	2021	2020
West	2,437	3,233	3,589	(24.6)%	(9.9)%	18.4 %	12.0 %	16.5 %
East	879	1,172	1,328	(25.0)%	(11.7)%	16.2 %	9.6 %	14.5 %
Southeast	745	1,159	1,376	(35.7)%	(15.8)%	16.3 %	10.2 %	15.1 %
Total	4,061	5,564	6,293	(27.0)%	(11.6)%	17.6 %	11.1 %	15.8 %

Net new orders for the year ended September 30, 2022 decreased to 4,061, down 27.0% from the year ended September 30, 2021. The decrease in net new orders was driven primarily by a decrease in average active community count from 127 in the prior year to 120, a decrease in sales pace from 3.7 sales per community per month in the prior year to 2.8, and an increase in cancellation rates from 11.1% in the prior year to 17.6%. The decreases in sales pace and the increases in cancellation rates across reportable segments were primarily driven by the sharp increase in mortgage rates as well as the previously discussed other macro-economic factors adversely impacting homebuyers. During the second half of fiscal 2022, cancellation rates increased significantly from the low teens in the first half of the fiscal year to 17.0% in fiscal third quarter and 32.8% in fiscal fourth quarter, although when compared to beginning backlog, cancellations for fiscal third quarter and fiscal fourth quarter 2022 only represented 6.0% and 11.4% of the respective fiscal quarter's beginning backlog.

The table below summarizes backlog units by reportable segment as well as the aggregate dollar value and ASP of homes in backlog as of September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020:

	L. L	As of	September 3			
	 2022		2021	2020	22 v 21	21 v 20
Backlog Units:						
West	1,257		1,653	1,365	(24.0)%	21.1 %
East	410		611	624	(32.9)%	(2.1)%
Southeast	424		522	520	(18.8)%	0.4 %
Total	 2,091		2,786	 2,509	(24.9)%	11.0 %
Aggregate dollar value of homes in backlog (in millions)	\$ 1,144.9	\$	1,284.0	\$ 995.3	(10.8)%	29.0 %
ASP in backlog (in thousands)	\$ 547.5	\$	460.9	\$ 396.7	18.8 %	16.2 %

Backlog reflects the number of homes for which the Company has entered into a sales contract with a customer but has not yet delivered the home. Homes in backlog have historically been delivered within three to six months following commencement of construction. Ongoing supply chain disruptions, including the availability of certain materials and construction labor, has led to extended construction cycle times. While we are beginning to see improvements, we are still experiencing increased construction cycle times by an average of two to three months across our markets compared to the prior year. The aggregate dollar value of homes in backlog as of September 30, 2022 decreased 10.8% compared to the prior year due to a 24.9% decrease in backlog units, partially offset by an 18.8% increase in the ASP of homes in backlog.

# Homebuilding Revenue, Average Selling Price, and Closings

	Homebuilding Revenue						Average Selling Price										
\$ in thousands		2022		2021		2020	22 v 21	21 v 20		2022		2021		2020	22 v	21	21 v 20
West	\$	1,327,770	\$	1,110,208	\$	1,180,577	19.6 %	(6.0)%	\$	468.7	\$	377.0	\$	368.2	24	4.3 %	2.4 %
East		555,598		565,989		476,167	(1.8)%	18.9 %		514.4		477.6		455.7	5	7.7 %	4.8 %
Southeast		419,152		451,503		460,166	(7.2)%	(1.9)%		497.2		390.2		370.8	27	7.4 %	5.2 %
Total	\$	2,302,520	\$	2,127,700	\$	2,116,910	8.2 %	0.5 %	\$	484.1	\$	402.4	\$	385.5	20	).3 %	4.4 %
									Closings								
							2022	2021			2020			22 v 21		21	v 20
West							2,833	2	2,94	5		3,206		(3.8	3)%		(8.1)%
East							1,080		1,18	5		1,045		(8.9	)%		13.4 %
Southeast							843		1,15	7		1,241		(27.1	)%		(6.8)%
Total							4,756	Į	5,28	7		5,492		(10.0	))%		(3.7)%

The table below summarizes homebuilding revenue, ASP of our homes closed, and closings by reportable segment for the periods presented:

The increase in homebuilding revenue for fiscal 2022 as compared to fiscal 2021 is the result of an increase in ASP, partially offset by a decrease in closings.

The increase in ASP across all segments was primarily attributed to price appreciation due to strong demand, short supply of homes, and inflation. In the East segment, ASP changes were also impacted by a change in mix of closings between products and among communities within the markets as compared to the prior year period. On average, we anticipate that our ASP will continue to increase in the near-term as indicated by the ASP for homes in backlog as of September 30, 2022, although higher mortgage interest rates and softening demand may temper ASP growth in the future.

The decrease in closings was primarily due to a decrease in backlog conversion rates as a result of longer construction cycle times compared to the prior year. Among the three reportable segments, our Southeast segment has experienced the highest increase in construction cycle times by an average of 3.1 months, resulting in a significant decrease in backlog conversion rates and closings.

# Homebuilding Gross Profit and Gross Margin

The following tables present our homebuilding (HB) gross profit and gross margin by reportable segment and in total. In addition, such amounts are presented excluding inventory impairments and abandonments and interest amortized to cost of sales (COS). Homebuilding gross profit is defined as homebuilding revenue less home cost of sales (which includes land and land development costs, home construction costs, capitalized interest, indirect costs of construction, estimated warranty costs, closing costs, and inventory impairments and abandonment charges).

Reconciliation of homebuilding gross profit and the related gross margin excluding impairments and abandonments, and interest amortized to cost of sales to homebuilding gross profit and gross margin, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, is provided for each period discussed below. Management believes that this information assists investors in comparing the operating characteristics of homebuilding activities by eliminating many of the differences in companies' respective level of impairments and level of debt. These measures should not be considered alternatives to homebuilding gross profit and gross margin determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of operating performance. *\$ in thousands*Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022

\$ in thousands						FISC	al Year Ended	Septemb	er 30, 2022						
		3 Gross îit (Loss)	HB Gross Margin	Aband	ments & onments &A)	P	HB Gross Profit (Loss) excluding I&A	Ma exc	Gross argin luding &A	Amor	erest tized to Interest)	(Los I	Gross Profit s) excluding &A and Interest	exclud	ss Margin ing I&A nterest
West	\$	353,370	26.6 %	\$	289	\$	353,659		26.6 %	\$	_	\$	353,659		26.6 %
East		137,937	24.8 %		143		138,080		24.9 %		—		138,080		24.9 %
Southeast		104,341	24.9 %		663		105,004		25.1 %		—		105,004		25.1 %
Corporate & unallocated <sup>(a)</sup>		(63,499)			_		(63,499)				71,619		8,120		
Total homebuilding	\$	532,149	23.1 %	\$	1,095	\$	533,244		23.2 %	\$	71,619	\$	604,863		26.3 %
\$ in thousands	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021														
		3 Gross ït (Loss)	HB Gross Margin	Aband	ments & onments &A)	F	HB Gross Profit (Loss) ccluding I&A	Ma exc	Gross argin luding &A	Amo	erest tized to Interest)	exc	Gross Profit luding I&A and Interest	excludin	ss Margin g I&A and erest
West	\$	270,671	24.4 %	\$	_	\$	270,671	-	24.4 %	\$	_	\$	270,671		24.4 %
East		125,928	22.2 %		465		126,393		22.3 %		—		126,393		22.3 %
Southeast		98,525	21.8 %		388		98,913		21.9 %		—		98,913		21.9 %
Corporate & unallocated <sup>(a)</sup>		(93,404)			_		(93,404)				87,037		(6,367)		
Total homebuilding	\$	401,720	18.9 %	\$	853	\$	402,573		18.9 %	\$	87,037	\$	489,610		23.0 %
\$ in thousands						Fis	cal Year Ended	Septembe	r 30, 2020						
		3 Gross ït (Loss)	HB Gross Margin	Aband	ments & onments &A)	F	HB Gross Profit (Loss) ccluding I&A	Ma exc	Gross argin luding &A	Amo	erest tized to COS terest)	exc	Gross Profit luding I&A and Interest	excludin	ss Margin g I&A and erest
West	\$	258,675	21.9 %	\$	923	\$	259,598	-	22.0 %	\$		\$	259,598		22.0 %
East		98,446	20.7 %		82		98,528		20.7 %		_		98,528		20.7 %
Southeast		87,935	19.1 %		641		88,576		19.2 %		_		88,576		19.2 %
Corporate & unallocated <sup>(a)</sup>		(96,946)			_		(96,946)				94,844		(2,102)		
Total homebuilding	\$	348,110	16.4 %	\$	1,646	\$	349,756		16.5 %	\$	94,844	\$	444,600		21.0 %

<sup>(a)</sup> Corporate and unallocated includes capitalized interest and capitalized indirect costs expensed to homebuilding cost of sale related to homes closed, as well as capitalized interest and capitalized indirect costs impaired in order to reflect projects in progress assets at fair value.

Our homebuilding gross profit increased by \$130.4 million to \$532.1 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, compared to \$401.7 million in the prior year. The increase in homebuilding gross profit was primarily driven by an increase in homebuilding revenue of \$174.8 million and an increase in gross margin of 420 basis points to 23.1%. However, as shown in the tables above, the comparability of our gross profit and gross margin was modestly impacted by impairments and abandonment charges which increased by \$0.2 million and interest amortized to homebuilding cost of sales which decreased by \$15.4 million year-over-year (refer to Note 5 and Note 6 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K for additional details). When excluding the impact of impairments and abandonment charges and interest amortized to homebuilding cost of sales, homebuilding gross profit increased by \$115.3 million compared to the prior year while homebuilding gross margin increased by 330 basis points to 26.3%. The year-over-year improvement in gross margin for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 is primarily driven by lower sales incentives and pricing increases, although softening demand may temper gross margin in the future.

*West Segment:* Compared to the prior fiscal year, homebuilding gross profit increased by \$82.7 million due to the increase in homebuilding revenue and higher gross margin. Homebuilding gross margin, excluding impairments and abandonments, increased to 26.6%, up from 24.4% in the prior year. The increase in gross margin was driven primarily by lower sales incentives and pricing increases.

*East Segment:* Compared to the prior fiscal year, homebuilding gross profit increased by \$12.0 million due to higher gross margin, partially offset by a decrease in homebuilding revenue. Homebuilding gross margin, excluding impairments and abandonments, increased to 24.9%, up from 22.3% in the prior year. The increase in gross margin was driven primarily by lower sales incentives and pricing increases.

*Southeast Segment:* Compared to the prior fiscal year, homebuilding gross profit increased by \$5.8 million due to higher gross margin, partially offset by a decrease in homebuilding revenue. Homebuilding gross margin, excluding impairments and abandonments, increased to 25.1%, up from 21.9% in the prior year. The increase in gross margin was driven primarily by lower sales incentives and pricing increases.

Measures of homebuilding gross profit and gross margin after excluding inventory impairments and abandonments, interest amortized to cost of sales, and other non-recurring items are not GAAP financial measures. These measures should not be considered alternatives to homebuilding gross profit and gross margin determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of operating performance.

In particular, the magnitude and volatility of non-cash inventory impairments and abandonment charges for the Company and other homebuilders have been significant historically and, as such, have made financial analysis of our industry more difficult. Homebuilding metrics excluding these charges, as well as interest amortized to cost of sales and other similar presentations by analysts and other companies, are frequently used to assist investors in understanding and comparing the operating characteristics of homebuilding activities by eliminating many of the differences in companies' respective level of impairments and levels of debt. Management believes these non-GAAP measures enable holders of our securities to better understand the cash implications of our operating performance and our ability to service our debt obligations as they currently exist and as additional indebtedness is incurred in the future. These measures are also useful internally, helping management to compare operating results and to measure cash available for discretionary spending.

In a given period, our reported gross profit is generated from both communities previously impaired and communities not previously impaired. In addition, as indicated above, certain gross profit amounts arise from recoveries of prior period costs, including warranty items that are not directly tied to communities generating revenue in the period. Home closings from communities previously impaired would, in most instances, generate very low or negative gross margins prior to the impact of the previously recognized impairment. Gross margin for each home closing is higher for a particular community after an impairment because the carrying value of the underlying land was previously reduced to the present value of future cash flows as a result of the impairment, leading to lower cost of sales at the home closing. This improvement in gross margin resulting from one or more prior impairments is frequently referred to in the aggregate as the "impairment turn" or "flow-back" of impairments within the reporting period. The amount of this impairment turn may exceed the gross margin for an individual impaired asset if the gross margin for that asset prior to the impairment would have been negative. The extent to which this impairment turn is greater than the reported gross margin for the individual asset is related to the specific historical cost basis of that individual asset.

The asset valuations that result from our impairment calculations are based on discounted cash flow analyses and are not derived by simply applying prospective gross margins to individual communities. As such, impaired communities may have gross margins that are somewhat higher or lower than the gross margins for unimpaired communities. The mix of home closings in any particular quarter varies to such an extent that comparisons between previously impaired and never impaired communities would not be a reliable way to ascertain profitability trends or to assess the accuracy of previous valuation estimates. In addition, since any amount of impairment turn is tied to individual lots in specific communities, it will vary considerably from period to period. As a result of these factors, we review the impairment turn impact on gross margins for impaired communities that are comparable to our unimpaired communities. For fiscal 2022, our homebuilding gross margin was 23.1% and excluding interest and inventory impairments and abandonments, it was 26.3%. For the same period, homebuilding gross margin was as follows in those communities that have previously been impaired, which represented 3.4% of total closings during fiscal 2022:

### Homebuilding Gross Margin from previously impaired communities:

Pre-impairment turn gross margin	11.3 %
Impact of interest amortized to COS related to these communities	2.4 %
Pre-impairment turn gross margin, excluding interest amortization	13.7 %
Impact of impairment turns	19.3 %
Gross margin (post impairment turns), excluding interest amortization	33.0 %

For further discussion of our impairment policies, refer to Note 2 and Note 5 of the notes to consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K.

# Land Sales and Other Revenue and Gross Profit (Loss)

Land sales relate to land and lots sold that do not fit within our homebuilding programs and strategic plans. We also have other revenue related to title examinations provided for our homebuyers in certain markets. The following tables summarize our land sales and other revenue and related gross profit (loss) by reportable segment for the periods presented:

\$ in thousands	Land Sales and Other Revenue										
	 2022		2021		2020	22 v 21	21 v 20				
West	\$ 3,783	\$	8,370	\$	2,762	(54.8)%	203.0 %				
East	5,149		3,846		1,457	33.9 %	164.0 %				
Southeast	5,536		387		5,948	1,330.5 %	(93.5)%				
Total	\$ 14,468	\$	12,603	\$	10,167	14.8 %	24.0 %				
\$ in thousands			Land	l Sale	es and Other Gross P	Profit (Loss)					
	 2022		2021		2020	22 v 21	21 v 20				
West	\$ 734	\$	2,330	\$	417	(68.5)%	458.8 %				
East	4,206		440		111	855.9 %	296.4 %				
Southeast	984		73		200	1,247.9 %	(63.5)%				
Corporate and unallocated <sup>(a)</sup>	(566)		(308)		(1,198)	(83.8)%	74.3 %				
Total	\$ 5,358	\$	2,535	\$	(470)	111.4 %	639.4 %				

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes capitalized interest and capitalized indirect costs expensed to land cost of sale related to land sold, as well as capitalized interest and capitalized indirect costs impaired in order to reflect land held for sale assets at net realizable value.

To further support our efforts to improve capital efficiency, we continued to focus on closing a number of land sales for land positions that did not fit within our strategic plans. Future land and lot sales will depend on a variety of factors, including local market conditions, individual community performance, and changing strategic plans.

# **Operating Income**

The table below summarizes operating income by reportable segment for the periods presented:

	Fis	cal Yea	r Ended September	30,			
in thousands	 2022		2021		2020	22 v 21	21 v 20
West	\$ 253,961	\$	181,303	\$	161,786	\$ 72,658	\$ 19,517
East	102,146		84,630		56,319	17,516	28,311
Southeast	68,726		57,581		40,746	11,145	16,835
Corporate and Unallocated <sup>(a)</sup>	 (152,342)		(176,645)		(179,744)	24,303	3,099
Operating income	\$ 272,491	\$	146,869	\$	79,107	\$ 125,622	\$ 67,762

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes amortization of capitalized interest, capitalization and amortization of indirect costs, impairment of capitalized interest and capitalized indirect costs, expenses related to numerous shared services functions that benefit all segments but are not allocated to the operating segments, and certain other amounts that are not allocated to our operating segments.

Our operating income increased by \$125.6 million to \$272.5 million for the year ended September 30, 2022, compared to operating income of \$146.9 million for year ended September 30, 2021, primarily driven by the previously discussed increase in gross profit, partially offset by an increase in SG&A expense. The dollar amount of SG&A increased by \$8.2 million, or 3.4%, primarily due to increased personnel expense. Additionally, SG&A as a percentage of total revenue decreased year-over-year by 50 basis points from 11.4% to 10.9% primarily due to the increase in homebuilding revenue.

*West Segment:* The \$72.7 million increase in operating income compared to the prior year was primarily due to the increase in gross profit previously discussed, partially offset by higher commissions expense on higher homebuilding revenue, higher sales and marketing expenses, and higher other G&A expenses in the segment.

*East Segment:* The \$17.5 million increase in operating income compared to the prior year was primarily due to the increase in gross profit previously discussed and lower commissions expense on lower homebuilding revenue in the segment. This increase to operating income is partially offset by higher sales and marketing expenses and higher other G&A expenses in the segment.

*Southeast Segment:* The \$11.1 million increase in operating income compared to the prior year was primarily due to the increase in gross profit previously discussed and lower commissions expense on lower homebuilding revenue. This increase to operating income is partially offset by higher sales and marketing expenses and higher other G&A expenses in the segment.

*Corporate and Unallocated:* Our Corporate and unallocated results include amortization of capitalized interest, capitalization and amortization of indirect costs, impairment of capitalized interest and capitalized indirect costs, expenses for various shared services functions that benefit all segments but are not allocated, including information technology, treasury, corporate finance, legal, branding and national marketing, and certain other amounts that are not allocated to our operating segments. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, corporate and unallocated net expenses decreased by \$24.3 million from the prior fiscal year, primarily due to lower amortization of capitalized interest and capitalized indirect costs to cost of sales, partially offset by higher G&A costs.

Below operating income, we had two noteworthy fluctuations between fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2021 as follows: (1) we experienced an increase in other income and expense, net, as we had no interest expense not qualified for capitalization during fiscal 2022 compared to \$2.8 million during fiscal 2021, and (2) we recorded a gain on extinguishment of debt of \$0.3 million during fiscal 2022 compared to a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$2.0 million in fiscal 2021. See Note 6 and Note 7 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K for further discussion of these items.

# **Income Taxes**

We recognized income tax expense from continuing operations of \$53.3 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, compared to income tax expense from continuing operations of \$21.5 million and \$18.0 million for our fiscal years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Income tax expense in our fiscal 2022, 2021 and 2020 primarily resulted from income generated in the fiscal year and permanent book/tax differences, partially offset by the generation of additional federal tax credits. Refer to Note 13 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K for a further discussion of our income taxes.

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our sources of liquidity include, but are not limited to, cash from operations, proceeds from Senior Notes, our Secured Revolving Credit Facility (the Facility) and other bank borrowings, the issuance of equity and equity-linked securities, and other external sources of funds. Our short-term and long-term liquidity depends primarily upon our level of net income, working capital management (cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and other liabilities), and available credit facilities.

Net changes in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash are as follows for the periods presented:

in thousands	2022	2021	2020
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 81,074	\$ 31,656	\$ 289,095
Cash used in investing activities	(14,709)	(14,189)	(10,164)
Cash used in financing activities	(88,680)	(85,852)	(59,197)
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	\$ (22,315)	\$ (68,385)	\$ 219,734

### **Operating Activities**

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$81.1 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. The primary drivers of operating cash flows are typically cash earnings and changes in inventory levels, including land acquisition and development spending. Net cash provided by operating activities during the period was primarily driven by income before income taxes of \$274.0 million, which included \$24.0 million of non-cash charges, a net decrease in non-inventory working capital of \$14.5 million, partially offset by an increase in inventory of \$231.4 million resulting from land acquisition, land development, and house construction spending to support continued growth.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$31.7 million during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, primarily driven by income before income taxes of \$143.5 million, which included \$28.1 million of non-cash charges, a net decrease in non-inventory working capital of \$7.6 million, and a decrease in inventory of \$147.5 million as a result of home sales, partially offset by land acquisition, land development, and house construction spending to support continued growth.

# **Investing Activities**

Net cash used in investing activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 was \$14.7 million and 14.2 million, respectively, primarily driven in both periods by capital expenditures for model homes and information systems infrastructure.

### **Financing Activities**

Net cash used in financing activities was \$88.7 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 primarily driven by repayment of the Senior Unsecured Term Loan (the Term Loan), repurchases of a portion of our 2025 and 2027 Senior Notes, common stock repurchases under our share repurchase program, and tax payments for stock-based compensation awards vesting.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$85.9 million during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 primarily driven by installment payment of the Senior Unsecured Term Loan (the Term Loan), partial extinguishment of our 2027 Senior Notes, the payment of cash for debt issuance costs, and tax payments for stock-based compensation awards vesting.

### Debt

We generally fulfill our short-term cash requirements with cash generated from our operations and available borrowings. Additionally, our Secured Revolving Credit Facility provides working capital and letter of credit capacity of \$250.0 million. As of September 30, 2022, no borrowings were outstanding under the Facility, and after accounting for outstanding letters of credit under the Facility, there was a remaining capacity of \$244.5 million.

On October 13, 2022, the Company entered into a Senior Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility (the "New Unsecured Facility"). The New Unsecured Facility replaces the Secured Revolving Credit Facility, and the Company expects to use the proceeds from the New Unsecured Facility for general corporate purposes. The New Unsecured Facility provides for a revolving credit facility with borrowing capacity up to \$265.0 million. The Company also will have the right from time to time to request to increase the size of the commitments under the New Unsecured Facility by up to \$135.0 million for a maximum of \$400.0 million. The New Unsecured Facility terminates on October 13, 2026 (the "Termination Date"), and the Company may borrow, repay and reborrow amounts under the New Unsecured Facility until the Termination Date. See Note 8 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K for additional details related to the New Unsecured Facility.

We have also entered into a number of stand-alone, cash-secured letter of credit agreements with banks. These combined facilities provide for letter of credit needs collateralized by either cash or assets of the Company. We currently have \$29.7 million of outstanding letters of credit under these facilities, which are secured by cash collateral that is maintained in restricted accounts totaling \$31.5 million.

In the future, we may from time to time seek to continue to retire or purchase our outstanding debt through cash repurchases or in exchange for other debt securities, in open market purchases, privately-negotiated transactions, or otherwise. In addition, any material variance from our projected operating results could require us to obtain additional equity or debt financing. There can be no assurance that we will be able to complete any of these transactions in the future on favorable terms or at all. See Note 8 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K for additional details related to our borrowings.

# **Financial Position**

As of September 30, 2022, we had \$459.1 million of available liquidity, including \$214.6 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$244.5 million of remaining capacity under our \$250.0 million Secured Revolving Credit Facility, which was subsequently replaced and expanded by the new \$265.0 million Senior Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility as noted above.

While we believe we possess sufficient liquidity, we are mindful of potential short-term or seasonal requirements for enhanced liquidity that may arise to operate and grow our business. As of the date of this report, we believe we have adequate capital resources and sufficient access to external financing sources to satisfy our current and reasonably anticipated requirements for funds to conduct our operations and meet other needs in the ordinary course of our business.

At times, we may also engage in capital markets, bank loan, project debt or other financial transactions, including the repurchase of debt or potential new issuances of debt or equity securities to support our business needs. The amounts involved in these transactions, if any, may be material. In addition, as necessary or desirable, we may adjust or amend the terms of and/or expand the capacity of the Facility, or enter into additional letter of credit facilities, or other similar facility arrangements, in each case with the same or other financial institutions, or allow any such facilities to mature or expire.

### **Supplemental Guarantor Information**

As discussed in Note 8 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K, the Company's obligations to pay principal and interest under certain debt agreements are guaranteed on a joint and several basis by substantially all of the Company's subsidiaries. Some of the immaterial subsidiaries do not guarantee the Senior Notes. The guarantees are full and unconditional.

The following summarized financial information is presented for Beazer Homes USA, Inc. and the guarantor subsidiaries on a combined basis after elimination of intercompany transactions between entities in the combined group and amounts related to investments in any subsidiary that is a nonguarantor.

		30,						
in thousands		2022	2021					
Due from non-guarantor subsidiary	\$	3,145	\$	1,532				
Total assets	\$	2,245,160	\$	2,075,518				
Total liabilities	\$	1,312,185	\$	1,353,734				
		Fiscal Year Ended September 30,						
in thousands	-	2022		2021				
Total revenues	\$	2,312,307	\$	2,137,976				
Gross profit	\$	533,942	\$	402,646				
Income from continuing operations	\$	219,898	\$	120,571				
Net income	\$	219,884	\$	121,372				

# **Credit Ratings**

Our credit ratings are periodically reviewed by rating agencies. In July 2022, S&P reaffirmed the Company's corporate credit rating of B and the Company's positive outlook. In October 2022, Moody's upgraded the ratings for our senior unsecured notes from B3 to B2, reaffirmed the Company's issuer corporate family rating of B2 and returned the Company's outlook from stable to positive. These ratings and our current credit condition affect, among other things, our ability to access new capital. Negative changes to these ratings may result in more stringent covenants and higher interest rates under the terms of any new debt. Our credit ratings could be lowered, or rating agencies could issue adverse commentaries in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and liquidity. In particular, a weakening of our financial condition, including any further increase in our leverage or decrease in our profitability or cash flows, could adversely affect our ability to obtain necessary funds, could result in a credit rating downgrade or change in outlook, or could otherwise increase our cost of borrowing.

# **Stock Repurchases and Dividends Paid**

In May 2022, the Company's Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase program that authorizes the Company to repurchase up to \$50.0 million of its outstanding common stock. This newly authorized program replaced the prior share repurchase program authorized in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 of up to \$50.0 million of common stock repurchases, pursuant to which \$12.0 million of the capacity remained prior to the replacement of the program. As part of this new program, the Company repurchased 570 thousand shares of its common stock for \$8.2 million at an average price per share of \$14.33 during the year ended September 30, 2022 through open market transactions. No share repurchases were made during fiscal year 2021. During the year ended September 30, 2020, the Company repurchased approximately 362 thousand shares of its common stock for \$3.3 million at an average price per share of \$9.20 through open market transactions, including 10b5-1 plans. All shares have been retired upon repurchase. The aggregate reduction to stockholders' equity related to share repurchases during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, the remaining availability of the new share repurchase program was \$41.8 million. The repurchase program has no expiration date.

The indentures under which our Senior Notes were issued contain certain restrictive covenants, including limitations on our payment of dividends. There were no dividends paid during our fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 or 2020.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Aggregate Contractual Commitments**

#### Lot Option Agreements

In addition to purchasing land directly, we control a portion of our land supply through lot option agreements. In recent years, we have focused on increasing our lot option agreement usage to minimize risk as we grow our land position. As of September 30, 2022, we controlled 25,170 lots, which includes 272 lots of land held for future development and 501 lots of land held for sale. Of the 24,397 total active lots, we owned 11,085, or 45.4%, of these lots and the remaining 13,312 of these lots, or 54.6%, were under option agreements, primarily through lot option agreements with land developers and land bankers, which generally require the payment of cash or the posting of a letter of credit or surety bond for the right to acquire lots during a specified period of time at a certain price. In comparison, we controlled 9,992 lots, or 46.6% of our total active lot position, through option agreements as of September 30, 2021. As a result of the flexibility that these options provide us, upon a change in market conditions, we may renegotiate the terms of the options prior to exercise or terminate the agreement. Under option agreements, purchase of the properties is contingent upon satisfaction of certain requirements by us and the sellers, and our liability is generally limited to forfeiture of the non-refundable deposits and other non-refundable amounts incurred, which totaled approximately \$142.4 million as of September 30, 2022. The total remaining purchase price, net of cash deposits, committed under all options was \$827.6 million as of September 30, 2022. Subject to market conditions and our liquidity, we plan to further expand our use of option agreements to supplement our owned inventory supply.

We expect to exercise, subject to market conditions and seller satisfaction of contract terms, most of our option agreements. Various factors, some of which are beyond our control, such as market conditions, weather conditions, and the timing of the completion of development activities, will have a significant impact on the timing of option exercises or whether lot options will be exercised at all.

We have historically funded the exercise of lot options with operating cash flows. We expect these sources to continue to be adequate to fund anticipated future option exercises. Therefore, we do not anticipate that the exercise of our lot options will have a material adverse effect on our liquidity.



# Investments in Unconsolidated Entities

Occasionally, we use legal entities in which we have less than a controlling interest. We enter into the majority of these arrangements with land developers, other homebuilders, and financial partners to acquire attractive land positions, to manage our risk profile, and to leverage our capital base. The underlying land positions are developed into finished lots for sale to the unconsolidated entity's members or other third parties. We account for our interest in unconsolidated entities under the equity method.

Historically, we and our partners have provided varying levels of guarantees of debt or other obligations of our unconsolidated entities. As of September 30, 2022, we had no repayment guarantees outstanding related to the debt of our unconsolidated entities. See Note 2 and Note 4 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K for more information.

### Letters of Credit and Surety Bonds

In connection with the development of our communities, we are frequently required to provide performance, maintenance, and other bonds and letters of credit in support of our related obligations with respect to such developments. The amount of such obligations outstanding at any time varies in accordance with our pending development activities. In the event any such bonds or letters of credit are drawn upon, we would be obligated to reimburse the issuer of such bonds or letters of credit. We had outstanding letters of credit and surety bonds of \$35.2 million and \$279.6 million, respectively, as of September 30, 2022, primarily related to our obligations to local governments to construct roads and other improvements in various developments.

# **Contractual Commitments**

The following table summarizes our aggregate contractual commitments as of September 30, 2022:

	Payments Due by Period									
in thousands		Total	Le	ss than 1 Year		1-3 Years		3-5 Years	M	ore than 5 Years
Senior notes and junior subordinated notes <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	1,019,223	\$	_	\$	211,195	\$	357,255	\$	450,773
Interest commitments under senior notes and junior subordinated notes <sup>(b)</sup>		399,154		65,892		131,784		103,273		98,205
Obligations related to lots under option		827,600		386,844		368,458		61,954		10,344
Operating leases		12,357		3,799		4,987		2,345		1,226
Uncertain tax positions <sup>(c)</sup>		—		—		—		—		
Total	\$	2,258,334	\$	456,535	\$	716,424	\$	524,827	\$	560,548

<sup>(a)</sup> For a listing of our borrowings, refer to Note 8 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K.

<sup>(b)</sup> Interest on variable rate obligations is based on rates effective as of September 30, 2022.

<sup>(c)</sup> Based on its current inventory of uncertain tax positions and tax carryforward attributes, the Company does not expect a cash settlement of unrecognized tax benefits related to uncertain tax positions in future years. See Note 13 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K for additional information regarding the Company's unrecognized tax benefits related to uncertain tax positions as of September 30, 2022.

We had outstanding letters of credit and surety bonds of \$35.2 million and \$279.6 million, respectively, as of September 30, 2022, primarily related to our obligations to local governments to construct roads and other improvements in various developments.

# **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Our critical accounting policies require the use of judgment in their application and in certain cases require estimates of inherently uncertain matters. Although our accounting policies are in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), a change in the facts and circumstances of the underlying transactions could significantly change the application of the accounting policies and the resulting financial statement impact. Listed below are those policies that we believe are critical and require the use of complex judgment in their application.



# **Inventory Valuation - Projects in Progress**

Projects in progress inventory includes homes under construction and land under development grouped together as communities. Generally, upon the commencement of land development activities, it may take three to five years (depending on, among other things, the size of the community and its sales pace) to fully develop, sell, construct and close all the homes in a typical community. Projects in progress are stated at cost unless facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable.

We assess our projects in progress inventory for indicators of impairment at the community level on a quarterly basis. We evaluate, among other things, the average sales price and margins on recent home closings, homes in backlog and expected future home sales for each community. If indicators of impairment are present for a community with more than ten homes remaining to close, we perform a recoverability test by comparing the expected undiscounted cash flows for the community to its carrying value. For those communities whose carrying values exceed the aggregate undiscounted cash flows, we perform a discounted cash flow analysis to determine the fair value of the community, and impairment charges are recorded if the fair value of the community's inventory is less than its carrying value.

There is uncertainty associated with preparing the undiscounted cash flow analyses because future market conditions will almost certainly be different, either better or worse, than current conditions. Significant valuation assumptions include expected pace of closings, average sales price, expected costs for land development, direct construction, overhead, and interest. The risk of over or under-stating any of the important cash flow variables is greater with longer-lived communities and within markets that have historically experienced greater home price volatility. To address these risks, we consider home price and construction cost appreciation in future years for certain communities that are expected to be selling for more than a year and/or if the market has typically exhibited high levels of price volatility. Absent these assumptions on cost and sales price appreciation, we believe the long-term cash flow analysis would be unrealistic. Finally, we also ensure that the pace of sales and closings used in our undiscounted cash flow analyses are reasonable by considering seasonal variations in sales and closings, our development schedules and what we have achieved historically, and by comparing to those achieved by our competitors for comparable communities.

The fair value of the community is estimated based on the present value of the estimated future cash flows using discount rates commensurate with the risk associated with the underlying community. The discount rate used may be different for each community. The factors considered when determining an appropriate discount rate for a community include, among others: (1) community specific factors such as product types, development stage and expected duration of the project, and the competitive factors influencing the sales performance of the community and (2) local market factors such as employment levels, consumer confidence and the existing supply of new and used homes for sale. The assumptions used in the determination of fair value of projects in progress communities are based on factors known to us at the time such estimates are made and our expectations of future operations and market conditions. Due to uncertainties in the estimation process, the significant volatility in market conditions, the long life cycles of many communities, and potential changes in our strategy related to certain communities, actual results could differ significantly from our estimates.

# Warranty Reserves

The adequacy of our warranty reserves is based on historical experience and management's estimate of the costs to remediate any claims. Our review includes a quarterly analysis of the historical data and trends in warranty expense by division. An analysis by division allows us to consider market specific factors such as our warranty experience, the number of home closings, the prices of homes, product mix, and other data in estimating our warranty reserves. In addition, our analysis also factors in the existence of any non-recurring or community-specific warranty matters that might not be contemplated in our historical data and trends that may need to be separately estimated based on management's judgment of the ultimate cost of repair for that specific issue.

At September 30, 2022, our warranty reserve was \$13.9 million, reflecting an accrual range of 0.3% to 1.0% of total revenue recognized for each home closed depending on our loss history in the division in which the home was built. A ten basis point increase in our warranty reserve rate would have increased our accrual and corresponding cost of sales by \$2.5 million as of September 30, 2022.

There were no material changes in assumptions in calculating our reserve balance for the year ended September 30, 2022.

Our estimation process is discussed in Note 9 of notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K. While we believe that our current warranty reserves are adequate, there can be no assurances that historical data and trends will accurately predict our actual warranty costs or that future developments might not lead to a significant change in the reserve.

#### **Income Taxes - Valuation Allowance**

The carrying amounts of deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance if an assessment of their components indicates that it is more likely than not that all or some portion of these assets will not be realized. Judgment is required in estimating valuation allowances for deferred tax assets. The realization of a deferred tax asset ultimately depends on the existence of sufficient taxable income in either the carryback or carryforward periods under tax law. We assess the need for valuation allowances for deferred tax assets based on more-likely-than-not realization threshold criteria. In our assessment, appropriate consideration is given to all positive and negative evidence related to the realization of the deferred tax assets. This assessment considers, among other matters, (1) the nature, frequency and severity of any current and cumulative losses; (2) forecasts of future profitability; (3) the duration of statutory carryforward periods; (4) our experience with operating loss and tax credit carryforwards not expiring unused; (5) the Section 382 limitation on our ability to carryforward pre-ownership change net operating losses; (6) recognized built-in losses or deductions; and (7) tax planning alternatives.

Our assessment of the need for the valuation of deferred tax assets includes assessing the likely future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in our financial statements or tax returns. We base our estimate of deferred tax assets and liabilities on current tax laws and rates and, in certain cases, business plans and other expectations about future outcomes. Changes in existing tax laws or rates could affect actual tax results and future business results may affect the amount of deferred tax liabilities or the valuation of deferred tax assets over time. Our analysis includes several scenarios with both increases and decreases in our estimates of operating income across future periods. Routine or cyclical reductions in our pre-tax earnings would not have changed our assessment of our ability to utilize various tax carryforwards. In addition to various company-specific factors, we consider several positive and negative external factors that may impact our estimates. These factors may include broad economic considerations such as mortgage interest rates, the relative health of the U.S. economy and employment levels, as well as industry or market specific factors such as housing supply and demand outlook.

In fiscal 2022, our conclusions about our ability to more likely than not realize all of our federal and certain state tax attributes remain consistent with our prior determinations. We considered positive factors including significant increases in our current earnings, interest savings from our debt reduction strategies, shortage in housing supply, and our backlog. The negative factors included the overall health of the broader economy, significant increases in mortgage interest rates, and weakened housing demand.

Our accounting for deferred tax consequences represents our best estimate of future events. It is possible there will be changes that are not anticipated in our current estimates. If those changes resulted in significant and sustained reduction in our pre-tax earnings or our utilization of existing tax carryforwards, it is likely such changes would have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations. The nature and amounts of the various tax attributes comprising our deferred tax assets are discussed in Note 13 of notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-K.

### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to a number of market risks in the ordinary course of business. Our primary market risk exposure relates to fluctuations in interest rates. We do not believe that our exposure in this area is material to our cash flows or results of operations. As of September 30, 2022, we had variable-rate debt outstanding, totaling approximately \$72.3 million. A one percent increase in the interest rate for these notes would result in an increase of our interest expense by approximately \$1.0 million over the next twelve-month period. The estimated fair value of our fixed rate debt as of September 30, 2022 was \$753.3 million, compared to a carrying value of \$911.2 million. The effect of a hypothetical one-percentage point decrease in our estimated discount rates would increase the estimated fair value of the fixed rate debt instruments from \$753.3 million to \$784.2 million as of September 30, 2022.

# **BEAZER HOMES USA, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

in thousands (except share and per share data)		September 30, 2022	September 30, 2021
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	214,594	\$ 246,715
Restricted cash		37,234	27,428
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$284 and \$290, respectively)		35,890	25,685
Income tax receivable		9,606	9,929
Owned inventory		1,737,865	1,501,602
Investments in unconsolidated entities		964	4,464
Deferred tax assets, net		156,358	204,766
Property and equipment, net		24,566	22,885
Operating lease right-of-use assets		9,795	12,344
Goodwill		11,376	11,376
Other assets		13,715	11,616
Total assets	\$	2,251,963	\$ 2,078,810
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			 
Trade accounts payable	\$	143,641	\$ 133,391
Operating lease liabilities		11,208	14,154
Other liabilities		174,388	152,351
Total debt (net of debt issuance costs of \$7,280 and \$8,983, respectively)		983,440	1,054,030
Total liabilities		1,312,677	 1,353,926
Stockholders' equity:			
Preferred stock (par value \$0.01 per share, 5,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued)			
Common stock (par value \$0.001 per share, 63,000,000 shares authorized, 30,880,138 issued and outstanding and 31,294,198 issued and outstanding, respectively)		31	31
Paid-in capital		859,856	866,158
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)		79,399	(141,305)
Total stockholders' equity	_	939,286	724,884
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	2,251,963	\$ 2,078,810

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# BEAZER HOMES USA, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,								
	2022		2021		2020			
\$	2,316,988	\$	2,140,303	\$	2,127,077			
	1,776,518		1,735,195		1,776,534			
	2,963		853		2,903			
	537,507		404,255		347,640			
	74,336		80,125		82,507			
	177,320		163,285		170,386			
	13,360		13,976		15,640			
	272,491		146,869	-	79,107			
	521		594		347			
	309		(2,025)					
	668		(1,712)		(8,165)			
	273,989		143,726		71,289			
	53,271		21,546		17,973			
	220,718		122,180		53,316			
	(14)		(159)		(1,090)			
\$	220,704	\$	122,021	\$	52,226			
	30,432		29,954		29,704			
	30,796		30,437		29,948			
\$	7.25	\$	4.08	\$	1.80			
			(0.01)		(0.04)			
\$	7.25	\$	4.07	\$	1.76			
\$	7.17	\$	4.01	\$	1.78			
					(0.04)			
\$	7.17	\$	4.01	\$	1.74			
	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	2022           \$         2,316,988           1,776,518         2,963           237,507         74,336           177,320         13,360           272,491         521           309         668           273,989         53,271           220,718         (14)           \$         220,704           \$         7,25          \$         7,25          \$         7,25          \$         7,17	2022           \$         2,316,988         \$           1,776,518         -           2,963         -           537,507         -           74,336         -           177,320         -           13,360         -           272,491         -           521         -           309         -           668         -           273,989         -           53,271         -           220,718         -           (14)         -           \$         220,704           \$         30,432           30,796         -           \$         7,25           \$         7,25           \$         7,25           \$         7,25	2022         2021           \$         2,316,988         \$         2,140,303           1,776,518         1,735,195         353           2,963         853         853           537,507         404,255         74,336         80,125           74,336         30,125         163,285         13,360         13,976           177,320         163,285         13,360         13,976           272,491         146,869         53,271         594           309         (2,025)         6668         (1,712)           273,989         143,726         53,271         21,546           220,718         122,180         (14)         (159)           \$         220,704         \$         122,021           \$         220,704         \$         122,021           \$         7.25         \$         4.08           -         -         (0.01)         \$           \$         7.25         \$         4.07           \$         7.25         \$         4.01           -         -         -         -	2022         2021           \$         2,316,988         \$         2,140,303         \$           1,776,518         1,735,195         \$         2,963         853         \$           2,963         853         \$         \$         2,963         853         \$           337,507         404,255         \$         74,336         80,125         \$         \$           177,320         163,285         \$         \$         \$         \$         \$           177,320         163,285         \$         \$         \$         \$         \$           272,491         146,869         \$         \$         \$         \$         \$         \$           309         (2,025)         \$			

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# BEAZER HOMES USA, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Common Stock					(	(Accumulated		
in thousands	Shares		Amount	Pa	ud-in Capital		eficit) Retained Earnings		Total
Balance as of September 30, 2019	30,933	\$	31	\$	854,275	\$	(315,552)	\$	538,754
Net income and comprehensive income			—				52,226		52,226
Stock-based compensation expense			—		10,036				10,036
Stock option exercises	52		—		226				226
Shares issued under employee stock plans, net	588		—						—
Forfeiture and other settlements of restricted stock	(26)		—		(2,058)		—		(2,058)
Common stock redeemed for tax liability	(173)		—		(2,686)		—		(2,686)
Share repurchases	(362)		—		(3,327)		—		(3,327)
Balance as of September 30, 2020	31,012	\$	31	\$	856,466	\$	(263,326)	\$	593,171
Net income and comprehensive income	_		_		_		122,021		122,021
Stock-based compensation expense			_		12,167				12,167
Stock option exercises	198		_		569				569
Shares issued under employee stock plans, net	417		_						
Forfeiture and other settlements of restricted stock	(29)		—				—		—
Common stock redeemed for tax liability	(304)				(3,044)				(3,044)
Balance as of September 30, 2021	31,294	\$	31	\$	866,158	\$	(141,305)	\$	724,884
Net income and comprehensive income	_		_		_		220,704		220,704
Stock-based compensation expense			_		8,478				8,478
Stock option exercises	1		_		5		_		5
Shares issued under employee stock plans, net	518		_		_		_		
Forfeiture and other settlements of restricted stock	(55)		_				_		
Common stock redeemed for tax liability	(308)		_		(6,631)		_		(6,631)
Share repurchases	(570)		_		(8,154)				(8,154)
Balance as of September 30, 2022	30,880	\$	31	\$	859,856	\$	79,399	\$	939,286

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# BEAZER HOMES USA, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,							
in thousands		2022		2021		2020		
Cash flows from operating activities:								
Net income	\$	220,704	\$	122,021	\$	52,226		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:								
Depreciation and amortization		13,360		13,976		15,640		
Stock-based compensation expense		8,478		12,167		10,036		
Inventory impairments and abandonments		2,963		853		2,903		
Deferred and other income tax expense		53,267		21,501		17,664		
Gain on sale of fixed assets		(332)		(392)		(335)		
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts		(6)		(68)		54		
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities		(521)		(594)		(347)		
Cash distributions of income from unconsolidated entities		380		132		306		
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt, net		(309)		2,025		—		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:								
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(10,199)		(5,800)		6,524		
Decrease in income tax receivable		_		460		315		
(Increase) decrease in inventory		(231,445)		(147,511)		154,865		
(Increase) decrease in other assets		(2,620)		(1,922)		3		
Increase in trade accounts payable		10,250		1,199		1,040		
Increase in other liabilities		17,104		13,609		28,201		
Net cash provided by operating activities		81,074		31,656		289,095		
Cash flows from investing activities:								
Capital expenditures		(15,048)		(14,645)		(10,642)		
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		339		456		478		
Net cash used in investing activities		(14,709)		(14,189)		(10,164)		
Cash flows from financing activities:								
Repayment of debt		(73,900)		(82,476)		(51,150)		
Repayment of borrowings from credit facility		(195,000)				(390,000)		
Borrowings from credit facility		195,000				390,000		
Debt issuance costs		_		(901)		(202)		
Repurchase of common stock		(8,154)		—		(3,327)		
Tax payments for stock-based compensation awards		(6,631)		(3,044)		(2,686)		
Stock option exercises and other financing activities		5		569		(1,832)		
Net cash used in financing activities		(88,680)		(85,852)		(59,197)		
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		(22,315)		(68,385)		219,734		
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period		274,143		342,528		122,794		
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$	251,828	\$	274,143	\$	342,528		

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

### BEAZER HOMES USA, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### (1) Description of Business

Beazer Homes USA, Inc. ("we," "us," "our," "Beazer," "Beazer Homes" and the "Company") is a geographically diversified homebuilder with active operations in 13 states within three geographic regions in the United States: the West, East, and Southeast.

Our homes are designed to appeal to homeowners at different price points across various demographic segments, and are generally offered for sale in advance of their construction. Our objective is to provide our customers with homes that incorporate extraordinary value at an affordable price, delivered through our three strategic pillars discussed previously, while seeking to maximize our return on invested capital over the course of a housing cycle.

# (2) Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### **Basis of Consolidation**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and present the consolidated financial position, income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. Our net income is equivalent to our comprehensive income, so we have not presented a separate statement of comprehensive income.

In the past, we have discontinued homebuilding operations in various markets. Results from certain of these exited markets are reported as discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented (see Note 19 for a further discussion of our discontinued operations).

Our fiscal year 2022 began on October 1, 2021 and ended on September 30, 2022. Our fiscal year 2021 began on October 1, 2020 and ended on September 30, 2021. Our fiscal year 2020 began on October 1, 2019 and ended on September 30, 2020.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make informed estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

We consider highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when acquired to be cash equivalents. As of September 30, 2022, the majority of our cash and cash equivalents were on demand deposits with major banks. These assets were valued at par and had no withdrawal restrictions. Restricted cash includes cash restricted by state law or a contractual requirement, including cash collateral for our outstanding cash-secured letters of credit (refer to Note 8).

#### Accounts Receivable and Allowance

Accounts receivable include escrow deposits to be received from title companies associated with closed homes, receivables from municipalities related to the development of utilities or other infrastructure, land banker reimbursements to be received related to land development costs, rebates to be received from our suppliers and other miscellaneous receivables. Generally, we receive cash from title companies within a few days of the home being closed. We regularly review our receivable balances for collectability and record an allowance for expected credit losses.

# **Owned Inventory**

Owned inventory includes land acquisition costs, land development costs, home construction costs, capitalized interest, real estate taxes, direct overhead costs and capitalized indirect costs incurred during land development and home construction, and common costs that benefit the entire community, less impairments, if any. Land acquisition, land development and other common costs (both incurred and estimated to be incurred) are allocated to individual lots on a pro-rata basis, and the cost of individual lots is transferred to homes under construction when home construction begins. Changes in estimated land and other common costs to be incurred in a community are generally allocated to the remaining lots on a prospective basis. Home construction costs are accumulated on a per-home basis. Cost of home closings includes the specific construction costs of the home and the allocated lot costs. Refer to Note 5 for a further discussion and detail of our inventory balance.

# **Inventory Valuation - Projects in Progress**

Projects in progress inventory includes homes under construction and land under development grouped together as communities. Generally, upon the commencement of land development activities, it may take three to five years (depending on, among other things, the size of the community and its sales pace) to fully develop, sell, construct and close all the homes in a typical community. Projects in progress are stated at cost unless facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable.

We assess our projects in progress inventory for indicators of impairment at the community level on a quarterly basis. We evaluate, among other things, the average sales price and margins on recent home closings, homes in backlog and expected future home sales for each community. If indicators of impairment are present for a community with more than ten homes remaining to close, we perform a recoverability test by comparing the expected undiscounted cash flows for the community to its carrying value. This undiscounted cash flow analysis requires important assumptions including, among other things, the current and future home sale prices, margins and the pace of closings to occur in the future. For those communities whose carrying values exceed the aggregate undiscounted cash flows, we perform a discounted cash flow analysis to determine the fair value of the community, and impairment charges are recorded if the fair value of the community's inventory is less than its carrying value.

The assumptions used in the determination of fair value of projects in progress communities are based on factors known to us at the time such estimates are made and our expectations of future operations and market conditions. The fair value of the community is estimated using the present value of the estimated future cash flows using discount rates commensurate with the risk associated with the underlying community. Should the estimates or expectations used in determining estimated fair values deteriorate in the future, we may be required to recognize additional impairment charges and write-offs related to these assets, and such amounts could be material.

#### Inventory Valuation - Land Held for Future Development

Land held for future development consists of communities for which construction and development activities are expected to occur in the future or have been idled. All applicable carrying costs, such as interest and real estate taxes, are expensed as incurred. Land held for future development is stated at cost unless facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable, such as the future enactment of a development plan or the occurrence of outside events. We evaluate the potential plans for each community in land held for future development if changes in facts and circumstances occur that would give rise to a more detailed analysis for a change in the status of a community.

#### Inventory Valuation - Land Held for Sale

Land held for sale includes land and lots that do not fit within our homebuilding programs and strategic plans in certain markets. We record land held for sale at the lower of the asset's carrying value or fair value less costs to sell (net realizable value). Land is classified as held for sale when the following criteria are met:

- management has the authority and commits to a plan to sell the land;
- the land is available for immediate sale in its present condition, subject only to terms that are usual and customary for sales of land assets;
- there is an active program to locate a buyer and the plan to sell the property has been initiated;
- the sale of the land is probable within one year;
- the property is being actively marketed at a reasonable sale price relative to its current fair value; and
- it is unlikely that the plan to sell will be withdrawn or that significant changes to the plan will be made.

We evaluate the net realizable value of a land held for sale asset when indicators of impairment are present. In determining the fair value of the assets less cost to sell, we consider factors including current sales prices for comparable assets in the area, recent market analysis studies, appraisals, any recent legitimate offers and listing prices of similar properties. If the current carrying value of the asset exceeds the estimated fair value less cost to sell, the asset is impaired and written down to its estimated fair value less cost to sell.

Due to uncertainties in the estimation process, it is reasonably possible that actual results could differ from the estimates used in our analysis. Our assumptions about land sales prices require significant judgment because the market is highly sensitive to changes in economic conditions. We calculate the estimated fair values of land held for sale based on current market conditions and assumptions made by management, which may differ materially from actual results and may result in additional impairments if market conditions deteriorate.

# Lot Option Agreements and Variable Interest Entities (VIE)

In addition to purchasing land directly, we utilize lot option agreements that enable us to defer acquiring portions of properties owned by third parties and unconsolidated entities until we have determined whether to exercise our lot option. The majority of our lot option agreements require a non-refundable cash deposit, irrevocable letter of credit or surety bond based on a percentage of the purchase price of the land for the right to acquire lots during a specified period at a specified price. Purchase of the properties under these agreements is contingent upon satisfaction of certain requirements by us and the sellers. Under lot option agreements, our liability is generally limited to forfeiture of the non-refundable deposits, letters of credit or surety bonds, and other non-refundable amounts incurred. If the Company cancels a lot option agreement, it would result in a write-off of the related deposits and pre-acquisition costs, but would not expose the Company to the overall risks or losses of the applicable entity we are purchasing from. We expect to exercise, subject to market conditions and seller satisfaction of contract terms, most of our remaining option agreements. Various factors, some of which are beyond our control, such as market conditions, weather conditions, and the timing of the completion of development activities, will have a significant impact on the timing of option exercises or whether lot options will be exercised at all.

The following table provides a summary of our interests in lot option agreements as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

in thousands As of September 30, 2022	_	Deposits & Non-refundable Pre-acquisition Costs Incurred <sup>(a)</sup>	Remaining Obligation, Net of Cash Deposits	
Unconsolidated lot option agreements	\$	142,433	\$	827,600
As of September 30, 2021				
Unconsolidated lot option agreements	\$	114,688	\$	676,149

<sup>(a)</sup> Amount is included as a component of land under development within our owned inventory in the consolidated balance sheet.

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 810, *Consolidation* (ASC 810), if the entity holding the land under option is a variable VIE, the Company's deposit represents a variable interest in that entity. ASC 810 requires a company consolidate a VIE if the company is determined to be the primary beneficiary. To determine whether we are the primary beneficiary of the VIE, we first evaluate whether we have the ability to control the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact its economic performance. Such activities include, but are not limited to, (1) the ability to determine the budget and scope of land development work, if any; (2) the ability to control financing decisions for the VIE; (3) the ability to acquire additional land into the VIE or dispose of land in the VIE not under contract with Beazer; and (4) the ability to change or amend the existing option agreement with the VIE. If we are not determined to control such activities, we are not considered the primary beneficiary of the VIE and thus do not consolidate the VIE. If we do have the ability to control such activities, we will continue our analysis by determining if we are expected to absorb a potentially significant amount of the VIE's losses or, if no party absorbs the majority of such losses, if we will benefit from potentially a significant amount of the VIE's expected gains.

If we are the primary beneficiary of the VIE, we will consolidate the VIE even though creditors of the VIE have no recourse against the Company. For those we consolidate, we record the remaining contractual purchase price under the applicable lot option agreement, net of option deposits already paid, to consolidated inventory not owned with an offsetting increase to obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned on our consolidated balance sheets. Also, to reflect the total purchase price of this inventory on a consolidated basis, we present the related option deposits as consolidated inventory not owned. No VIEs required consolidation as of September 2022 and 2021 because we have determined that we were not the primary beneficiary of any VIEs.



### Investments in Unconsolidated Entities

We participate in a number of joint ventures and other investments in which we have less than a controlling interest. We enter into the majority of these investments with land developers, other homebuilders and financial partners to acquire attractive land positions, to manage our risk profile and to leverage our capital base. The land positions are developed into finished lots for sale to the unconsolidated entity's members or other third parties. We recognize our share of equity in income (loss) and profits (losses) from the sale of lots to other buyers. Our share of profits from lots we purchase from the unconsolidated entities is deferred and treated as a reduction of the cost of the land purchased from the unconsolidated entities for impairment during each reporting period. A series of operating losses of an investee or other factors may indicate that a decrease in the value of our investment in the unconsolidated entity has occurred that is other-than-temporary. The amount of impairment recognized is the excess of the investment's carrying value over its estimated fair value, which is determined primarily using a discounted cash flow model. Our unconsolidated entities typically obtain secured acquisition, development and construction financing. We account for our interest in unconsolidated entities under the equity method. For additional discussion of these entities, refer to Note 4.

# Property and Equipment, Net

Our property and equipment is recorded at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis based on estimated useful lives as follows:

Asset Class	<u>Useful Lives</u>
Buildings and improvements	25 - 30 years
Information systems	Lesser of estimated useful life of the asset or 5 years
Furniture, fixtures and computer and office equipment	3 - 7 years
Model and sales office improvements	Lesser of estimated useful life of the asset or estimated life of the community
Leasehold improvements	Lesser of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset

### Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the identifiable net assets from the businesses that we acquire. The Company's entire goodwill balance is recorded in our Southeast reportable segment. The Company evaluates goodwill for impairment at the reporting unit level annually during the fourth quarter or more often if indicators of impairment exist.

The Company has the option to perform a qualitative or quantitative assessment to determine whether the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value. Qualitative factors may include, but are not limited to, economic conditions, industry and market considerations, cost factors, overall financial performance of the reporting unit and other entity and reporting unit specific events. If after assessing these qualitative factors, the Company determines it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than the carrying value, then a quantitative assessment is performed.

The fair value of the reporting unit is estimated using a combination of the income approach, utilizing the discounted cash flow method, and the market approach, utilizing readily available market valuation multiples. If the estimated fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying value, an impairment will be recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value. Determining the fair value of a reporting unit under the quantitative goodwill impairment assessment requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions regarding future operating results, cash flows (including timing), discount rates, expected growth rates, capital expenditures and cost of capital, similar to those a market participant would use to assess fair value. We also make certain assumptions about future economic conditions and other data. Many of the factors used in assessing fair value are outside the control of management, and these assumptions and estimates may change in future periods.

During the fourth quarter of 2022, the Company performed its annual goodwill impairment analysis and concluded our goodwill was not impaired.

# **Other Assets**

Our other assets principally include prepaid expenses, unamortized debt issuance costs on our Secured Revolving Credit Facility, and assets related to our deferred compensation plan (refer to Note 15 for a discussion of our deferred compensation plan).

# Other Liabilities

Our other liabilities principally include accrued compensations and benefits, accrued interest on our outstanding borrowings, customer deposits, accrued warranty expense, litigation accruals, income tax liabilities and other accruals related to our operations. Refer to Note 12 for a detail of our other liabilities.

### **Income Taxes**

Our provision for income taxes is comprised of taxes that are currently payable and deferred taxes that relate to temporary differences between financial reporting carrying values and tax bases of assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities result from deductible or taxable amounts in future years when such assets and liabilities are recovered or settled, and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that are expected to be in effect when the assets and liabilities are recovered or settled. We include any estimated interest and penalties on tax related matters in income taxes payable. We recognize the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax basenetits in income tax expense within our consolidated statements of operations. Changes in recognition of measurement are recorded in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. Refer to Note 13 for a detailed discussion of our tax provision, deferred tax assets and valuation allowance.

Our income tax receivable includes the refundable portion of our alternative minimum tax credit. The alternative minimum tax credit became a refundable credit when the alternative minimum tax was eliminated with the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on December 22, 2017. During fiscal 2019, we recorded our initial refund claim of \$4.6 million, or half of our outstanding \$9.2 million credit. During fiscal 2020, the enactment of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act on March 27, 2020 enabled us to claim the entire \$9.2 million alternative minimum tax credit with the filing of our fiscal 2019 return. As a result, we reduced our deferred tax asset by the remaining \$4.6 million of alternative minimum tax credits and increased our tax receivable for the refund we expect to receive.

### **Revenue Recognition**

We recognize revenue upon the transfer of promised goods to our customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which we expect to be entitled by applying the process specified in ASC Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*.

The following table presents our total revenue disaggregated by revenue stream:

	Fiscal Year Ended						
	September 30,						
in thousands	20	022		2021	2020		
Homebuilding revenue	\$	2,302,520	\$	2,127,700	\$	2,116,910	
Land sales and other revenue		14,468		12,603		10,167	
Total revenue <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	2,316,988	\$	2,140,303	\$	2,127,077	

<sup>(a)</sup> Please see Note 18 for total revenue disaggregated by reportable segment.

### Homebuilding revenue

Homebuilding revenue is reported net of any discounts and incentives and is generally recognized when title to and possession of the home is transferred to the buyer at the closing date. The performance obligation to deliver the home is generally satisfied in less than one year from the original contract date. Home sale contract assets consist of cash from home closings held by title companies in escrow for our benefit, typically for less than five days, and are considered accounts receivable. Contract liabilities include customer deposits related to sold but undelivered homes and totaled \$34.3 million and \$28.5 million as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Of the customer liabilities outstanding as of September 30, 2021, \$26.3 million was recognized in revenue during the year ended September 30, 2022, upon closing of the related homes, and \$1.2 million was refunded to or forfeited by the buyer.

#### Land sales and other revenue

Land sales revenue relates to land that does not fit within our homebuilding programs and strategic plans. Land sales typically require cash consideration on the closing date, which is generally when performance obligations are satisfied. We also provide title examinations for our homebuyers in certain markets. Revenues associated with our title operations are recognized when closing services are rendered and title insurance policies are issued, both of which generally occur as each home is closed.

# Home Construction Expenses

Home construction expenses includes the specific construction costs of the home and the allocated lot costs (land acquisition, land development and other common costs are allocated to individual lots on a pro-rata basis based on the number of lots remaining to close). All home closing costs are charged to home construction expenses in the period when the revenues from home closing are recognized.

Sales discounts and incentives include discounts on home prices, discounts on home building options and option upgrades, and seller-paid financing or closing costs. Home price discounts and option discounts are accounted for as a reduction in the sale price of the home, thereby decreasing the amount of revenue we recognize on that closing. All other sales incentives are recognized as a cost of selling the home and are included in home construction expenses.

Estimated future warranty costs are charged to home construction expense in the period when the revenues from home closings are recognized. Such estimated warranty costs generally range from 0.3% to 1.0% of total revenue recognized for each home closed. Additional warranty costs are charged to home construction expenses as necessary based on management's estimate of the costs to remediate existing claims. See Note 9 for a more detailed discussion of warranty costs and related reserves.

#### Advertising Costs

Advertising costs related to continuing operations of \$14.4 million, \$14.0 million and \$15.9 million for our fiscal years 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, were expensed as incurred and were included in general and administrative (G&A) expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

# Fair Value Measurements

Certain of our assets are required to be recorded at fair value on a recurring basis, for example, the fair value of our deferred compensation plan assets are based on market-corroborated inputs (level 2). Certain of our assets are required to be recorded at fair value on a non-recurring basis when events and circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recovered (level 3). For example, we review our long-lived assets, including inventory, for recoverability when factors indicate an impairment may exist, but no less than quarterly. Fair value is based on estimated cash flows discounted for market risks associated with the long-lived assets. The fair value of certain of our financial instruments approximates their carrying amounts due to the short maturity of these assets and liabilities or the variable interest rates on such obligations. The fair value of our publicly-held debt is generally estimated based on quoted bid prices for these instruments (level 2). Certain of our other financial liabilities are estimated by discounting scheduled cash flows through maturity or using market rates currently being offered on loans with similar terms and credit quality. See Note 10 for additional discussion of our fair value measurements.

# Stock-Based Compensation

We use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to value our stock option grants. Restricted stock awards with market conditions are valued using the Monte Carlo valuation method. Other restricted stock awards without market conditions are valued based on the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant. In addition, we reflect the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation cost as an operating cash outflow. Compensation cost arising from all stock-based compensation awards is recognized as expense using the straight-line method over the vesting period and is included in G&A in our consolidated statements of operations. See Note 16 for additional discussion of our stock-based compensation.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

*Reference Rate Reform.* In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-04, *Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting* (ASU 2020-04). ASU 2020-04 provides companies with optional guidance to ease the potential accounting burden associated with transitioning away from reference rates that are expected to be discontinued. This guidance is effective beginning on March 12, 2020, and all entities may elect to apply the amendments prospectively through December 31, 2022. The Company is currently evaluating the impact but do not expect that the adoption of ASU 2020-04 will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

# (3) Supplemental Cash Flow Information

The following table presents supplemental disclosure of non-cash and cash activity as well as a reconciliation of total cash balances between the consolidated balance sheets and consolidated statements of cash flows for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,						
in thousands		2022		2021		2020	
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash activity:							
Beginning operating lease right-of-use assets (ASC 842 adoption) <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	_	\$	_	\$	13,895	
Beginning operating lease liabilities (ASC 842 adoption) <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	_	\$		\$	16,028	
Increase in operating lease right-of-use assets <sup>(b)</sup>	\$	835	\$	2,905	\$	3,104	
Increase in operating lease liabilities <sup>(b)</sup>	\$	835	\$	2,905	\$	3,104	
Derecognition of investment in unconsolidated entities <sup>(c)</sup>	\$	3,641	\$	_	\$	_	
Supplemental disclosure of cash activity:							
Interest payments	\$	70,132	\$	74,171	\$	71,888	
Income tax payments	\$	4,216	\$	3,462	\$	546	
Tax refunds received	\$	_	\$	1,078	\$	315	
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	214,594	\$	246,715	\$	327,693	
Restricted cash		37,234		27,428		14,835	
Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash shown in the statement of cash flows	\$	251,828	\$	274,143	\$	342,528	

<sup>(a)</sup> On October 1, 2019, we adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, *Leases* (ASU 2016-02) and related amendments, collectively codified in ASC Topic 842, *Leases* (ASC 842). Upon adoption of ASC 842, we recorded net operating lease right-of-use (ROU) assets of \$13.9 million and operating lease liabilities of \$16.0 million. Existing prepaid rent and accrued rent were recorded as an offset to the gross operating lease ROU assets.

<sup>(b)</sup> Represents leases renewed or additional leases commenced during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020.

<sup>(c)</sup> Represents the derecognition of investment in unconsolidated entities associated with the carrying value of previously held interest in Imagine Homes upon the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Imagine Homes during the quarter ended June 30, 2022. Refer to Note 4 for further discussion.

# (4) Investments in Unconsolidated Entities

### **Unconsolidated Entities**

As of September 30, 2022, the Company participated in certain joint ventures and had investments in unconsolidated entities in which it had less than a controlling interest. The following table presents the Company's investment in these unconsolidated entities as well as the total equity and outstanding borrowings of these unconsolidated entities as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

in thousands	Septem	ber 30, 2022	September 30, 2021
Investment in unconsolidated entities	\$	964	\$ 4,464
Total equity of unconsolidated entities	\$	1,564	\$ 7,316
Total outstanding borrowings of unconsolidated entities	\$	—	\$ 12,708

On May 20, 2022, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Imagine Homes, a private San Antonio-based homebuilder. For the past 16 years, Beazer has held a one-third ownership stake in Imagine Homes, recorded as an investment in unconsolidated entities on the consolidated balance sheet. The transaction was deemed an asset acquisition under the guidance of ASC Topic 805-50, *Business Combinations - Related Issues*. The Company accounted for the asset acquisition following the cost accumulation model, whereby the sum of the carrying value of the previously held interest, additional consideration paid and transaction costs were allocated to the acquired assets on a relative fair value basis. The reduction in balances of the Company's investment in unconsolidated entities, total equity and outstanding borrowings of unconsolidated entities reflects the Imagine Homes transaction.

Equity in income from unconsolidated entity activities included in income from continuing operations is as follows for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,						
in thousands	2022		2	021		2020	
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities	\$	521	\$	594	\$	347	

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020, there were no impairments related to investments in unconsolidated entities.

# Guarantees

Historically, the Company's joint ventures typically obtained secured acquisition, development, and construction financing. In addition, the Company and its joint venture partners provided varying levels of guarantees of debt and other debt-related obligations for these unconsolidated entities. However, as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, the Company had no outstanding guarantees or other debt-related obligations related to our investments in unconsolidated entities.

The Company and its joint venture partners generally provide unsecured environmental indemnities to land development joint venture project lenders. These indemnities obligate the Company to reimburse the project lenders for claims related to environmental matters for which they are held responsible. During our fiscal years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, the Company was not required to make any payments related to environmental indemnities.

In assessing the need to record a liability for these guarantees, the Company considers its historical experience in being required to perform under the guarantees, the fair value of the collateral underlying these guarantees, and the financial condition of the applicable unconsolidated entities. In addition, the fair value of the collateral of unconsolidated entities is monitored to ensure that the related borrowings do not exceed the specified percentage of the value of the property securing the borrowings. As of September 30, 2022, no liability was recorded for the contingent aspects of any guarantees that were determined to be reasonably possible but not probable.

### (5) Owned Inventory

The components of our owned inventory are as follows as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

in thousands	S	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2021	
Homes under construction	\$	785,742	\$ 648,283	
Land under development		731,190	648,404	
Land held for future development		19,879	19,879	
Land held for sale		15,674	9,179	
Capitalized interest		109,088	106,985	
Model homes		76,292	68,872	
Total owned inventory	\$	1,737,865	\$ 1,501,602	

Homes under construction include homes substantially finished and ready for delivery and homes in various stages of construction, including costs of the underlying lot, direct construction costs and capitalized indirect costs. As of September 30, 2022, we had 2,688 homes under construction, including 887 spec homes totaling \$246.5 million (793 in-process spec homes totaling \$208.7 million, and 94 finished spec homes totaling \$37.8 million). As of September 30, 2021, we had 2,912 homes under construction, including 576 spec homes totaling \$116.4 million 542 in-process spec homes totaling \$105.2 million, and 34 finished spec homes totaling \$11.2 million).

Land under development consists principally of land acquisition, land development and other common costs. These land related costs are allocated to individual lots on a pro-rata basis, and the lot costs are transferred to homes under construction when home construction begins for the respective lots. Certain of the fully developed lots in this category are reserved by a customer deposit or sales contract.

Land held for future development consists of communities for which construction and development activities are expected to occur in the future or have been idled and are stated at cost unless facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable. All applicable carrying costs, such as interest and real estate taxes, are expensed as incurred.

Land held for sale includes land and lots that do not fit within our homebuilding programs and strategic plans in certain markets, and land is classified as held for sale once certain criteria are met (refer to Note 2). These assets are recorded at the lower of the carrying value or fair value less costs to sell (net realizable value).

The amount of interest we are able to capitalize depends on our qualified inventory balance, which considers the status of our inventory holdings. Our qualified inventory balance includes the majority of our homes under construction and land under development but excludes land held for future development and land held for sale (see Note 6 for additional information on capitalized interest).

Total owned inventory by reportable segment is presented in the table below as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

in thousands	Projects in Progress <sup>(a)</sup>	I	Land Held for Future Development	Land Held for Sale							Total Owned Inventory
September 30, 2022											
West	\$ 934,309	\$	3,483	\$	14,998	\$	952,790				
East	313,613		10,888		_		324,501				
Southeast	284,424		5,508		676		290,608				
Corporate and unallocated <sup>(b)</sup>	169,966		_		—		169,966				
Total	\$ 1,702,312	\$	19,879	\$	15,674	\$	1,737,865				
September 30, 2021											
West	\$ 781,036	\$	3,483	\$	4,478	\$	788,997				
East	264,991		10,888		584		276,463				
Southeast	269,738		5,508		4,117		279,363				
Corporate and unallocated <sup>(b)</sup>	156,779		_		—		156,779				
Total	\$ 1,472,544	\$	19,879	\$	9,179	\$	1,501,602				
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<sup>(a)</sup> Projects in progress include homes under construction, land under development, capitalized interest, and model home categories from the preceding table.

<sup>(b)</sup> Projects in progress amount includes capitalized interest and indirect costs that are maintained within our Corporate and unallocated segment.

### **Inventory Impairments**

The following table presents, by reportable segment, our total impairments and abandonment charges for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
in thousands		2022	2021		2020	
Land Held for Sale:						
West	\$	1,303	\$	\$	89	
Southeast		_	—		8	
Corporate and unallocated <sup>(a)</sup>		565	—		1,160	
Total impairment charges on land held for sale	\$	1,868	\$ —	\$	1,257	
Abandonments:						
West	\$	289	\$ —	\$	923	
East		143	465		82	
Southeast		663	388		641	
Total abandonments charges	\$	1,095	\$ 853	\$	1,646	
Total impairments and abandonment charges	\$	2,963	\$ 853	\$	2,903	

<sup>(a)</sup> Amount represents capitalized interest and indirects balance that was impaired. Capitalized interest and indirects are maintained within our Corporate and unallocated segment.

### **Projects in Progress Impairments**

We assess our projects in progress inventory for indicators of impairment at the community level on a quarterly basis. If indicators of impairment are present for a community with more than ten homes remaining to close, we perform a recoverability test by comparing the expected undiscounted cash flows for the community to its carrying value. If the aggregate undiscounted cash flows are in excess of the carrying value, the asset is considered to be recoverable and is not impaired. If the carrying value exceeds the aggregate undiscounted cash flows, we perform a discounted cash flow analysis to determine the fair value of the community, and impairment charges are recorded if the fair value of the community's inventory is less than its carrying value.

No project in progress impairments were recognized during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020.



# Land Held for Sale Impairments

Impairments on land held for sale generally represent write downs of these properties to net realizable value based on sales contracts, letters of intent, current market conditions and recent comparable land sale transactions, as applicable. Absent an executed sales contract, our assumptions related to land sales prices require significant judgment because the real estate market is highly sensitive to changes in economic conditions, and our estimates of sale prices could differ significantly from actual results.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, we recognized \$1.9 million land held for sale impairment charges related to two held for sale communities in the West segment. No land held for sale impairment charges were recognized during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, we recognized \$1.3 million land held for sale impairment charges related to two held for sale communities: one in the West segment and one in the Southeast segment.

#### Abandonments

From time-to-time, we may determine to abandon lots or not exercise certain option agreements that are not projected to produce adequate results or no longer fit with our long-term strategic plan. Additionally, in certain limited instances, we are forced to abandon lots due to seller non-performance, or permitting or other regulatory issues that do not allow us to build on those lots. If we intend to abandon or walk away from a property, we record an abandonment charge to earnings for the deposit amount and any related capitalized costs in the period such decision is made. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020, we recognized \$1.1 million, \$0.9 million and 1.6 million in abandonment charges, respectively.

### (6) Interest

Interest capitalized during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020 was limited by the balance of inventory eligible for capitalization. The following table presents certain information regarding interest for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,							
in thousands		2022		2021		2020		
Capitalized interest in inventory, beginning of period	\$	106,985	\$	119,659	\$	136,565		
Interest incurred		74,161		77,397		87,224		
Capitalized interest impaired		(439)		—		(792)		
Interest expense not qualified for capitalization and included as other expense <sup>(a)</sup>		_		(2,781)		(8,468)		
Capitalized interest amortized to home construction and land sales expenses <sup>(b)</sup>		(71,619)		(87,290)		(94,870)		
Capitalized interest in inventory, end of period	\$	109,088	\$	106,985	\$	119,659		

<sup>(a)</sup> The amount of interest capitalized depends on the qualified inventory balance, which considers the status of the Company's inventory holdings. Qualified inventory balance includes the majority of homes under construction and land under development but excludes land held for future development and land held for sale.

<sup>(b)</sup> Capitalized interest amortized to home construction and land sales expenses varies based on the number of homes closed during the period and land sales, if any, as well as other factors.

# (7) Property and Equipment

The following table presents our property and equipment as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

in thousands	September 30, 2022			September 30, 2021	
Model furnishings and sales office improvements	\$	22,544	\$	19,617	
Information systems		23,074		18,628	
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment		11,019		10,613	
Leasehold improvements		4,124		4,279	
Buildings and improvements	_	1,671		1,671	
Property and equipment, gross		62,432		54,808	
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(37,866)		(31,923)	
Property and equipment, net	\$	24,566	\$	22,885	

# (8) Borrowings

The Company's debt, net of unamortized debt issuance costs consisted of the following as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

in thousands	Maturity Date	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2021
Senior Unsecured Term Loan	September 2022	\$ _	\$ 50,000
6.750% Senior Notes (2025 Notes)	March 2025	211,195	229,555
5.875% Senior Notes (2027 Notes)	October 2027	357,255	363,255
7.250% Senior Notes (2029 Notes)	October 2029	350,000	350,000
Unamortized debt issuance costs		(7,280)	(8,983)
Total Senior Notes, net		 911,170	 983,827
Junior Subordinated Notes (net of unamortized accretion of \$28,503 and \$30,570 , respectively)	July 2036	 72,270	 70,203
Secured Revolving Credit Facility	February 2024 <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—
Total debt, net		\$ 983,440	\$ 1,054,030

<sup>(a)</sup> The Secured Revolving Credit Facility was scheduled to mature in February 2024; however, it was terminated early in conjunction with the Company entering into the new Senior Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility. Refer to below for further discussion.

As of September 30, 2022, the future maturities of our borrowings were as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	
in thousands	
2023	\$ —
2024	_
2025	211,195
2026	_
2027	357,255
Thereafter	450,773
Total	\$ 1,019,223

### Secured Revolving Credit Facility

The Secured Revolving Credit Facility provides working capital and letter of credit capacity of \$250.0 million. The Facility allows us to issue letters of credit against the undrawn capacity. Subject to our option to cash collateralize our obligations under the Facility upon certain conditions, our obligations under the Facility were secured by liens on substantially all of our personal property and a significant portion of our owned real property. We also pledged approximately \$1.06 billion of inventory assets to the Facility to collateralize potential future borrowings or letters of credit (in addition to the letters of credit already issued under the Facility, if any).

As of September 30, 2022 and 2021, no borrowings were outstanding under the Facility. As of September 30, 2022, we had letters of credit outstanding of \$5.5 million under the Facility, resulting in a remaining capacity of \$244.5 million. We had no letters of credit outstanding under the Facility as of September 30, 2021. The Facility requires compliance with certain covenants, including negative covenants and financial covenants. As of September 30, 2022, the Company believes it was in compliance with all such covenants.

# New Senior Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility

On October 13, 2022, the Company entered into a Senior Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility (the "New Unsecured Facility"). The New Unsecured Facility replaces the Secured Revolving Credit Facility, and the Company expects to use the proceeds from the New Unsecured Facility for general corporate purposes.

The New Unsecured Facility provides for a revolving credit facility with borrowing capacity up to \$265.0 million. The Company also will have the right from time to time to request to increase the size of the commitments under the New Unsecured Facility by up to \$135.0 million for a maximum of \$400.0 million. The New Unsecured Facility terminates on October 13, 2026 (the "Termination Date"), and the Company may borrow, repay and reborrow amounts under the New Unsecured Facility until the Termination Date.

Obligations of the Company under the New Unsecured Facility are jointly and severally guaranteed by certain of the Company's existing and future direct and indirect subsidiaries, excluding, among others, certain specified unrestricted subsidiaries.

The New Unsecured Facility contains customary financial covenants, including (i) a maximum leverage ratio, (ii) a minimum liquidity test, (iii) a minimum interest coverage ratio and (iv) a minimum net worth test. In addition, the New Unsecured Facility contains customary affirmative and negative covenants for a transaction of this type, including covenants that limit liens, asset sales and investments, in each case subject to negotiated exceptions and baskets. The New Unsecured Facility also contains representations and warranties and event of default provisions customary for a transaction of this type.

# Letter of Credit Facilities

The Company has entered into stand-alone, cash-secured letter of credit agreements with banks to maintain pre-existing letters of credit and to provide for the issuance of new letters of credit (in addition to the letters of credit issued under the Facility). As of September 30, 2022 and 2021, the Company had letters of credit outstanding under these additional facilities of \$29.7 million and \$21.8 million, respectively, all of which were secured by cash collateral in restricted accounts totaling \$31.5 million and \$22.3 million, respectively. The Company may enter into additional arrangements to provide additional letter of credit capacity.

#### Senior Notes

The Company's Senior Notes are unsecured obligations ranking pari passu with all other existing and future senior indebtedness. Substantially all of the Company's significant subsidiaries are full and unconditional guarantors of the Senior Notes and are jointly and severally liable for obligations under the Senior Notes and the Facility. Each guarantor subsidiary is a wholly owned subsidiary of Beazer Homes.

All unsecured Senior Notes rank equally in right of payment with all existing and future senior unsecured obligations, senior to all of the Company's existing and future subordinated indebtedness and effectively subordinated to the Company's existing and future secured indebtedness, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. The unsecured Senior Notes and related guarantees are structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of all of the Company's subsidiaries that do not guarantee these notes, but are fully and unconditionally guaranteed jointly and severally on a senior basis by the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries party to each applicable indenture.

The Company's Senior Notes are issued under indentures that contain certain restrictive covenants which, among other things, restrict our ability to pay dividends, repurchase our common stock, incur certain types of additional indebtedness, and make certain investments. Compliance with the Senior Note covenants does not significantly impact the Company's operations. The Company believes it was in compliance with the covenants contained in the indentures of all of its Senior Notes as of September 30, 2022.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, we repurchased \$6.0 million of our outstanding 2027 Notes and \$18.4 million of our outstanding 2025 Notes using cash on hand, resulting in a gain on extinguishment of debt of \$0.3 million.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, we repurchased \$30.7 million of our outstanding 2027 Notes using cash on hand, resulting in a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$2.0 million.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, we made no repurchases of Senior Notes and thus, no gain or loss on extinguishment of debt was recognized.

For additional redemption features, refer to the table below that summarizes the redemption terms of our Senior Notes:

Senior Note Description	Issuance Date	Maturity Date	Redemption Terms
6.750% Senior Notes	March 2017	March 2025	Callable at any time prior to March 15, 2020, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100.000% of the principal amount, plus a customary make-whole premium; on or after March 15, 2020, callable at a redemption price equal to 105.063% of the principal amount; on or after March 15, 2021, callable at a redemption price equal to 103.375% of the principal amount; on or after March 15, 2022, callable at a redemption price equal to 101.688% of the principal amount; on or after March 15, 2023, callable at a redemption price equal to 101.088% of the principal amount; on or after March 15, 2023, callable at a redemption price equal to 100.000% of the principal amount, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest
5.875% Senior Notes	October 2017	October 2027	Callable at any time prior to October 15, 2022, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100.000% of the principal amount, plus a customary make-whole premium; on or after October 15, 2022, callable at a redemption price equal to 102.938% of the principal amount; on or after October 15, 2023, callable at a redemption price equal to 101.958% of the principal amount; on or after October 15, 2024, callable at a redemption price equal to 100.979% of the principal amount; on or after October 15, 2024, callable at a redemption price equal to 100.979% of the principal amount; on or after October 15, 2025, callable at a redemption price equal to 100.000% of the principal amount, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest.
7.250% Senior Notes	September 2019	October 2029	On or prior to October 15, 2022, we may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2029 Notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 107.250% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date, provided at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2029 Notes originally issued remains outstanding immediately after such redemption.
			Callable at any time prior to October 15, 2024, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100.000% of the principal amount, plus a customary make-whole premium; on or after October 15, 2024, callable at a redemption price equal to 103.625% of the principal amount; on or after October 15, 2025, callable at a redemption price equal to 102.417% of the principal amount; on or after October 15, 2026, callable at a redemption price equal to 101.208% of the principal amount; on or after October 15, 2026, callable at a redemption price equal to 101.208% of the principal amount; on or after October 15, 2027, callable at a redemption price equal to 100.000% of the principal amount, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest

#### Junior Subordinated Notes

The Company's unsecured junior subordinated notes (Junior Subordinated Notes) mature on July 30, 2036 and have an aggregate principal balance of \$100.8 million as of September 30, 2022. The securities have a floating interest rate as defined in the Junior Subordinated Notes Indentures, which was a weighted-average of 5.23% as of September 30, 2022. The obligations relating to these notes were subordinated to the Facility and the Senior Notes, and they are now subordinated to the New Unsecured Facility and the Senior Notes. In January 2010, the Company restructured \$75.0 million of these notes and recorded them at their then estimated fair value. Over the remaining life of the restructured notes, we will increase their carrying value until this carrying value equals the face value of the notes. As of September 30, 2022, the unamortized accretion was \$28.5 million and will be amortized over the remaining life of the restructured notes. The remaining \$25.8 million of these notes are subject to the terms of the original agreement, have a floating interest rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 2.45% per annum, resetting quarterly, and are redeemable in whole or in part at par value. The material terms of the \$75.0 million restructured notes are identical to the terms of the original agreement except that the floating interest rate is subject to a floor of 4.25% and a cap of 9.25%. In addition, beginning on June 1, 2012, the Company has the option to redeem the \$75.0 million principal balance in whole or in part at 75% of par value; beginning on June 1, 2022, the redemption price will increase by 1.785% annually. As of September 30, 2022, the Company believes it was in compliance with all covenants under the Junior Subordinated Notes.

# (9) Contingencies

Beazer Homes and certain of its subsidiaries have been and continue to be named as defendants in various construction defect claims, complaints, and other legal actions. The Company is subject to the possibility of loss contingencies related to these defects as well as others arising from its business. In determining loss contingencies, we consider the likelihood of loss and our ability to reasonably estimate the amount of such loss. An estimated loss is recorded when it is considered probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated.

#### Warranty Reserves

We currently provide a limited warranty ranging from one to two years covering workmanship and materials per our defined quality standards. In addition, we provide a limited warranty for up to ten years covering only certain defined structural element failures.

Our homebuilding work is performed by subcontractors who typically must agree to indemnify us with regard to their work and provide certificates of insurance demonstrating that they have met our insurance requirements and have named us as an additional insured under their policies. Therefore, many claims relating to workmanship and materials that result in warranty spending are the primary responsibility of these subcontractors.

Warranty reserves are included in other liabilities within the consolidated balance sheets, and the provision for warranty accruals is included in home construction expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. Reserves covering anticipated warranty expenses are recorded for each home closed. Management assesses the adequacy of warranty reserves each reporting period based on historical experience and the expected costs to remediate potential claims. Our review includes a quarterly analysis of the historical data and trends in warranty expense by division. An analysis by division allows us to consider market specific factors such as warranty experience, the number of home closings, the prices of homes, product mix, and other data in estimating warranty reserves. In addition, the analysis also contemplates the existence of any non-recurring or community-specific warranty-related matters that might not be included in historical data and trends that may need to be separately estimated based on management's judgment of the ultimate cost of repair for that specific issue. While estimated warranty liabilities are adjusted each reporting period based on the results of our quarterly analyses, we may not accurately predict actual warranty costs, which could lead to significant changes in the reserve.

In addition, we maintain third-party insurance, subject to applicable self-insured retentions, for most construction defects that we encounter in the normal course of business. We believe that our warranty and litigation accruals and third-party insurance are adequate to cover the ultimate resolution of our potential liabilities associated with known and anticipated warranty and construction-defect related claims and litigation. However, there can be no assurance that the terms and limitations of the limited warranty will be effective against claims made by homebuyers; that we will be able to renew our insurance coverage or renew it at reasonable rates; that we will not be liable for damages, the cost of repairs, and/or the expense of litigation surrounding possible construction defects, soil subsidence, or building related claims; or that claims will not arise out of events or circumstances not covered by insurance and/or not subject to effective indemnification agreements with our subcontractors.

Changes in warranty reserves are as follows for the periods presented:

		er 30,			
in thousands		2022	2021		2020
Balance at beginning of period	\$	12,931	\$ 13,052	\$	13,388
Accruals for warranties issued <sup>(a)</sup>		12,711	10,963		10,910
Changes in liability related to warranties existing in prior periods		382	864		(1,352)
Payments made		(12,098)	(11,948)		(9,894)
Balance at end of period	\$	13,926	\$ 12,931	\$	13,052

<sup>(a)</sup> Accruals for warranties issued are a function of the number of home closings in the period, the selling prices of the homes closed and the rates of accrual per home estimated as a percentage of the selling price of the home.

### **Insurance Recoveries**

The Company has insurance policies that provide for the reimbursement of certain warranty costs incurred above specified thresholds for each period covered. Amounts recorded for anticipated insurance recoveries are reflected within the consolidated statements of operations as a reduction of home construction expenses. Amounts not yet received from our insurer are recorded on a gross basis, without any reduction for the associated warranty expense, within accounts receivable on our consolidated balance sheets.

# Litigation

In the normal course of business, we and certain of our subsidiaries are subject to various lawsuits and have been named as defendants in various claims, complaints, and other legal actions, most relating to construction defects, moisture intrusion, and product liability. Certain of the liabilities resulting from these actions are covered in whole or in part by insurance.

We cannot predict or determine the timing or final outcome of these lawsuits or the effect that any adverse findings or determinations in pending lawsuits may have on us. In addition, an estimate of possible loss or range of loss, if any, cannot presently be made with respect to certain of these pending matters. An unfavorable determination in any of the pending lawsuits could result in the payment by us of substantial monetary damages that may not be fully covered by insurance. Further, the legal costs associated with the lawsuits and the amount of time required to be spent by management and our Board of Directors on these matters, even if we are ultimately successful, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

We have an accrual of \$9.8 million and \$8.3 million in other liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets related to litigation matters as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

### Surety Bonds and Letters of Credit

We had outstanding letters of credit and surety bonds of \$35.2 million and \$279.6 million, respectively, as of September 30, 2022, related principally to our obligations to local governments to construct roads and other improvements in various developments.

#### (10) Fair Value Measurements

As of the dates presented, we had assets on our consolidated balance sheets that were required to be measured at fair value on a recurring or non-recurring basis. We use a fair value hierarchy that requires us to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable either directly or indirectly through corroboration with market data; and
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that reflect our own estimates about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

Certain of our assets are required to be recorded at fair value on a non-recurring basis when events and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. We review our long-lived assets, including inventory, for recoverability when factors indicate an impairment may exist, but no less than quarterly. Fair value on assets deemed to be impaired is determined based upon the type of asset being evaluated. Fair value of our owned inventory assets, when required to be calculated, is further discussed within Notes 2 and 5. Due to the substantial use of unobservable inputs in valuing the assets on a non-recurring basis, they are classified within Level 3.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, we recognized no impairments on projects in progress and \$1.9 million of impairments on land held for sale.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, we recognized no impairments on projects in progress and land held for sale.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, we recognized no impairments on projects in progress and \$1.3 million of impairments on land held for sale.

Determining within which hierarchical level an asset or liability falls requires significant judgment. We evaluate our hierarchy disclosures each quarter. The following table presents the period-end balances of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the impairment-date fair value of certain assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis for each hierarchy level. These balances represent only those assets whose carrying values were adjusted to fair value during the periods presented:

in thousands	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	Total
As of September 30, 2022						
Deferred compensation plan assets <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	_	\$	3,179	\$ —	\$ 3,179
Land held for sale <sup>(b)</sup>		—			<b>902</b> <sup>(c)</sup>	902
As of September 30, 2021						
Deferred compensation plan assets <sup>(a)</sup>	\$		\$	2,730	\$ —	\$ 2,730
As of September 30, 2020						
Deferred compensation plan assets <sup>(a)</sup>	\$		\$	2,339	\$ —	\$ 2,339
Land held for sale <sup>(b)</sup>		—			6,240 <sup>(c)</sup>	6,240

<sup>(a)</sup> Measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

<sup>(b)</sup> Measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis, including the capitalized interest and indirect costs related to the asset.

<sup>(c)</sup> Amount represents the impairment-date fair value of land held for sale assets that were impaired during the period indicated.

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable, trade accounts payable, other liabilities, and amounts due under the Facility (if outstanding) approximate their carrying amounts due to the short maturity of these assets and liabilities. When outstanding, obligations related to land not owned under option agreements approximate fair value.

The following table presents the carrying value and estimated fair value of certain other financial liabilities as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

	As of September 30, 2022			As of September 30, 2021				
in thousands	Carrying Amount <sup>(a)</sup> Fair Value				Carrying Amount <sup>(a)</sup>		Fair Value	
Senior Notes and Term Loan <sup>(b)</sup>	\$	911,170	\$	753,338	\$	983,827	\$	1,046,965
Junior Subordinated Notes <sup>(c)</sup>		72,270		72,270		70,203		70,203
Total	\$	983,440	\$	825,608	\$	1,054,030	\$	1,117,168

<sup>(a)</sup> Carrying amounts are net of unamortized debt issuance costs or accretion.

<sup>(b)</sup> The estimated fair value for our publicly-held Senior Notes and the Term Loan have been determined using quoted market rates (Level 2).

<sup>(c)</sup> Since there is no trading market for our Junior Subordinated Notes, the fair value of these notes is estimated by discounting scheduled cash flows through maturity (Level 3). The discount rate is estimated using market rates currently being offered on loans with similar terms and credit quality. Judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop these estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that we could realize in a current market exchange.

# (11) Operating Leases

The Company leases certain office space and equipment under operating leases for use in our operations. We recognize operating lease expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Certain of our lease agreements include one or more options to renew. The exercise of lease renewal options is generally at our discretion. Variable lease expense primarily relates to maintenance and other monthly expense that do not depend on an index or rate.

We determine if an arrangement is a lease at contract inception. Lease and non-lease components are accounted for as a single component for all leases. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of the future lease payments over the expected lease term, which includes optional renewal periods if we determine it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised. As our leases do not provide an implicit rate, the discount rate used in the present value calculation represents our incremental borrowing rate determined using information available at the commencement date.

Operating lease expense is included as a component of general and administrative expenses in our consolidated statements of operations. Sublease income and variable lease expenses are de minimis. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020, we recorded operating lease expense of \$4.0 million, \$4.3 million and \$4.5 million, respectively. Cash payments on lease liabilities during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020 totaled \$4.4 million, \$4.8 million and \$4.6 million, respectively.

At September 30, 2022 and 2021, weighted-average remaining lease term and discount rate were as follows:

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	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,							
	2022	2021						
Weighted-average remaining lease term	4.3 years	4.8 years						
Weighted-average discount rate	4.43%	4.56%						

The following is a maturity analysis of the annual undiscounted cash flows reconciled to the carrying value of the operating lease liabilities as of September 30, 2022:

Fiscal fears Ending September 50,	
in thousands	
2023	\$ 3,799
2024	2,688
2025	2,299
2026	1,643
2027	702
Thereafter	1,226
Total lease payments <sup>(a)</sup>	 12,357
Less: imputed interest	1,149
Total operating lease liabilities	\$ 11,208

<sup>(a)</sup> Lease payments excludes \$11.2 million legally binding minimum lease payments for an office lease signed but not yet commenced as of September 30, 2022. The related ROU asset and operating lease liability are not reflected on the Company's consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2022.

# (12) Other Liabilities

Other liabilities include the following as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

in thousands	September 30, 2022			September 30, 2021		
Accrued compensations and benefits	\$	57,781	\$	54,606		
Customer deposits		34,270		28,526		
Accrued interest		22,723		22,835		
Accrued warranty expenses		13,926		12,931		
Litigation accruals		9,832		8,325		
Income tax liabilities		320		—		
Other		35,536		25,128		
Total	\$	174,388	\$	152,351		

# (13) Income Taxes

The Company's expense (benefit) from income taxes from continuing operations consists of the following for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,						
in thousands		2022		2021		2020	
Current federal <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	_	\$		\$	(4,641)	
Current state		4,859		1,126		485	
Deferred federal		47,239		20,331		20,639	
Deferred state		1,173		89		1,490	
Total expense	\$	53,271	\$	21,546	\$	17,973	

<sup>(a)</sup> Fiscal 2020 federal current benefit is primarily driven by the expected refund of our remaining alternative minimum tax credit balance due to the enactment of the CARES Act. Refer to Note 2 for further discussion.

The Company's expense (benefit) from income taxes from continuing operations differs from the amount computed by applying the federal income tax statutory rate as follows for the periods presented:

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,							
	2022		2021	2020			
\$	57,538	\$	30,182	\$	14,971		
	4,482		1,564		1,300		
	346		(904)		260		
	_				(2)		
	2,952		2,433		2,177		
	(12,081)		(12,088)		(939)		
	34		359		206		
\$	53,271	\$	21,546	\$	17,973		
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The principal differences between our effective tax rate and the U.S. federal statutory rate for fiscal years 2022, 2021 and 2020 relate to state taxes, permanent differences and tax credits. Due to the effects of tax credits, our income tax expense is not always directly correlated to the amount of pre-tax income for the associated periods.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of our assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. The tax effects of significant temporary differences that give rise to the net deferred tax assets are as follows as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

in thousands	September 30, 2022		September 30, 2021
Deferred tax assets:			
Federal and state net operating loss carryforwards	\$	149,299	\$ 177,611
Incentive compensation		12,914	13,793
Warranty and other reserves		7,091	6,006
Inventory adjustments		6,716	25,174
Intangible assets		1,515	6,016
Property, equipment and other assets		771	2,085
Uncertain tax positions		705	705
Other		2,743	2,435
Total deferred tax assets		181,754	 233,825
Valuation allowance		(25,396)	(29,059)
Deferred tax assets, net	\$	156,358	\$ 204,766



As of September 30, 2022, our gross deferred tax assets above included \$61.0 million of federal net operating loss (NOL) carryforwards, \$57.8 million of federal tax credits, and \$33.9 million of state NOL carryforwards. The majority of our federal NOL carryforwards expire at various dates through our fiscal 2033, our federal tax credits expire at various dates through our fiscal 2042, and a majority of our state NOL carryforwards expire at various dates through our fiscal 2042. As of September 30, 2022, valuation allowance of \$25.4 million remains on various state NOL carryforwards for which the Company has concluded it is not more likely than not that these attributes would be realized.

We experienced an "ownership change" as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code (Section 382) as of January 12, 2010. Section 382 contains rules that limit the ability of a company that undergoes an "ownership change" to utilize its net operating loss carryforwards, tax credits and certain built-in losses or deductions recognized during the five-year period after the ownership change to offset future taxable income. Because the five-year period has expired, we have determined the actual impact and final classification of those amounts, which are properly reflected in the amounts presented above. There can be no assurance that another ownership change, as defined in the tax law, will not occur. If another "ownership change" occurs, a new annual limitation on the utilization of net operating loss carryforwards, tax credits and built-in losses would be determined as of that date. This limitation, should one be required in the future, is subject to assumptions and estimates that could differ from actual results.

#### Valuation Allowance

A reduction of the carrying amounts of deferred tax assets by a valuation allowance is required if, based on the available evidence, it is more likely than not that such assets will not be realized. Accordingly, we assess the need to establish valuation allowances for deferred tax assets periodically based on the more-likely-than-not realization threshold criterion. In our assessment, appropriate consideration is given to all positive and negative evidence related to the realization of the deferred tax assets. This assessment considers, among other matters, the nature, frequency and severity of current and cumulative losses, forecasts of future profitability, the duration of statutory carryforward periods, the Company's experience with operating loss carryforwards and tax credit carryforwards not expiring unused, the Section 382 limitation on our ability to carryforward pre-ownership change net operating losses, recognized built-in losses or deductions and tax planning alternatives. Our assessment, while rooted in actual Company performance, are highly subjective and rely on certain estimates, including forecasts, which could differ materially from actual results.

In fiscal 2022, our conclusions about our ability to more likely than not realize all of our federal and certain state tax attributes remain consistent with our prior determinations. We considered positive factors including significant increases in our current earnings, interest savings from our debt reduction strategies, shortage in housing supply, and our backlog. The negative factors included the overall health of the broader economy, significant increases in mortgage interest rates, and weakened housing demand. As of September 30, 2022, the Company will have to cumulatively generate approximately \$907.1 million in pre-tax income over the course of its carryforward period to realize its deferred tax assets prior to their expiration, which, as previously discussed, is the Company's fiscal 2042.

# Unrecognized Tax Benefits

A reconciliation of our unrecognized tax benefits is as follows for the beginning and end of each period presented:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
in thousands		2022		2021		2020
Balance at beginning of year	\$	3,358	\$	3,441	\$	3,473
Additions for tax positions related to current year		—		—		—
Additions for tax positions related to prior years		—		—		—
Reductions in tax positions of prior years		—		—		—
Lapse of statute of limitations		—		(83)		(32)
Balance at end of year	\$	3,358	\$	3,358	\$	3,441

If we were to recognize our \$3.4 million of gross unrecognized tax benefits remaining as of September 30, 2022, substantially all would impact our effective tax rate. Additionally, we had no accrued interest and penalties as of September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020. If applicable, we would record interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense within our consolidated statements of operations.

In the normal course of business, we are subject to audits by federal and state tax authorities regarding various tax liabilities. The statute of limitations for our major tax jurisdictions remains open for examination for fiscal year 2007 and subsequent years. As of September 30, 2022, we do not expect that any of our uncertain tax positions will reverse within the next twelve months.

# (14) Stockholders' Equity

# **Preferred Stock**

The Company currently has no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

# Common Stock

As of September 30, 2022, the Company had 63,000,000 shares of common stock authorized and 30,880,138 shares both issued and outstanding.

# **Common Stock Repurchases**

In May 2022, the Company's Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase program that authorizes the Company to repurchase up to \$50.0 million of its outstanding common stock. This newly authorized program replaced the prior share repurchase program authorized in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 of up to \$50.0 million of common stock repurchases, pursuant to which \$12.0 million of the capacity remained prior to the replacement of the program. As part of this new program, the Company repurchased 570 thousand shares of its common stock for \$8.2 million at an average price per share of \$14.33 during the year ended September 30, 2022 through open market transactions. No share repurchases were made during fiscal year 2021. During the year ended September 30, 2020, the Company repurchased approximately 362 thousand shares of its common stock for \$3.3 million at an average price per share of \$9.20 through open market transactions, including 10b5-1 plans. All shares have been retired upon repurchase.

The aggregate reduction to stockholders' equity related to share repurchases during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020 was \$8.2 million, \$0.0 million and \$3.3 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2022, the remaining availability of the new share repurchase program was \$41.8 million. The repurchase program has no expiration date.

### Dividends

The indentures under which our Senior Notes were issued contain certain restrictive covenants, including limitations on our payment of dividends. There were no dividends paid during our fiscal 2022, 2021 or 2020.

# Section 382 Rights Agreement

Our certificate of incorporation prohibits certain transfers of our common stock that could result in an ownership change as defined in Section 382. In addition, we are party to a rights agreement intended to act as a deterrent to any person desiring to acquire 4.95% or more of our common stock. These instruments are designed to preserve the value of certain tax assets associated with our net operating loss carryforwards, tax credits and built-in losses under Section 382. In February 2022, our stockholders approved an extension of these protective provisions in our certificate of incorporation and the rights agreement.

# (15) Retirement and Deferred Compensation Plans

# 401(k) Retirement Plan

The Company sponsors a defined-contribution plan that is a tax-qualified retirement plan under section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Plan). Substantially all employees are eligible for participation in the Plan. Participants may defer and contribute from 1% to 80% of their salary to the Plan, with certain limitations on highly compensated individuals. The Company matches up to 50% of the participant's contributions limited to 6% of the participant's earnings. The participant's contributions vest immediately, while the Company's contributions vest over five years. The total Company contributions for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020 were approximately \$3.5 million, \$3.2 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. During fiscal 2022, 2021 and 2020, participants forfeited \$0.3 million, \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, of unvested matching contributions.

# **Deferred** Compensation Plan

The Beazer Homes USA, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan (the DCP) is a non-qualified deferred compensation plan for a select group of executives and highly compensated employees. The DCP allows the executives to defer current compensation on a pre-tax basis to a future year, until termination of employment. The objectives of the DCP are to assist executives with financial planning and capital accumulation and to provide the Company with a method of attracting, rewarding and retaining executives. Participation in the DCP is voluntary. Beazer Homes may voluntarily make a contribution to the participants' DCP accounts. Deferred compensation assets of \$3.2 million and \$2.7 million as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively, are included in other assets on our consolidated balance sheets and are recorded at fair value. Deferred compensation liabilities of \$5.5 million and \$7.2 million as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively, are included in other liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets. For the years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020, the Company contributed approximately \$0.2 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, to the DCP in the form of voluntary contributions.

# (16) Stock-Based Compensation

The Company has shares available for grant under the Amended and Restated 2014 Beazer Homes USA, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan. We issue new shares upon the exercise of stock options and the grant of restricted stock awards. In cases of forfeitures and cancellations, those shares are returned to the share pool for future issuance. As of September 30, 2022, we had 1.5 million shares of common stock for issuance under our various equity incentive plans, of which 1.5 million shares are available for future grants.

Stock-based compensation expense is included in general and administrative expenses in our consolidated statements of operations. The following is a summary of stock-based compensation expense related to stock options and restricted stock awards for the fiscal years ended 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,							
in thousands	20	)22		2021		2020		
Stock options expense	\$	1	\$	25	\$	133		
Restricted stock awards expense		8,477		12,142		9,903		
Stock-based compensation expense	\$	8,478	\$	12,167	\$	10,036		

### Stock Options

Stock options have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the common stock on the grant date, generally vest two or three years after the date of grant, and may be exercised thereafter until their expiration, subject to forfeiture upon termination of employment as provided in the applicable plan. Under certain conditions of retirement, eligible participants may receive a partial vesting of stock options. Stock options generally expire on the eighth anniversary from the date such options were granted, depending on the terms of the award.

The fair value of each stock option granted is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model (Black-Scholes Model). As of September 30, 2022, the intrinsic value of our stock options outstanding and vested and exercisable were less than \$0.1 million and less than \$0.1 million, respectively. As of both September 30, 2022 and 2021, there was less than \$0.1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options. The cost remaining as of September 30, 2022 is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.4 years.

During fiscal 2018, the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors approved the Employee Stock Option Program (ESOP). This program is available to all full-time employees and is designed to enable employees to share in potential price appreciation of the Company's stock. The ESOP matches stock purchases made by eligible employees meeting certain conditions with an option to purchase an additional share of the Company's shares on a one-to-one basis. The exercise price of the options granted is equal to the closing price of the Company's stock on the day the underlying shares are purchased by the employee, which is also the ESOP grant date. The options will vest on the second anniversary of the date of grant but are forfeited if (1) the eligible employee no longer works for the Company or (2) the underlying shares are sold before the two-year vesting period is over. The total number of options available under the ESOP is limited to 100,000, each for one share of the Company's common stock, of which 31,968 options were granted through the end of fiscal 2022.



During the year ended September 30, 2022, we issued 236 stock options, all were issued under the ESOP. No stock options were issued during the year ended September 30, 2021, and 950 stock options were issued during the year ended September 30, 2020. We used the following valuation assumptions for stock options granted for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year Ended	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
	2022	2020					
Expected life of options	5.7 years	5.7 years					
Expected volatility	55.02 %	51.52 %					
Expected dividends	—	_					
Weighted-average risk-free interest rate	1.88 %	0.43 %					
Weighted-average fair value	\$ 8.54	\$ 4.99					

We relied upon a combination of the observed exercise behavior of our prior grants with similar characteristics, the vesting schedule of the current grants, and an index of peer companies with similar grant characteristics to determine the expected life of the options granted. We considered historic returns of our stock and the implied volatility of our publicly-traded options in determining expected volatility. We assumed no dividends would be paid since our Board of Directors has suspended payment of dividends indefinitely and payment of dividends is restricted under our Senior Notes covenants. The risk-free interest rate is based on the term structure of interest rates at the time of the option grant.

A summary of stock option activity for the periods presented is as follows:

	20	22	20	021	20	20
	Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at beginning of period	114,259	\$ 17.	<b>39</b> 392,465	\$ 15.47	523,754	\$ 14.34
Granted	236	16.	58 —		950	10.67
Exercised	(988)	11.	<b>32</b> (278,206)	14.48	(128,921)	11.01
Expired	(86,000)	19.	l1 —	_	·	—
Forfeited					(3,318)	9.55
Outstanding at end of period	27,507	\$ 14.	<b>31</b> 114,259	\$ 17.89	392,465	\$ 15.47
Exercisable at end of period	27,271	\$ 14.	<b>29</b> 113,309	\$ 17.95	354,796	\$ 15.90

Information pertaining to the intrinsic value of options exercised and the fair market value of options that vested is below:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,								
in thousands	2022		2021	20	020				
Intrinsic value of options exercised	\$	6 \$	5 1,402	\$	587				
Fair market value of options vested	\$	5 \$	5 173	\$	144				

# **Restricted Stock Awards**

The fair value of each restricted stock award with market conditions is estimated on the date of grant using the Monte Carlo valuation method. The fair value of restricted stock awards without market conditions is based on the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. If applicable, the cash-settled component of any awards granted to employees is accounted for as a liability, which is adjusted to fair value each reporting period until vested.

Compensation cost arising from restricted stock awards granted to employees is recognized as an expense using the straight-line method over the vesting period. As of September 30, 2022 and 2021, there was \$7.3 million and \$7.2 million, respectively, of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock awards. The cost remaining as of September 30, 2022 is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years.

During fiscal 2022, we issued time-based restricted stock awards and performance-based restricted stock awards with a payout subject to certain performance and market conditions. Each award type is discussed below.

# Performance-Based Restricted Stock Awards

During the year ended September 30, 2022, we issued 91,858 shares of performance-based restricted stock (2022 Performance Shares), containing market conditions, to our executive officers and certain other employees. The 2022 Performance Shares are structured to be awarded based on the Company's performance under three pre-determined financial and operational metrics at the end of the three-year performance period. After determining the number of shares earned based on the financial and operational metrics, which can range from 0% to 175% of the targeted number of shares, the award will be subject to further upward or downward adjustment by as much as 20% based on the Company's relative total shareholder return (TSR) compared against a selected small to mid-cap homebuilder peers during the three-year performance period. The 2022 Performance Shares were valued using the Monte Carlo valuation model due to the existence of the TSR market condition and had an estimated fair value of \$23.36 per share on the date of grant.

A Monte Carlo valuation model requires the following inputs: (1) the expected dividend yield on the underlying stock; (2) the expected price volatility of the underlying stock; (3) the risk-free interest rate for the period corresponding with the expected term of the award; and (4) the fair value of the underlying stock. For the Company and each member of the peer group, the following inputs were used, as applicable, in the Monte Carlo valuation model to determine the fair value as of the grant date for performance-based restricted stock granted in each of the fiscal years ended.

	Fisca	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
	2022	<b>2022</b> 2021					
Expected volatility range	41.0% - 89.0%	26.1% - 67.0%	21.2% - 54.8%				
Risk-free interest rate	0.81 %	0.23 %	1.61 %				
Dividend yield	—	—	—				
Grant-date stock price range	\$21.40 - \$142.99	\$14.07 - \$4,318.03	\$15.62 - \$3,595.17				

Each of our performance shares represent a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock if vesting is satisfied at the end of the three-year performance period. Our performance stock award plans provide that any performance shares earned in excess of the target number of performance shares issued may be settled in cash or additional shares at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. In November 2019, we cash settled 135,337 shares earned above target level based on the performance level achieved under our 2017 performance-based award plan. The cash payment totaled \$2.1 million, which was reflected as a reduction to paid-in capital in the accompanying consolidated statements of stockholders' equity. We have not cash settled any such performance-based awards prior to or subsequent to the November 2019 transaction, and we have no current plans to cash settle any additional performance-based restricted shares in the future.

The performance criteria of the 2020 Performance Share grant were satisfied as of September 30, 2022. Based on the actual performance level achieved, 334,736 performance-based restricted stock awards from the 2020 Performance Share grant cliff vested at the end of the three-year vesting period on November 15, 2022. Of the total \$7.0 million compensation cost related to these awards, we have recognized \$2.1 million, \$3.3 million and \$1.3 million during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The remaining \$0.3 million of unrecognized compensation cost will be recognized in the first quarter of fiscal 2023.



# Time-Based Restricted Stock Awards

During the year ended September 30, 2022, we also issued 246,844 shares of time-based restricted stock (Restricted Shares) to our directors, executive officers, and certain other employees. Restricted Shares are valued based on the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant. The Restricted Shares granted to our non-employee directors vest on the first anniversary of the grant, while the Restricted Shares granted to our executive officers and other employees generally vest ratably over three years from the date of grant.

Activity relating to all restricted stock awards for the periods presented is as follows:

	Year Ended September 30, 2022								
	Performar	ased <sup>(a)</sup>	Time	Base	ed	Total			
	Shares		Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value	Shares		Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value	Shares		Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value
Beginning of period	738,155	\$	13.45	486,574	\$	13.79	1,224,729	\$	13.59
Granted	269,617		18.98	246,844		21.40	516,461		20.14
Vested	(552,417)		10.50	(286,182)		13.21	(838,599)		11.42
Forfeited	(19,209)		17.27	(35,194)		16.49	(54,403)		16.77
End of period	436,146	\$	17.76	412,042	\$	18.52	848,188	\$	18.13

<sup>(a)</sup> Grant and vesting activity during the year ended September 30, 2022 include 177,759 shares that were issued above target based on performance level achieved under performance-based restricted stock vesting in the current period.

	Year Ended September 30, 2021								
	Performa	Based <sup>(a)</sup>	Time	d	Total				
	Shares		Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value	Shares		Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value	Shares		Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value
Beginning of period	796,024	\$	14.71	610,130	\$	13.85	1,406,154	\$	14.34
Granted	164,296		17.90	251,788		14.21	416,084		15.67
Vested	(222,165)		22.40	(346,856)		14.36	(569,021)		17.50
Forfeited	—		—	(28,488)		11.77	(28,488)		11.77
End of period	738,155	\$	13.45	486,574	\$	13.79	1,224,729	\$	13.59

<sup>(a)</sup> Grant and vesting activity during the year ended September 30, 2021 include 60,930 shares that were issued above target based on performance level achieved under performance-based restricted stock vesting in the current period.

	Year Ended September 30, 2020								
	Performa	Based	Time	d	Total				
	Shares		Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value	Shares		Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value	Shares		Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value
Beginning of period	778,814	\$	13.60	611,607	\$	12.11	1,390,421	\$	16.53
Granted	260,131		16.98	327,571		15.29	587,702		16.04
Vested	(242,921)		13.60	(302,255)		11.89	(545,176)		12.65
Forfeited	—		—	(26,793)		13.79	(26,793)		13.79
End of period	796,024	\$	14.71	610,130	\$	13.85	1,406,154	\$	14.34

# (17) Earnings Per Share

Basic income (loss) per share is calculated by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted income (loss) per share adjusts the basic income (loss) per share for the effects of any potentially dilutive securities in periods in which the Company has net income and such effects are dilutive under the treasury stock method.

Following is a summary of the components of basic and diluted income (loss) per share for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
in thousands (except per share data)	busands (except per share data) 2022			2021		2020
Numerator:					-	
Income from continuing operations	\$	220,718	\$	122,180	\$	53,316
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(14)		(159)		(1,090)
Net income	\$	220,704	\$	122,021	\$	52,226
Denominator:						
Basic weighted-average shares		30,432		29,954		29,704
Dilutive effect of restricted stock awards		357		461		229
Dilutive effect of stock options		7		22		15
Diluted weighted-average shares <sup>(a)</sup>		30,796	_	30,437		29,948
Basic income (loss) per share:						
Continuing operations	\$	7.25	\$	4.08	\$	1.80
Discontinued operations				(0.01)		(0.04)
Total	\$	7.25	\$	4.07	\$	1.76
Diluted income (loss) per share:						
Continuing operations	\$	7.17	\$	4.01	\$	1.78
Discontinued operations		_		—		(0.04)
Total	\$	7.17	\$	4.01	\$	1.74

<sup>(a)</sup> The following potentially dilutive shares were excluded from the calculation of diluted income (loss) per share as a result of their anti-dilutive effect.

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,			
in thousands	2022	2021	2020	
Stock options	22	142	375	
Time-based restricted stock	—	—	46	

#### (18) Segment Information

We currently operate in 13 states that are grouped into three homebuilding segments based on geography. Revenues from our homebuilding segments are derived from the sale of homes that we construct and from land and lot sales. Our reportable segments have been determined on a basis that is used internally by management for evaluating segment performance and resource allocations. We have considered the applicable aggregation criteria, and have combined our homebuilding operations into three reportable segments as follows:

- West: Arizona, California, Nevada, and Texas<sup>(a)</sup>
- East: Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey<sup>(b)</sup>, Tennessee, and Virginia
- Southeast: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina
- <sup>(a)</sup> On May 20, 2022, we acquired substantially all of the assets of Imagine Homes, a private San Antonio-based homebuilder in which the Company has held a one-third ownership stake for the past 16 years. The results of our San Antonio operations are reported herein within our West reportable segment.
- <sup>(b)</sup> During our fiscal 2015, we made the decision that we would not continue to reinvest in new homebuilding assets in our New Jersey division; therefore, it is no longer considered an active operation. However, it is included in this listing because the segment information below continues to include New Jersey.

Management's evaluation of segment performance is based on segment operating income. Operating income for our homebuilding segments is defined as homebuilding and land sales and other revenue less home construction, land development, and land sales expense, commission expense, depreciation and amortization, and certain G&A expenses that are incurred by or allocated to our homebuilding segments. The accounting policies of our segments are those described in Note 2.

The following tables contain our revenue, operating income, and depreciation and amortization by segment for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
in thousands		2022	2021			2020
Revenue						
West	\$	1,331,553	\$	1,118,578	\$	1,183,339
East		560,747		569,835		477,624
Southeast		424,688		451,890		466,114
Total revenue	\$	2,316,988	\$	2,140,303	\$	2,127,077
		]	Fiscal Ye	ar Ended September 3	),	
in thousands		2022		2021		2020
Operating income						
West	\$	253,961	\$	181,303	\$	161,786
East		102,146		84,630		56,319
Southeast		68,726		57,581		40,746
Segment total		424,833		323,514		258,851
Corporate and unallocated <sup>(a)</sup>		(152,342)		(176,645)		(179,744)
Total operating income	\$	272,491	\$	146,869	\$	79,107

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes amortization of capitalized interest, movement in capitalized indirect costs, expenses related to numerous shared services functions that benefit all segments but are not allocated to the operating segments reported above, including information technology, treasury, corporate finance, legal, branding and national marketing, and other amounts that are not allocated to our operating segments.



	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,				
in thousands	 2022		2021		2020
Depreciation and amortization					
West	\$ 8,178	\$	7,250	\$	8,227
East	1,649		2,207		2,458
Southeast	1,843		2,552		2,857
Segment total	 11,670		12,009		13,542
Corporate and unallocated <sup>(a)</sup>	1,690		1,967		2,098
Total depreciation and amortization	\$ 13,360	\$	13,976	\$	15,640

<sup>(a)</sup> Represents depreciation and amortization related to assets held by our corporate functions that benefit all segments.

The following table presents capital expenditures by segment for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
in thousands	<b>2022</b> 2021 2020			2020		
Capital expenditures						
West	\$	7,755	\$	6,924	\$	5,063
East		1,208		1,549		2,237
Southeast		1,215		1,447		2,985
Corporate and unallocated		4,870		4,725		357
Total capital expenditures	\$	15,048	\$	14,645	\$	10,642

The following table presents assets by segment as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

in thousands	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2021
Assets		
West	\$ 995,339	\$ 819,317
East	334,323	286,133
Southeast	305,443	296,581
Corporate and unallocated <sup>(a)</sup>	616,858	676,779
Total assets	\$ 2,251,963	\$ 2,078,810

<sup>(a)</sup> Primarily consists of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, deferred taxes, capitalized interest and indirect costs, and other items that are not allocated to the segments.

## (19) Discontinued Operations

We continually review each of our markets in order to refine our overall investment strategy and to optimize capital and resource allocations in an effort to enhance our financial position and to increase stockholder value. This review entails an evaluation of both external market factors and our position in each market, and over time has resulted in the decision to discontinue certain of our homebuilding operations.

We have classified the results of operations of our discontinued operations separately in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented. There were no material assets or liabilities related to our discontinued operations as of September 30, 2022 or 2021. Discontinued operations were not segregated in the consolidated statements of cash flows. Therefore, amounts for certain captions in the consolidated statements of cash flows will not agree with the respective data in the consolidated statements of operations. The results of our discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of operations. The results of our discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of operations.

	1	Fiscal Year E	nded September 30	),	
in thousands	2022		2021		2020
Home construction and land sales expenses <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ (5)	\$	119	\$	1,245
Gross profit (loss)	5		(119)		(1,245)
General and administrative expenses	 23		85		173
Operating loss	(18)		(204)		(1,418)
Other income, net	 		—		19
Loss from discontinued operations before income taxes	(18)		(204)		(1,399)
Benefit from income taxes	 (4)		(45)		(309)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (14)	\$	(159)	\$	(1,090)

<sup>(a)</sup> Home construction and land sales expenses for the year ended September 30, 2020 include a \$1.3 million estimated litigation settlement accrual relating to a case regarding past construction defects in our discontinued operations. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, the Company paid \$1.4 million during fiscal 2021.

### (20) Subsequent Events

On October 13, 2022, the Company entered into a Senior Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility (the "New Unsecured Facility") which replaced our existing secured revolving credit facility. Refer to Note 8 for additional details related to the New Unsecured Facility.

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Beazer Homes USA, Inc.

## **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows, for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2022, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2022, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated November 10, 2022, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## **Critical Audit Matter**

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current-period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

## Owned Inventory—Valuation of Projects in Progress—Refer to Notes 2 and 5 to the financial statements.

#### Critical Audit Matter Description

Projects in progress inventory includes homes under construction and land under development grouped together as communities. Projects in progress are stated at cost unless facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable. The Company assesses its projects in progress inventory for indicators of potential impairment at the community level on a quarterly basis. The Company evaluates, among other things, the average sales price and margins on current homes and sales contracts in backlog for each community. As of September 30, 2022, the carrying value of the Company's projects in progress inventory was \$1.70 billion.

Given the subjectivity in determining whether impairment indicators are present at a community, management exercises significant judgment when evaluating for indicators of impairment. Accordingly, auditing management's judgments regarding the identification of impairment indicators involved an increased extent of effort and especially subjective auditor judgment.

#### How the Critical Audit Matter Was Addressed in the Audit

Our audit procedures related to the Company's identification of impairment indicators for projects in progress included the following, among others:

- a. We tested the operating effectiveness of controls over management's evaluation of impairment indicators.
- b. We evaluated management's impairment indicator analysis by:
  - i. Testing whether all communities classified as projects in progress inventory were included in the impairment indicators analysis.
  - ii. Testing each community classified as projects in progress inventory for indicators of impairment including considering average sales price and margins on current homes and sales contracts in backlog.
  - iii. Developing an independent expectation of indicators and compared such expectations to those included in the impairment indicator analysis.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Atlanta, Georgia November 10, 2022

We have served as the Company's auditor since 1996.

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Beazer Homes USA, Inc.

## **Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of September 30, 2022, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2022, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by COSO.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, of the Company and our report dated November 10, 2022, expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

## **Basis for Opinion**

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Atlanta, Georgia November 10, 2022



#### Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

#### **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2022 pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act). Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on the evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2022.

#### Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) and reflect management's judgments and estimates concerning events and transactions that are accounted for or disclosed.

Our management is also responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of our CEO and CFO to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements and even when determined to be effective, can only provide reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2022. Management's assessment was based on criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework). Based on this assessment, management concluded that the Company has maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2022. The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2022 has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is included in Part II, Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2022 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### Item 9B. Other Information

None.

### Item 9C. Disclosure Reporting Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions That Prevent Inspections

Not applicable.



#### PART III

## Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our proxy statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is expected to be filed on or before December 21, 2022.

### Code of Ethics

Beazer Homes has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "Code") that applies to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, and other senior financial officers. In November 2019, the Company's Board of Directors amended the Code. The full text of the Code, as amended, can be found on the Company's website at www.beazer.com. If at any time there is an amendment or waiver of any provision of the Code that is required to be disclosed, information regarding such amendment or waiver will be published on the Company's website.

#### Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our proxy statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is expected to be filed on or before December 21, 2022.

#### Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information relating to securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans is set forth above in Item 5 – Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities. All of the other information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our proxy statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is expected to be filed on or before December 21, 2022.

#### Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our proxy statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is expected to be filed on or before December 21, 2022.

## Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Our independent registered public accounting firm is Deloitte & Touche LLP (PCAOB ID No. 34).

Further information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our proxy statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is expected to be filed on or before December 21, 2022.

### PART IV

# Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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# 2. Financial Statement Schedules

None required.

## 3. Exhibits

All exhibits were filed under File No. 001-12822, except as otherwise indicated below.

Exhibit Number		Exhibit Description
3.1	_	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2008)
3.2		<u>Certificate of Amendment, dated April 13, 2010, to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company</u> (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010)
3.3	—	Certificate of Amendment, dated February 3, 2011, to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 8, 2011)
3.4	—	Certificate of Amendment, dated October 11, 2012, to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 12, 2012).
3.5	—	Certificate of Amendment, dated February 2, 2013, to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 5, 2013)
3.6	—	Certificate of Amendment, dated November 6, 2013, to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on November 7, 2013)
3.7	—	Certificate of Amendment, dated November 11, 2016, to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.8 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2016)
3.8	—	Certificate of Amendment, dated as of November 8, 2019, and effective as of November 12, 2019, to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.8 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2019).
3.10	_	Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2010)
4.1	—	Specimen Physical Common Stock Certificate of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Form 10-K filed on November 10, 2015)
4.2	—	Indenture, dated as of April 17, 2002 among the Company, the Guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.11 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed on July 16, 2002)
4.3	_	Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated January 9, 2006, to the Indenture dated as of April 17, 2002 (incorporated herein by referenced to Exhibit 99.2 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on January 17, 2006)

4.4		Reserved.
4.5		Reserved.
4.6	—	Form of Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated June 15, 2006, between the Company and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on June 21, 2006)
4.7	—	Form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement, dated June 15, 2006, among the Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, and certain individuals named therein as Administrative Trustees (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on June 21, 2006)
4.8	_	Ninth Supplemental Indenture, dated October 26, 2007, amending and supplementing the Indenture dated April 17, 2002, by and among Beazer Homes USA, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 30, 2007)
4.9	—	Junior Subordinated Indenture between Beazer Homes USA, Inc. and Wilmington Trust Company, as trustee, dated as of January 15, 2010 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Form 8-K dated January 21, 2010)
4.10	_	Reserved.
4.11	_	Fifteenth Supplemental Indenture, dated July 22, 2011, to the Indenture dated April 17, 2002, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, amending and supplementing the Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture, dated May 20, 2010, and the Fourteenth Supplemental Indenture, dated November 12, 2010 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2011)
4.12	—	Reserved.
4.15	—	Indenture, dated as of October 10, 2017, between the Company, the Guarantors and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 10, 2017)
4.16	_	Form of 5.875% Senior Note due 2027 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 10, 2017)
4.17	_	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of October 10, 2017, between the Company, the Guarantors and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as representative of the Initial Purchasers (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 10, 2017)
4.20	—	Supplemental Indenture, dated April 2, 2014, between Beazer-Inspirada LLC and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, related to the Company's 7.250% Senior Notes due 2023 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6(c) to the Company's Form S-4 filed on June 10, 2014 (File No. 333-196637))
4.21	_	Indenture for 6.750% Senior Notes due 2025, dated March 14, 2017, by and among the Company, the Guarantors and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on March 15, 2017)
4.22	—	Form of 6.750% Senior Note due 2025 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on March 15, 2017)
4.23	—	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 14, 2017, by and among the Company, the Guarantors and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as representatives of the Initial Purchasers (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Form 8-K filed March 15, 2017)
4.24	_	Indenture for 7.250% Senior Notes due 2029, dated as of September 24, 2019, by and among the Company, the Guarantors and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on September 24, 2019)
4.25	—	Form of 7.250% Senior Note due 2029 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's 8-K filed on September 24, 2019)
4.26	_	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2019, by and among the Company, the Guarantors and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as representative of the Initial Purchasers (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on September 24, 2019)
4.27	—	Description of the Registrant's Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.37 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2021)
10.1*	—	Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2003)
10.2*	—	Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008)

10.3*	_	Second Amended and Restated Corporate Management Stock Purchase Program (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2007)
10.4*	—	Director Stock Purchase Program (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2004)
10.5*	—	Form of Stock Option and Restricted Stock Award Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2004)
10.6*	_	Form of Stock Option Award Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 of the Company's Form 10-K for the vear ended September 30, 2004)
10.7*	—	Form of Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Incentive Plan Award Agreement for Performance Share Awards, dated as of February 2, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.18 of the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006)
10.8*	_	Form of Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Incentive Plan Award Agreement for Option and Restricted Stock Awards, dated as of February 2, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.19 of the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006)
10.9*	—	Form of Indemnification Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2008)
10.10*	—	2008 Beazer Homes USA, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan, adopted effective January 1, 2008 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.27 of the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007).
10.11*	—	Discretionary Employee Bonus Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.28 of the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007)
10.12*	—	2010 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010)
10.13*	—	Form of 2010 Equity Incentive Plan Employee Award Agreement for Option and Restricted Stock Awards (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 10-Q for the guarter ended June 30, 2010)
10.14*	_	Form of 2010 Equity Incentive Plan Award Agreement for Option and Restricted Stock Awards (Non-Employee Directors) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2010)
10.15*	_	Form of 2010 Equity Incentive Plan Award Agreement for Option and Restricted Stock Awards (Named Executive Officers). dated as of November 16, 2011 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's 8-K filed on November 22, 2011)
10.16*	_	Form of 2010 Equity Incentive Plan Performance Cash Award Agreement (Named Executive Officers) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's 10-Q for the guarter ended December 31, 2012)
10.17*	—	2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix I of the Company's Form DEF 14A filed on December 19, 2016)
10.18		Reserved.
10.19		Reserved.
10.20	_	Reserved.
10.21*	—	Form of 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan Award Agreement for Restricted Stock Awards (Named Executive Officers) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21 of the Company's Form 10-K filed on November 13, 2014)
10.22*	—	Form of 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan Award Agreement for TSR Performance Share Awards (Named Executive Officers) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22 of the Company's Form 10-K filed on November 13, 2014)
10.23*	—	Form of 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan Award Agreement for Pre-Tax Income Performance Share Awards (Named Executive Officers) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.23 of the Company's Form 10-K filed on November 13, 2014)
10.24*	—	Form of 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan Award Agreement for Restricted Stock Awards (Non-Employee Directors) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.24 of the Company's Form 10-K filed on November 13, 2014)
10.25*	—	Form of 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan Award Agreement for Performance Shares (Named Executive Officers) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 10-Q filed on February 4, 2016)
10.26*	—	Form of 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan Award Agreement for Performance Shares (Named Executive Officers) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.26 of the Company's Form 10-K filed on November 14, 2017)

10.27*	—	Severance and Change In Control Agreement by and between Allan P. Merrill and the Company, effective as of September 18, 2018 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on September 24, 2018)
10.28*	—	Severance and Change In Control Agreement by and between Robert L. Salomon and the Company, effective as of September 18, 2018 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on September 24, 2018)
10.29*	—	Severance and Change In Control Agreement by and between Keith L. Belknap and the Company, effective as of September 18, 2018 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.29 of the Company's Form 10-K filed on November 13, 2018)
10.30*	_	Severance and Change in Control Agreement, dated November 20, 2020 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K/A filed on November 20, 2020)
10.31*	_	Letter Agreement dated November 20, 2020 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on November 20, 2020), as amended
10.32	—	Delayed-Draw Term Loan Facility, dated November 16, 2010, among Beazer Homes USA, Inc., Citibank, N.A. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on November 18, 2010)
10.33	—	Delayed-Draw Term Loan Facility, dated November 16, 2010, among Beazer Homes USA, Inc., Deutsche Bank AG Cayman Islands Branch and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Form 8- K filed on November 18, 2010)
10.34	—	<u>First Amendment to the Delayed-Draw Term Loan Facility, dated as of November 16, 2010, by and between Beazer Homes</u> USA, Inc. and Citibank, N.A. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's 8-K filed on August 9, 2012)
10.35	—	First Amendment to the Delayed-Draw Term Loan Facility, dated as of November 16, 2010, by and between Beazer Homes USA, Inc. and Deutsche Bank AG Cayman Islands Branch (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's 8-K filed on August 9, 2012)
10.36	_	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2012, between Beazer Homes USA, Inc., as borrower, the lenders party thereto, the issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's 8-K filed on September 26, 2012)
10.37	_	First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2014, between Beazer Homes USA, Inc., as borrower, the lenders party thereto, the issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.33 of the Company's Form 10-K filed on November 13, 2014)
10.38	—	Second Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 6, 2015, between Beazer Homes USA, Inc., as borrower, the lenders party thereto, the issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.34 of the Company's 10-K filed on November 10, 2015)
10.39	—	<u>Credit Agreement, dated March 11, 2016, by and between Beazer Homes USA, Inc. and Wilmington Trust (incorporated herein</u> by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on March 11, 2016)
10.40	—	Third Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 13, 2016, by and among Beazer Homes USA, Inc., as borrower, the lenders party thereto, the issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed October 13, 2016)
10.41	—	Fourth Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2012, among the Company, as borrower, the lenders party thereto, the issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as agent, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 24, 2017)
10.42	—	Fifth Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2012, among the Company, as borrower, the lenders party thereto, the issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as
10.43	_	agent, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 5, 2018) Sixth Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2012, among the Company, as borrower, the lenders party thereto, the issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as
10.42	_	agent, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 10-Q filed on May 2, 2019) Seventh Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2012, among the Company, as borrower, the lenders party thereto, the issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as agent, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on September 10, 2019)

10.43	_	Term Loan Agreement, dated as of September 9, 2019, by and among the Company, the subsidiaries of the Company as guarantors thereto, and Credit Suisse International, as lender (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on September 10, 2019)
10.44		Form of 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan Award Agreement for Performance Shares (Named Executive Officers) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2017)
10.45	_	Eighth Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2012, among the Company, as borrower, the lenders and issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, acting as agent, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.45 of the Company's Form 10-Q filed on April 4, 2020)
10.46*	—	Amended and Restated 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix I of the Company's Form DEF 14A filed on December 20, 2019)
10.47	—	Ninth Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2012, among the Company, as borrower, the lenders party thereto, the issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as agent, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 13, 2020)
10.48	—	Tenth Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2012, among the Company, as borrower, the lenders and issuers party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG Cayman Islands Branch, acting as agent, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on September 27, 2021)
10.49	—	<u>Credit Agreement, dated as of October 13, 2022, among Beazer Homes USA, Inc., the several lenders from time to time parties</u> thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as an issuing lender and administrative agent
21	_	Subsidiaries of the Company
22	_	List of Guarantor Subsidiaries
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\* Represents a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

# (b) Exhibits

Reference is made to Item 15(a)3 above. The following is a list of exhibits, included in item 15(a)3 above, that are filed concurrently with this report.

10.49	_	Credit Agreement, dated as of October 13, 2022, among Beazer Homes USA, Inc., the several lenders from time to time parties thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as an issuing lender and administrative agent
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## (c) Financial Statement Schedules

Reference is made to Item 15(a)2 above.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 10, 2022

Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
By: /s/ Allan P. Merrill
Name: Allan P. Merrill
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Date:	November 10, 2022	By:	_	/s/ Allan P. Merrill
			Name:	Allan P. Merrill
				Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Date:	November 10, 2022	By:	_	/s/ David I. Goldberg
			Name:	David I. Goldberg
				Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Date:	November 10, 2022	By:		/s/ Elizabeth S. Acton
			Name:	Elizabeth S. Acton
				Director
Date:	November 10, 2022	By:		/s/ Lloyd E. Johnson
		5	Name:	Lloyd E. Johnson
				Director
Date:	November 10, 2022	By:		/s/ Peter M. Orser
		5	Name:	Peter M. Orser
				Director
Date:	November 10, 2022	By:		/s/ Norma A. Provencio
			Name:	Norma A. Provencio
				Director
Date:	November 10, 2022	By:		/s/ Danny R. Shepherd
		5	Name:	Danny R. Shepherd
				Director
Date:	November 10, 2022	By:		/s/ David J. Spitz
		5	Name:	David J. Spitz
				Director
Date:	November 10, 2022	By:		/s/ C. Christian Winkle
		5	Name:	C. Christian Winkle
				Director

Certain information contained in this document has been omitted because it is both (i) not material and (ii) is the type that the registrant treats as private or confidential. Omitted portions are marked with "[\*\*\*]" in this exhibit.

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## CREDIT AGREEMENT

among

BEAZER HOMES USA, INC., as Borrower, and

The Several Lenders from Time to Time Parties Hereto, and

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as an Issuing Lender and Administrative Agent

Dated as of October 13, 2022

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., REGIONS CAPITAL MARKETS, a division of Regions Bank and ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners,

and

REGIONS BANK and ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as Syndication Agents

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## EXHIBITS:

- A—Form of Guarantee Agreement
  B—Form of Compliance Certificate
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  D—Form of Assignment and Assumption
  E—Form of New Lender Supplement
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CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of October 13, 2022, among BEAZER HOMES USA, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), the several banks and other financial institutions or entities from time to time parties to this Agreement (the "<u>Lenders</u>") and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Issuing Lender and Administrative Agent (each as hereinafter defined).

The parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

## Section 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. <u>Defined Terms</u>. As used in this Agreement, the terms listed in this <u>Section 1.1</u> shall have the respective meanings set forth in this <u>Section 1.1</u>.

"<u>ABR</u>": for any day, a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the NYFRB Rate in effect on such day, <u>plus</u>  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% and (c) the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for a one month Interest Period as published two U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such day (or if such day is not a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, the immediately preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day), <u>plus</u> 1%; <u>provided</u> that for the purpose of this definition, the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for any day shall be based on the Term SOFR Reference Rate at approximately 5:00 a.m. Chicago time on such day (or any amended publication time for the Term SOFR Reference Rate, as specified by the CME Term SOFR Administrator in the Term SOFR Reference Rate methodology). Any change in the ABR due to a change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate, respectively. If the ABR is being used as an alternate rate of interest pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u> (for the avoidance of doubt, only until the Benchmark Replacement has been determined pursuant to <u>Section 2.13(b)</u>), then the ABR shall be the greater of <u>clauses (a)</u> and (b) above and shall be determined without reference to <u>clause (c)</u> above. For the avoidance of doubt, if the ABR as determined pursuant to the foregoing would be less than 1.00%, such rate shall be deemed to be 1.00% for purposes of this Agreement.

"<u>ABR Loans</u>": Loans the rate of interest applicable to which is based upon the ABR.

"<u>Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR</u>": an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the Daily Simple SOFR, <u>plus</u> (b) 0.10%; <u>provided</u> that if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR as so determined would be less than the Floor, such rate shall be deemed to be equal to the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement.

"<u>Adjusted Term SOFR Rate</u>": for any Interest Period, an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the Term SOFR Rate for such Interest Period, <u>plus</u> (b) 0.10%; <u>provided</u> that if the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate as so determined would be less than the Floor, such rate shall be deemed to be equal to the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement.

"<u>Administrative Agent</u>": JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., together with its affiliates, successors and assigns, as the administrative agent for the Lenders under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

"<u>Affected Financial Institution</u>": (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any UK Financial Institution.

"<u>Affiliate</u>": as to any Person, any Person (a) which directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls, or is Controlled by, or is under common Control with such Person, or (b) which directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, owns beneficially or of record twenty percent (20%) or more of the Voting Stock of such Person.

"Agent Indemnitee": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.7.

"<u>Agent-Related Person</u>": has the meaning assigned to it in <u>Section 10.5(d)</u>.

"<u>Agreement</u>": has the meaning assigned to it in preamble hereto.

"<u>Agreement Currency</u>": has the meaning assigned to it in <u>Section 10.20</u>.

"Ancillary Document": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.8.

"<u>Anti-Corruption Laws</u>": all laws, rules, and regulations of any jurisdiction applicable to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries from time to time concerning or relating to bribery or corruption.

"<u>Anti-Terrorism Order</u>": Executive Order No. 13,224, 66 Fed. Reg. 49,079 (2001), issued by the President of the United States of America (Executive Order Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism).

"<u>Applicable Margin</u>": for any day, with respect to each Type of Loan, the applicable rate per annum set forth under the relevant column heading in the Applicable Pricing Grid, based upon the Leverage Ratio as of the end of the fiscal quarter of the Borrower for which consolidated financial statements have theretofore been most recently delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.1(a)</u> or <u>6.1(b)</u>; provided that until the date of the delivery of the consolidated financial statements pursuant to <u>Section 6.1(a)</u> for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 the Applicable Margin shall be based on the rates per annum set forth in Category IV in the Applicable Pricing Grid.

"Applicable Parties": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.8(b).

"<u>Applicable Pricing Grid</u>": the table set forth below:

Category	Leverage Ratio	Applicable Margin for Term Benchmark Loans and, if applicable, RFR Loans	Applicable Margin for ABR Loans	Commitment Fee Rate
Ι	<30%	2.35%	1.35%	0.25%
II	≥30 % but <40%	2.60%	1.60%	0.30%
III	≥40 % but <50%	2.85%	1.85%	0.35%
IV	≥50%	3.10%	2.10%	0.40%

For purposes of the foregoing, each change in the Applicable Margin resulting from a change in the Leverage Ratio shall be effective during the period commencing on and including the Business Day following the date of delivery to the Administrative Agent pursuant to <u>Section 6.1(a)</u> or <u>Section 6.1(b)</u> of the consolidated financial statements and related Compliance

Certificate indicating such change and ending on the date immediately preceding the effective date of the next such change. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Applicable Margin shall be based on the rates per annum set forth in Category IV (i) at any time that an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and shall continue to so apply to but excluding the date on which such Event of Default shall cease to be continuing (and thereafter, the Category otherwise determined in accordance with this definition shall apply) or (ii) if the Borrower fails to deliver the consolidated financial statements required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.1(a)</u> or <u>Section 6.1(b)</u> or any Compliance Certificate required to be delivered pursuant hereto, in each case within the time periods specified herein for such delivery, during the period commencing on and including the day of the occurrence of a Default resulting from such failure and until the delivery thereof.

"Approved Electronic Platform": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.8.

"<u>Approved Fund</u>": any Person (other than a natural person) that is engaged in making, purchasing, holding or investing in bank loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business and that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

"Arrangers": collectively, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Regions Capital Markets, a division of Regions Bank and Royal Bank of Canada.

"<u>Assignee</u>": has the meaning assigned to it in <u>Section 10.6(b)</u>.

"Assignment and Assumption": an Assignment and Assumption, substantially in the form of Exhibit D.

"Authorized Financial Officer": any of the chief financial officer, treasurer, assistant treasurer or controller of the Borrower.

"<u>Available Commitment</u>": as to any Lender at any time, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) such Lender's Commitment then in effect over (b) such Lender's Percentage Interest of the Outstanding Amount.

"<u>Available Tenor</u>": of any date of determination and with respect to the then-current Benchmark, as applicable, any tenor for such Benchmark (or component thereof) or payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark (or component thereof), as applicable, that is or may be used for determining the length of an Interest Period for any term rate or otherwise, for determining any frequency of making payments of interest calculated pursuant to this Agreement as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is then-removed from the definition of "Interest Period" pursuant to <u>clause (e)</u> of <u>Section 2.13</u>.

"<u>Bail-In Action</u>": the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Affected Financial Institution.

"<u>Bail-In Legislation</u>": (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, regulation rule or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).

"<u>Bankruptcy Event</u>": with respect to any Person, such Person becomes the subject of a voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee, administrator, custodian, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with the reorganization or liquidation of its business appointed for it, or, in the good faith determination of the

Administrative Agent, has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any such proceeding or appointment or has had any order for relief in such proceeding entered in respect thereof; <u>provided</u> that a Bankruptcy Event shall not result solely by virtue of any ownership interest, or the acquisition of any ownership interest, in such Person by a Governmental Authority or instrumentality thereof, unless such ownership interest results in or provides such Person with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permits such Person (or such Governmental Authority or instrumentality) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made by such Person.

"Basel III": the third of the so-called Basel Accords issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.

"<u>Benchmark</u>": initially, the Term SOFR Rate; <u>provided</u> that if a Benchmark Transition Event, and the related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the Term SOFR Rate, or the then-current Benchmark, then "Benchmark" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior benchmark rate pursuant to <u>clause (b)</u> of <u>Section 2.13</u>.

"<u>Benchmark Replacement</u>": for any Available Tenor, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent for the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date:

(1) the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR;

(2) the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement benchmark rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a benchmark rate as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities in the United States at such time and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

If the Benchmark Replacement as determined pursuant to <u>clause (1)</u> or <u>(2)</u> above would be less than the Floor, the Benchmark Replacement will be deemed to be the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

"Benchmark Replacement Adjustment": with respect to any replacement of the then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Interest Period and Available Tenor for any setting of such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement, the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and/or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time.

"<u>Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes</u>": with respect to any Benchmark Replacement and/or any Term Benchmark Loan, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of "ABR," the definition of "Business Day," the definition of "U.S. Government Securities Business Day," the definition of "Interest Period," timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices, length of lookback periods, the applicability of breakage provisions, and other technical, administrative or operational matters) that the Administrative Agent decides in its reasonable discretion may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of such Benchmark

and to permit the administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Administrative Agent determines that no market practice for the administration of such Benchmark exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent decides in its reasonable discretion is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents).

"<u>Benchmark Replacement Date</u>": with respect to any Benchmark, the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to such then-current Benchmark:

(1) in the case of <u>clause (1)</u> or (<u>2</u>) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(2) in the case of <u>clause (3)</u> of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the first date on which such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) has been determined and announced by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) to be no longer representative; <u>provided</u> that such non-representativeness will be determined by reference to the most recent statement or publication referenced in such <u>clause (3)</u> and even if any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) continues to be provided on such date.

For the avoidance of doubt, (i) if the event giving rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination and (ii) the "Benchmark Replacement Date" will be deemed to have occurred in the case of <u>clause</u> (<u>1</u>) or (<u>2</u>) with respect to any Benchmark upon the occurrence of the applicable event or events set forth therein with respect to all thencurrent Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

"<u>Benchmark Transition Event</u>": with respect to any Benchmark, the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to such then-current Benchmark:

(1) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof), permanently or indefinitely; <u>provided</u> that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

(2) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the Federal Reserve Board, the NYFRB, the CME Term SOFR Administrator, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), in each case, which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(3) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) are no longer, or as of a specified future date will no longer be, representative.

For the avoidance of doubt, a "Benchmark Transition Event" will be deemed to have occurred with respect to any Benchmark if a public statement or publication of information set forth above has occurred with respect to each then-current Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

"<u>Benchmark Unavailability Period</u>": with respect to any Benchmark, the period (if any) (x) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date pursuant to <u>clauses (1)</u> or (<u>2</u>) of that definition has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced such then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with <u>Section 2.13</u> and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced such then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder any Loan Document in accordance with <u>Section 2.13</u>.

"<u>Beneficial Ownership Certification</u>": a certification regarding beneficial ownership or control as required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

"Beneficial Ownership Regulation": 31 C.F.R. §1010.230.

"<u>Benefit Plan</u>": any of (a) an "employee benefit plan" (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a "plan" as defined in Section 4975 of the Code to which Section 4975 of the Code applies, and (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of the Plan Asset Regulations or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) the assets of any such "employee benefit plan" or "plan."

"Benefitted Lender": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.7(a).

"<u>BHC Act Affiliate</u>": of a party means an "affiliate' (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.

"Board": the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States (or any successor).

"<u>Borrower</u>": has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble hereto.

"Borrowing": a Revolving Borrowing.

"Borrowing Base": as of any date, an amount equal to the sum of the following assets of the Borrower and each Guarantor:

- (a) 100% of Unrestricted Cash denominated in Dollars to the extent it exceeds the Required Liquidity; plus
- (b) 100% of the amount of Escrow Proceeds Receivable; <u>plus</u>
- (c) 90% of the book value of Units Under Contract; <u>plus</u>
- (d) subject to the limitations set forth below, 85% of the book value of Speculative Units (other than Model Units); <u>plus</u>
- (e) 85% of the book value of Model Units; <u>plus</u>
- (f) 65% of the book value of Land Under Development; <u>plus</u>

(g) subject to the limitation set forth below, 50% of the book value of Entitled Land Held for Future Development and Entitled Land Held For Sale that is not included in <u>clauses (a)</u> through <u>(f)</u> above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing:

(i) the advance rate for Speculative Units (other than Model Units) shall decrease to 50% for any Speculative Unit that has been included in the Borrowing Base for 18 months or more (as determined on a cumulative basis);

(ii) the Borrowing Base shall not include any amount under <u>clause (g)</u> of the definition of "Borrowing Base" to the extent that such amount exceeds 25% of the total Borrowing Base

(iii) the aggregate of amounts included pursuant to <u>clauses (f)</u> and <u>(g)</u> of the definition of "Borrowing Base" shall not exceed, at any time, 50% of the total Borrowing Base; and

(iv) the Borrowing Base shall not include (A) any Speculative Units that have been included in the Borrowing Base for two years or more (as determined on a cumulative basis) and (b) any Model Units that have been included in the Borrowing Base for more than 18 months following the sale of the last applicable production unit (as determined on a cumulative basis).

"<u>Borrowing Base Availability</u>": as of any date, an amount equal to the lesser of (a) the Commitments and (b)(i) the Borrowing Base calculated in the most recently delivered Borrowing Base Certificate, <u>minus</u> (ii) the Borrowing Base Debt on such date.

"<u>Borrowing Base Certificate</u>": a certificate duly executed by an Authorized Financial Officer substantially in the form of Exhibit C.

"<u>Borrowing Base Debt</u>": as of any date, an amount equal to (i) the Consolidated Debt, <u>minus</u> (ii) Subordinated Debt due greater than one year, <u>minus</u> (iii) the Outstanding Amount (to the extent included in Consolidated Debt).

"<u>Borrowing Date</u>": any Business Day specified by the Borrower as a date on which the Borrower requests the relevant Lenders to make Loans hereunder.

"<u>Business Day</u>": a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks are open for business in New York City; <u>provided</u> that, in addition to the foregoing, a Business Day shall be (a) in relation to RFR Loans and any interest rate settings, fundings, disbursements, settlements or payments of any such RFR Loan, or any other dealings of such RFR Loan (in each case, solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>) and (b) in relation to Loans referencing the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate and any interest rate settings, fundings, disbursements, settlements or payments of any such Loans referencing the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or any other dealings of such Loans referencing the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate, any such day that is only a U.S. Government Securities Business Day.

"<u>Capital Stock</u>": any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) equity of any Person, including any preferred stock, but excluding any debt securities convertible into such equity.

"<u>Capitalized Lease</u>": of a Person means any lease of property by such Person as lessee which would be capitalized on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"<u>Capitalized Lease Obligations</u>": any obligations under a lease that is required to be capitalized for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP.

"<u>Cash Collateralize</u>": to pledge and deposit with or deliver to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of one or more of the Issuing Lenders or Lenders, as collateral for L/C Obligations or obligations of Lenders to fund participations in respect of L/C Obligations, cash or deposit account balances or, if the Administrative Agent and each applicable Issuing Lender shall agree in their sole discretion, other credit support, in each case pursuant to documentation in form and substance satisfactory

to the Administrative Agent and each applicable Issuing Lender. "<u>Cash Collateral</u>" shall have a meaning correlative to the foregoing and shall include the proceeds of such cash collateral and other credit support.

"<u>Cash Equivalents</u>": (i) short-term obligations of, or fully guaranteed by, the United States of America, (ii) commercial paper rated A-1 or better by S&P or P-1 or better by Moody's, (iii) demand deposit accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business, (iv) short term certificates of deposit and time deposits, which mature within eighteen (18) months from the date of issuance and which are maintained with a Lender, a domestic commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$100,000,000, or are fully insured by the FDIC, including, for the avoidance of doubt, investments placed through the CDARS and ICS deposit placement program, and (v) money market funds substantially all the assets of which are described in the preceding clauses.

"CDARS": the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service.

"<u>Change in Status</u>": the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to a Subsidiary that, immediately prior to such event, is a Guarantor: (a) all of the assets of such Subsidiary are sold or otherwise disposed of to a third party in a transaction in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; (b) all of the Capital Stock of such Subsidiary held by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary is sold or otherwise disposed of to any Person other than a Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary in a transaction in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; (c) such Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary (or otherwise ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary, including by way of liquidation or merger) in compliance with the terms of this Agreement or (d) such Subsidiary becomes an Excluded Subsidiary in compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

"Change in Status Notice": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 6.7.

"<u>Change of Control</u>": (a) the acquisition of ownership, directly or indirectly, beneficially or of record, by any Person or group (within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder as in effect on the date hereof), of Equity Interests representing more than 50% of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Borrower or (b) occupation of a majority of the seats (other than vacant seats) on the board of directors of the Borrower by Persons who were neither (i) nominated by the board of directors of the Borrower nor (ii) appointed by directors so nominated.

"Charges": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.21.

"Charity Subsidiaries": Beazer Charity Foundation, Inc., Charity Title Group LLC and Charity Title Agency LLC.

"<u>Closing Date</u>": the date on which the conditions precedent set forth in <u>Section 5.1</u> shall have been satisfied, which date is October 13, 2022.

"<u>CME Term SOFR Administrator</u>": CME Group Benchmark Administration Limited as administrator of the forward-looking term Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) (or a successor administrator).

"Code": the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"Collateral Account": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 3.11.

"<u>Commitment</u>": as to any Lender, the obligation of such Lender, if any, to make Revolving Loans and participate in Letters of Credit in an aggregate principal and/or face amount not to exceed the amount set forth under the heading "Commitment" opposite such Lender's name on <u>Schedule 1.1A</u> or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender became a party hereto, as the same may be changed from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The original aggregate amount of the Commitments is \$265,000,000.

"<u>Commitment Fee Rate</u>": for any day, the applicable rate per annum set forth under the column "Commitment Fee Rate" in the Applicable Pricing Grid, based upon the Leverage Ratio as of the end of the fiscal quarter of the Borrower for which consolidated financial statements have theretofore been most recently delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.1(a)</u> or <u>6.1(b)</u>; <u>provided</u> that until the date of the delivery of the consolidated financial statements pursuant to <u>Section 6.1(a)</u> for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 the Commitment Fee Rate shall be based on the rates per annum set forth in Category IV in the Applicable Pricing Grid.

"<u>Commitment Period</u>": the period from and including the Closing Date to the Termination Date.

"<u>Communications</u>": collectively, any notice, demand, communication, information, document or other material provided by or on behalf of any Loan Party pursuant to any Loan Document or the transactions contemplated therein which is distributed by the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Lender by means of electronic communications pursuant to <u>Section 9.8</u>, including through an Approved Electronic Platform.

"<u>Competitor</u>": any Person that is itself, or is owned or Controlled by, (i) a Homebuilder or (ii) engaged primarily in the business of investing in distressed real estate and not a banking institution, life insurance company, or other similar financial institution that ordinarily is engaged in the business of making real estate loans in the ordinary course of business.

"<u>Completed Unit</u>": a Unit as to which either (or both) of the following has occurred: (a) a notice of completion has been filed or recorded in the appropriate real estate records; or (b) all necessary construction has been completed in order to obtain a certificate of occupancy (whether or not such certificate of occupancy has actually been obtained), or if a notice of completion or certificate of occupancy is not required to be provided to, or issued by, the applicable jurisdiction, respectively, the Unit is otherwise ready for occupancy in accordance with applicable law.

"Compliance Certificate": a certificate duly executed by an Authorized Financial Officer substantially in the form of Exhibit

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"<u>Connection Income Taxes</u>": Other Connection Taxes that are imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) or that are franchise Taxes or branch profits Taxes.

"<u>Consolidated Debt</u>": at any date, without duplication (a) all funded debt of the Loan Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, <u>plus</u> (b) funded debt of Joint Ventures that are Subsidiaries with recourse to or guaranteed by the Borrower or any other Loan Party, <u>plus</u> (c) the sum of (i) all reimbursement obligations with respect to drawn Performance Letters of Credit (excluding any portion of the actual or potential reimbursement obligations that are secured by cash collateral) <u>and</u> (ii) all reimbursement obligations that are secured by cash collateral) and, without duplication, the maximum amount available to be drawn under all Financial Letters of Credit (excluding any portion of the actual or potential reimbursement obligations that are secured by cash collateral) and, without duplication, the maximum amount available to be drawn under all Financial Letters of Credit (excluding any portion of the actual or potential reimbursement obligations that are secured by cash collateral) and, without duplication, the maximum amount available to be drawn under all Financial Letters of Credit (excluding any portion of the actual or potential reimbursement obligations that are secured by cash collateral), in each case issued for the account of, or guaranteed by, any Loan Party or any of their Restricted Subsidiaries, <u>plus</u> (d) all guarantees of the Loan Parties or their Restricted Subsidiaries of funded debt of third parties; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, except as provided above in this definition will respect to Financial Letters of Credit, in the case of any Contingent Obligation only amounts due and payable at the time of determination will be included in the calculation of Consolidated Debt, <u>plus</u> (e) funded debt of Unrestricted Subsidiaries or third parties with recourse to or guaranteed by any Loan Party or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, <u>plus</u> (f) all Hedging Obligations of the Loan Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries.

"<u>Consolidated EBITDA</u>": for any period, (a) the Consolidated Net Income of the Loan Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries, <u>plus</u> (b) to the extent deducted from revenues in determining Consolidated Net Income of the Loan Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries: (i) Consolidated Interest Expense, (ii) expense for income taxes paid or accrued, (iii) depreciation, (iv) amortization (including

amortization of goodwill and other intangible assets), (v) non-cash charges (including impairment charges for land and other long-lived assets), (vi) extraordinary losses, and (vii) loss on early extinguishment of indebtedness, <u>minus</u> (c) to the extent added to revenues in determining Consolidated Net Income, non-cash gains and extraordinary gains (including for the avoidance of doubt, gains relating to the release of any tax valuation asset reserves and gains on early extinguishment of indebtedness); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Consolidated EBITDA of the Restricted Subsidiaries shall only be included in the amount of the Loan Parties' pro-rata share of interest of such Restricted Subsidiaries.

"<u>Consolidated Interest Expense</u>": for any period, the consolidated interest expense and capitalized interest and other charges amortized to cost of sales of Loan Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"<u>Consolidated Interest Incurred</u>": for any period, the aggregate amount (without duplication and determined, in each case (to the extent applicable), in accordance with GAAP) of interest (excluding interest of a Loan Party to another Loan Party) incurred, whether such interest was expensed or capitalized, paid, accrued, or scheduled to be paid or accrued during such period by any of the Loan Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries during such period, including (a) the interest portion of all deferred payment obligations, and (b) all commissions, discounts, and other fees and charges (excluding premiums) owed with respect to bankers' acceptances and letter of credit financings (including, without limitation, letter of credit fees) and Hedging Obligations, in each case to the extent attributable to such period; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Consolidated Interest Incurred of the Restricted Subsidiaries shall only be included in the amount of the Loan Parties' pro-rata share of interest of such Restricted Subsidiaries. For purposes of this definition, interest on Capital Leases shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate reasonably determined by the Borrower to be the rate of interest implicit in such Capital Leases in accordance with GAAP.

"<u>Consolidated Net Income</u>": for any period, the net income (or loss) attributable to Loan Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP. For the avoidance of doubt, the calculation of Consolidated Net Income will exclude net income (or loss) of Joint Ventures and Unrestricted Subsidiaries that otherwise would be consolidated under GAAP; <u>provided</u> that Consolidated Net Income shall include, without duplication, the net income of any Joint Venture and Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent such net income is actually received by any Loan Party or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the form of cash dividends or similar cash distributions during such period, or in any other form that is received and converted to cash during such period.

"<u>Consolidated Tangible Net Worth</u>": at any date, the consolidated stockholders equity (including any preferred stock that is classified as equity under GAAP, other than Disqualified Stock), <u>less</u> Intangible Assets, of the Loan Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries determined in accordance with GAAP on a consolidated basis, all determined as of such date. For the avoidance of doubt, the calculation of Consolidated Tangible Net Worth will exclude, without duplication, (i) the stockholders' equity (less Intangible Assets) of Joint Ventures and Unrestricted Subsidiaries that otherwise would be consolidated under GAAP and (ii) any intercompany liabilities of Joint Ventures and Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

"<u>Contingent Obligation</u>": any agreement, undertaking or arrangement by which such Person assumes, guarantees, endorses, contingently agrees to purchase or provide funds for the payment of, or otherwise becomes or is contingently liable upon, the monetary obligation or monetary liability of any other Person, or agrees to maintain the net worth or working capital or other financial condition of any other Person, or otherwise assures any creditor of such other Person against loss, including, without limitation, any comfort letter, operating agreement, take-or-pay contract, "put" agreement or other similar arrangement.

"<u>Contractual Obligation</u>": any provision of any security issued by such Person or of any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"<u>Control</u>": the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. "<u>Controlling</u>" and "<u>Controlled</u>" have meanings correlative thereto.

"<u>Corresponding Tenor</u>": with respect to any Available Tenor, as applicable, either a tenor (including overnight) or an interest payment period having approximately the same length (disregarding business day adjustment) as such Available Tenor.

"Covered Entity": any of the following:

- (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b);
- (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or
- (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

"<u>Covered Party</u>": has the meaning assigned to it in <u>Section 10.19</u>.

"<u>Credit Party</u>": the Administrative Agent, each Issuing Lender, or any other Lender.

"<u>Daily Simple SOFR</u>": for any day (a "<u>SOFR Rate Day</u>"), a rate per annum equal to SOFR for the day (such day "<u>SOFR</u> <u>Determination Date</u>") that is five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to (i) if such SOFR Rate Day is a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, such SOFR Rate Day or (ii) if such SOFR Rate Day is not a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, the U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately preceding such SOFR Rate Day, in each case, as such SOFR is published by the SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator's Website. Any change in Daily Simple SOFR due to a change in SOFR shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in SOFR without notice to the Borrower.

"<u>Default</u>": any event or circumstance that, with the giving of notice or passage of time, or both, would become an Event of Default.

"<u>Default Right</u>": has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable

"Defaulting Lender": any Lender that (a) has failed, within two Business Days of the date required to be funded or paid, to (i) fund any portion of its Loans, (ii) fund any portion of its participations in Letters of Credit or (iii) pay over to any Credit Party any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder, unless, in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> above, such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender's good faith determination that a condition precedent to funding (specifically identified and including the particular default, if any) has not been satisfied, (b) has notified the Borrower or any Credit Party in writing, or has made a public statement to the effect, that it does not intend or expect to comply with any of its funding obligations under this Agreement (unless such writing or public statement indicates that such position is based on such Lender's good faith determination that a condition precedent (specifically identified and including the particular default, if any) to funding a loan under this Agreement cannot be satisfied) or generally under other agreements in which it commits to extend credit, (c) has failed, within three Business Days after request by a Credit Party, acting in good faith, to provide a certification in writing from an authorized officer of such Lender that it will comply with its obligations (and is financially able to meet such obligations as of the date of certification) to fund prospective Loans and participations in then outstanding Letters of Credit under this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this <u>clause (c)</u> upon such Credit Party's receipt of such certification in form and substance satisfactory to it and the Administrative Agent, or (d) has become the subject of (A) a Bankruptcy Event or (B) a Bail-In Action.

"<u>Disqualified Stock</u>": with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock of such Person that, by its terms, or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is putable or exchangeable, or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable pursuant to a

sinking fund obligation or otherwise (other than solely as a result of a change of control), is convertible or exchangeable for Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely as a result of a change of control), in whole or in part, in each case prior to the date that is 120 days after the Termination Date; provided, however, that if such Capital Stock is issued to any plan for the benefit of employees of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or by any such plan to such employees, such Capital Stock shall not constitute Disqualified Stock solely because (i) it may be required to be repurchased by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations or (ii) in the case of an option issued to any such employee, such option gives the employee the right, under certain circumstances, to require the Borrower to withhold shares to pay the exercise price or the withholding taxes that are applicable upon exercise of such option.

"Dividing Person": has the meaning assigned to it in the definition of "Division".

"<u>Division</u>": the division of the assets, liabilities and/or obligations of a Person (the "<u>Dividing Person</u>") among two or more Persons (whether pursuant to a "plan of division" or similar arrangement), which may or may not include the Dividing Person and pursuant to which the Dividing Person may or may not survive.

"<u>Division Successor</u>": any Person that, upon the consummation of a Division of a Dividing Person, holds all or any portion of the assets, liabilities and/or obligations previously held by such Dividing Person immediately prior to the consummation of such Division. A Dividing Person which retains any of its assets, liabilities and/or obligations after a Division shall be deemed a Division Successor upon the occurrence of such Division.

"Dollars" and "<u>\$</u>": dollars in lawful currency of the United States.

"<u>EEA Financial Institution</u>": (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in <u>clause (a)</u> of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in <u>clauses (a)</u> or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

"EEA Member Country": any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

"<u>EEA Resolution Authority</u>": any public administrative authority or any Person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

"<u>Electronic Signature</u>": an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to, or associated with, a contract or other record and adopted by a Person with the intent to sign, authenticate or accept such contract or record.

"Eligible Assignee": any of (i) a Lender or a Lender Affiliate, (ii) a commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States, or any State thereof, and having (x) total assets in excess of \$1,000,000,000 and (y) a combined capital and surplus of at least \$250,000,000; (iii) a commercial bank organized under the laws of any other country which is a member of the OECD, or a political subdivision of any such country, and having (x) total assets in excess of \$1,000,000,000 and (y) a combined capital and surplus of at least \$250,000,000; provided that such bank is acting through a branch or agency located in the country in which it is organized or another country which is also a member of OECD; (iv) a life insurance company organized under the laws of any State of the United States, or organized under the laws of any country and licensed as a life insurer by any State within the United States and having admitted assets of at least \$1,000,000,000; (v) a nationally or internationally recognized investment banking company or other financial institution in the business of making, investing in or purchasing loans, or an Affiliate thereof organized under the laws of any State of the United States or any other country which is a member of OECD, and licensed or qualified to conduct such business under the laws of any such State and having (1) total assets of at least \$1,000,000,000 and (2) a net worth of at least

\$250,000,000; or (vi) an Approved Fund. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) in no event shall a Defaulting Lender or its Lender Parent be deemed to be an Eligible Assignee, and (b) "Eligible Assignee" shall not include the Borrower, any of the Borrower's Affiliates or a Competitor.

"<u>Entitled Land Held For Future Development</u>": unimproved Qualified Real Property Inventory comprised of land where all requisite zoning requirements and land use requirements have been satisfied, and all requisite approvals have been obtained from all applicable governmental authorities (other than approvals which are simply ministerial and non-discretionary in nature or otherwise not material) in order to develop the land as a residential housing project.

"<u>Entitled Land Held For Sale</u>": unimproved Qualified Real Property Inventory comprised of land where all requisite zoning requirements and land use requirements have been satisfied, and all requisite approvals have been obtained from all applicable governmental authorities (other than approvals which are simply ministerial and non-discretionary in nature or otherwise not material) in order to sell to a third party.

"<u>Environmental Laws</u>": any and all foreign, Federal, state, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, decrees, requirements of any Governmental Authority or other Requirements of Law (including common law) regulating, relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning protection of human health or the environment, as now or may at any time hereafter be in effect.

"Environmental Liability": any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of the Borrower or any Subsidiary directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Substances, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Substances, (d) the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Substances into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

"<u>Equity Interests</u>": shares of capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests in a limited liability company, beneficial interests in a trust or other equity ownership interests in a Person, and any warrants, options or other rights entitling the holder thereof to purchase or acquire any such equity interest, but excluding any debt securities convertible into any of the foregoing.

"<u>ERISA</u>": the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"ERISA Affiliate": any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with any Loan Party, is (i) treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code or, solely for purposes of Sections 412 of the Code, Sections 414(m) or (o) of the Code or (ii) under common control, within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(14) of ERISA. Any entity that qualified as an ERISA Affiliate on any date prior to the date hereof, shall continue to be an ERISA Affiliate, for purposes of this definition, for any period during which any Loan Party could remain liable under the Code or ERISA on account of such prior ERISA Affiliate status.

"ERISA Event": (a) a Reportable Event; (b) the filing, pursuant to Section 412(c) of the Code or Section 302(c) of ERISA, of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Plan; (c) a withdrawal by any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate from a Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which it is a substantial employer (as defined in Section 4001(a) (2) of ERISA) or a cessation of operations that is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (d) a determination that any Plan is, or is expected to be, in "at risk" status (within the meaning of Section 430 of the Code or Section 303 of ERISA); (e) a complete or partial withdrawal by any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan or notification that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, insolvent (within the meaning of Section 4245 of ERISA) or in "endangered" or "critical" status (within the meaning of Section 432 of the Code or Section 305 of ERISA); (f) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate a Plan (under Sections 4041 of ERISA), the treatment of a plan amendment as a termination of a Multiemployer Plan (under Section 4041A of ERISA), or the

commencement of proceedings by the PBGC to terminate a Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (g) an event or condition which constitutes grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (h) the imposition of any liability under Title IV of ERISA, other than for PBGC premiums due but not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA, upon any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate.

"<u>Escrow Proceeds Receivable</u>": funds due to the Borrower or any Guarantor held in escrow following the sale and conveyance of title of a Unit to a buyer which are not subject to or encumbered by any Lien (other than the Permitted Liens described in <u>clauses (b)</u> through (<u>e</u>), (j) and (<u>l</u>) of the definition of "Permitted Liens").

"<u>EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule</u>": the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor Person), as in effect from time to time.

"Event of Default": any of the events specified in Section 8.

"Exchange Act": the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"<u>Excluded Subsidiary</u>": any (i) non-Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower, (ii) Unrestricted Subsidiary, (iii) Subsidiary organized in a jurisdiction other than the United States (solely to the extent a guarantee of the Obligations by such Subsidiary could reasonably be expected to result in adverse tax consequences to the Borrower), (iv) Subsidiary for which any guarantee of the Obligations (x) is legally prohibited by any Requirement of Law or requires any consent, approval, license or authorization from any Governmental Authority, unless such consent, approval, license or authorization has been received or (y) is contractually prohibited on the Closing Date or on the date of the acquisition or formation of such Subsidiary by any Loan Party or Subsidiary of any Loan Party, so long as such prohibition is not created in contemplation of such acquisition or formation and (v) not-for-profit Subsidiary.

"Excluded Taxes": any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable lending office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. Federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in the Loans, any Letter of Credit or Commitments pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loans, any Letter of Credit or Commitments (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under <u>Section 2.19</u>) or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to <u>Section 2.17</u>, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender acquired the applicable interest in a Loan, Letter of Credit or Commitment or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with <u>Section 2.16(e)</u> or <u>Section 2.16(f)</u> and (d) any U.S. Federal withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

"Existing Credit Agreement": that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2012 (as amended by that certain First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2014, that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 6, 2015, that certain Third Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 13, 2016, that certain Fourth Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 14, 2017, that certain Fifth Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 24, 2017, that certain Fifth Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of February 20, 2019, that certain Seventh Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 9, 2019, that certain Eighth Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of April 27, 2020, that certain Ninth Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2020 and that certain Tenth

Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2021), among the Borrower, the lenders and issuers party thereto, Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Island Branch, acting through one or more of its branches or affiliates, as agent and the other agents and parties party thereto from time to time.

"<u>FATCA</u>": Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement, treaty or convention among Governmental Authorities and implementing such Sections of the Code.

"<u>FDIC</u>": the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"<u>Federal Funds Effective Rate</u>": for any day, the rate calculated by the NYFRB based on such day's federal funds transactions by depositary institutions (as shall be set forth on the NYFRB's Website from time to time) and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as the effective federal funds rate; <u>provided</u> that if the Federal Funds Effective Rate as so determined would be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for the purposes of this Agreement.

"Federal Reserve Board": the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.

"Financial Letter of Credit": a letter of credit that is not a Performance Letter of Credit.

"<u>Fitch</u>": Fitch Ratings Inc.

"<u>Floor</u>": 0.0%.

"<u>Fronting Exposure</u>": at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender's Percentage Interest of the outstanding L/C Obligations with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Lender other than L/C Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof.

"<u>Funding Office</u>": the office of the Administrative Agent specified in <u>Section 10.2</u> or such other office as may be specified from time to time by the Administrative Agent as its funding office by written notice to the Borrower and the Lenders.

"<u>GAAP</u>": generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect at the time any determination is made or financial statement is required hereunder as promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Accounting Principles Board, the Financial Accounting Standards Board or any other body existing from time to time which is authorized to establish or interpret such principles, applied on a consistent basis throughout any applicable period, subject to any change required by a change in GAAP; provided, however, that if any change in generally accepted accounting principles from those applied in preparing the financial statements referred to in <u>Section 4.1</u> affects the calculation of any financial covenant contained herein, (i) the Borrower, the Lenders and Administrative Agent hereby agree to make such amendments hereto to the effect that each such financial covenant is not more or less restrictive than such covenant as in effect on the date hereof using generally accepted accounting principles consistent with those reflected in such financial statements, and (ii) pending the effectiveness of such amendment, the Borrower shall not be in Default hereunder if, solely as a result of such change in generally accepted accounting principles, the Borrower is not in compliance with any financial covenant contained herein.

"<u>Governmental Authority</u>": the government of the United States of America, any other nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-

national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank), and any corporation or other entity owned or controlled, through stock or capital ownership or otherwise, by any of the foregoing.

"<u>Guarantee Agreement</u>": the Guarantee Agreement to be executed and delivered by each Guarantor, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u>.

"<u>Guarantors</u>": each of the Borrower's direct or indirect Subsidiaries listed on <u>Schedule 1.1C</u> hereto and each Subsidiary of the Borrower which becomes a Guarantor pursuant to Section 6.7 (in each case other than any such Subsidiary that has been released from its guarantee under the Guarantee Agreement in compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents).

"<u>Hazardous Substances</u>": all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

"<u>Hedging Obligations</u>": of a Person, any and all obligations of such Person, whether absolute or contingent and howsoever and whensoever created, arising evidenced or acquired (including all renewals, extensions and modifications thereof and substitutions therefor), (a) under any and all agreements, devices or arrangements designed to protect at least one of the parties thereto from the fluctuations of interest rates, commodity prices, exchange rates or forward rates applicable to such party's assets, liabilities, or exchange transaction, including, but not limited to, dollar-denominated or cross-currency interest rate exchange agreements, forward currency exchange agreements, interest rate cap or collar protection agreements, forward rate currency or interest rate options, puts and warrants, and (b) any and all cancellations, buy backs, reversals, terminations or assignments of any of the foregoing.

"<u>Homebuilder</u>": any Person that is listed on the most recent Builder 100 list published by Builder magazine, ranked by revenues or closings (or if such list is no longer published, identified in such other published list or through such other means as is mutually agreed by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower) or any Affiliate of such Person.

## "ICS": Insured Cash Sweep.

# "Increased Facility Closing Date": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.21.

"Indebtedness": of any Person at any date, without duplication, (a) all liabilities and obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person, (i) in respect of borrowed money, (ii) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments, (iii) representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property or services, except those incurred in the ordinary course of its business that would constitute ordinarily a trade payable to trade creditors (but specifically excluding from such exception the deferred purchase price of Real Property Inventory), (iv) evidenced by bankers' acceptances, (v) consisting of obligations, whether or not assumed, secured by Liens or payable out of the proceeds or production from property now or hereafter owned or acquired by such Person, except Liens described in clauses (b) through (e), (g), (j) and (l) of the definition of" Permitted Liens", so long as the obligations secured thereby are not more than sixty (60) days delinquent, (vi) consisting of Capitalized Lease Obligations (including any Capitalized Leases entered into as a part of a sale/leaseback transaction), (vii) consisting of liabilities and obligations under any receivable sales transactions, (viii) consisting of a Financial Letter of Credit (but excluding Performance Letters of Credit or performance or surety bonds) or a reimbursement obligation of such Person with respect to any Financial Letter of Credit (but excluding Performance Sheet Liabilities or (xi) consisting of Contingent Obligations; (x) consisting of Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities or (xi) consisting of Contingent Obligations; (x) consisting of or in connection with the sale of the same or substantially similar securities or property.

"<u>Indemnified Taxes</u>": (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in (a) hereof, Other Taxes.

"Indemnitee": has the meaning assigned to it in <u>Section 10.5(c)</u>.

"<u>Intangible Assets</u>": assets that are considered to be intangible assets under GAAP, including customer lists, goodwill, copyrights, trade names, trademarks, patents, franchises, licenses, unamortized deferred charges and unamortized debt discount.

"<u>Interest Coverage Ratio</u>": as of any date, for the applicable period of the four quarters then ended, the ratio of (a) Consolidated EBITDA to (b) Consolidated Interest Incurred.

"Interest Payment Date": (a) with respect to any ABR Loan, the last day of each March, June, September and December and the Termination Date, (b) with respect to any RFR Loan (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>), (1) each date that is on the numerically corresponding day in each calendar month that is one month after the Borrowing of such Loan (or, if there is no such numerically corresponding day in such month, then the last day of such month) and (2) the Termination Date and (c) with respect to any Term Benchmark Loan, the last day of each Interest Period applicable to the Borrowing of which such Loan is a part and, in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing with an Interest Period of more than three months' duration, each day prior to the last day of such Interest Period that occurs at intervals of three months' duration after the first day of such Interest Period, and the Termination Date.

"Interest Period": with respect to any Term Benchmark Borrowing, the period commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, three or six months thereafter (in each case, subject to the availability for the Benchmark applicable to the relevant Loan or Commitment), as the Borrower may elect; <u>provided</u> that (i) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day, (ii) any Interest Period that commences on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the last calendar month of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the last calendar month of such Interest Period and (iii) no tenor that has been removed from this definition pursuant to <u>Section 2.13(e)</u> shall be available for specification in such borrowing request or interest election request. For purposes hereof, the date of a Borrowing initially shall be the date on which such Borrowing is made and, in the case of a Revolving Borrowing, thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Borrowing.

"<u>Investment</u>": (a) the purchase or other acquisition of capital stock or other securities of another Person (including as a Division Successor pursuant to a Division of any Person that was not a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary prior to such Division), (b) a loan, advance, extension of credit (by way of guaranty or otherwise) or capital contribution to another Person or (c) the purchase or other acquisition of assets of another Person that constitute a business unit. For purposes hereof, the book value of any Investment shall be calculated in accordance with GAAP.

"IP Rights": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 4.20.

"IRS": the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"Issuance Date": the date of issuance of a Letter of Credit by an Issuing Lender.

"Issuing Lender": each of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Regions Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Credit Suisse AG, New York Branch, Goldman Sachs Lending Partners LLC and Flagstar Bank, FSB each in its capacity as issuer of any Letter of Credit and any other Lender approved by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that has agreed in its sole discretion to act as an "Issuing Lender" hereunder, or any of their respective affiliates, in each case in its capacity as issuer of any Letter of Credit. Each reference herein to "the Issuing Lender" shall be deemed to be a reference to the relevant Issuing Lender.

"Joint Venture": any Person, other than a Subsidiary, in which the Borrower or a Subsidiary holds any stock, partnership interest, joint venture interest, limited liability company interest or other equity interest.

# "Judgment Currency": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.20.

"<u>L/C Commitment</u>": with respect to each Issuing Lender, the commitment of such Issuing Lender to issue Letters of Credit hereunder. The initial amount of each Issuing Lender's L/C Commitment is set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1A</u>, or if an Issuing Lender has entered into an Assignment and Assumption or has otherwise assumed a L/C Commitment after the Closing Date, the amount set forth for such Issuing Lender as its L/C Commitment in the Register maintained by the Administrative Agent. The L/C Commitment of an Issuing Lender may be modified from time to time by agreement between such Issuing Lender and the Borrower, and notified to the Administrative Agent. The original aggregate amount of the L/C Commitments is \$100,000,000.

"<u>L/C Disbursement</u>": a payment made by an Issuing Lender pursuant to a Letter of Credit.

"<u>L/C Obligations</u>": at any time, an amount equal to the sum of (a) the aggregate then undrawn and unexpired amount of the then outstanding Letters of Credit and (b) the aggregate amount of drawings under Letters of Credit that have not then been reimbursed pursuant to <u>Section 3.6</u>. For all purposes of this Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Article 29(a) of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the applicable time) or Rule 3.13 or Rule 3.14 of the International Standby Practices, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 590 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the applicable time) or similar terms of the Letter of Credit itself, or if compliant documents have been presented but not yet honored, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be "outstanding" and "undrawn" in the amount so remaining available to be paid, and the obligations of the Borrower and each Lender shall remain in full force and effect until the Issuing Lender and the Lenders shall have no further obligations to make any payments or disbursements under any circumstances with respect to any Letter of Credit.

"<u>L/C Participants</u>": the collective reference to all the Lenders other than the Issuing Lender.

"L/C Sublimit": \$100,000,000.

"<u>Land Under Development</u>": Entitled Land Held For Future Development where physical site improvement has commenced but which is not a Unit Under Construction, Completed Unit, Model Unit or Unit Under Contract.

"Lender Parent": with respect to any Lender, any Person as to which such Lender is, directly or indirectly, a subsidiary.

"Lender-Related Person": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.5(b).

"Lenders": has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble hereto.

"<u>Letter of Credit</u>": any letter of credit issued pursuant to this Agreement.

"Letter of Credit Agreement": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 3.2.

"Letters of Credit": as defined in Section 3.1.

"<u>Leverage Ratio</u>": the ratio, as of any date, of (a) Consolidated Debt, <u>minus</u> Unrestricted Cash, to the extent Unrestricted Cash exceeds the Required Liquidity, <u>divided by</u> (b) Consolidated Debt,

minus Unrestricted Cash, to the extent Unrestricted Cash exceeds the Required Liquidity, <u>plus</u> Consolidated Tangible Net Worth.

"Liabilities": any losses, claims (including intraparty claims), demands, damages or liabilities of any kind.

"<u>Lien</u>": any mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, charge, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), preference, priority or other security agreement or similar preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including without limitation any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing, and the authorized filing by or against a Person of any financing statement as debtor under the Uniform Commercial Code or comparable law of any jurisdiction). For the avoidance of doubt, a restriction, covenant, easement, right of way, or similar encumbrance affecting any interest in real property owned by any Loan Party and which does not secure an obligation to pay money is not a Lien.

"<u>Liquidity</u>": at any time, the sum of (i) all Unrestricted Cash held by the Loan Parties and their consolidated Subsidiaries and (ii) the Revolver Availability.

"LLC": any Person that is a limited liability company under the laws of its jurisdiction of formation.

"Loan": any Revolving Loan made by any Lender pursuant to this Agreement.

"<u>Loan Documents</u>": this Agreement, the Guarantee Agreement, the Notes, applications in connection with the issuance of Letters of Credit and any amendment, waiver, supplement or other modification to any of the foregoing.

"<u>Loan Parties</u>": as of any date, collectively, the Borrower and the Guarantors. A "<u>Loan Party</u>" shall mean, the Borrower or any Guarantor, individually.

"<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>": since the date of the audited financial statements most recently delivered prior to the Closing Date: (a) a change, event or circumstance that could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse effect on the business, assets, operations or financial condition of Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries, taken as a whole; (b) a material impairment of the ability of the Borrower or any other Loan Party to perform its payment or other material obligations under any loan document to which it is a party; or (c) a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect, or enforceability against the Borrower or any other Loan Party of any material obligations of the Borrower or any other Loan Party under any loan document to which it is a party.

"Maximum Amount": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.21.

"<u>Minimum Collateral Amount</u>": at any time, (i) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or deposit account balances, an amount equal to 100% of the Fronting Exposure of all Issuing Lenders with respect to Letters of Credit issued and outstanding at such time and (ii) otherwise, an amount determined by the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Lenders in their sole discretion.

# "Minimum Liquidity Amount": \$40,000,000.

"Model Unit": a Completed Unit to be used as a model home in connection with the sale of Units in a residential housing

project.

# "Moody's": Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

"<u>Multiemployer Plan</u>": any employee benefit plan of the type described in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, to which any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions, or during the preceding five plan years, has made or been obligated to make contributions.

"New Lender": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.21.

"New Lender Supplement": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.21.

"<u>Non-Recourse Indebtedness</u>": Indebtedness of a Loan Party for which its liability is limited to the Real Property Inventory upon which it grants a Lien to the holder of such Indebtedness as security for such Indebtedness (including, in the case of Indebtedness of a Subsidiary that holds title to Real Property Inventory, liability of that Subsidiary and liabilities secured by a pledge of the equity interests of such Subsidiary (if such Real Property Inventory constitutes all or substantially all the assets of such Subsidiary)).

"Non-U.S. Lender": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.16(f)(ii).

"<u>Notes</u>": the collective reference to any promissory note evidencing Loans.

"<u>NYFRB</u>": the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

"<u>NYFRB Rate</u>": for any day, the greater of (a) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day and (b) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate in effect on such day (or for any day that is not a Business Day, for the immediately preceding Business Day); <u>provided</u> that if none of such rates are published for any day that is a Business Day, the term "NYFRB Rate" means the rate for a federal funds transaction quoted at 11:00 a.m. on such day received by the Administrative Agent from a federal funds broker of recognized standing selected by it; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that if any of the aforesaid rates shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.

"<u>NYFRB's Website</u>": the website of the NYFRB at http://www.newyorkfed.org, or any successor source.

"Obligations": all advances to, and debts, liabilities and obligations of, the Borrower and Guarantors arising under any Loan Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan or Letter of Credit, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against the Borrower or any Guarantor or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding. Without limiting the foregoing, the Obligations include (a) the obligation to pay principal, interest, Letter of Credit commissions, charges, expenses, fees, indemnities and other amounts payable by the Borrower or any Guarantor under any Loan Document and (b) the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse any amount in respect of any of the foregoing that the Administrative Agent or any Lender, in each case in its sole discretion, may elect to pay or advance on behalf of the Borrower.

"<u>Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities</u>": (a) any repurchase obligation or liability of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to accounts or notes receivable sold by such Person or any of its Subsidiaries, (b) any liability of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries under any financing lease, any synthetic lease (under which all or a portion of the rent payments made by the lessee are treated, for tax purposes, as payments of interest, notwithstanding that the lease may constitute an operating lease under GAAP) or any other similar lease transaction, or (c) any obligations of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries arising with respect to any other transaction which is the functional equivalent of or takes the place of borrowing and which has an actual or implied interest component but which does not constitute a liability on the consolidated balance sheets of such Person and its Subsidiaries.

"<u>Other Connection Taxes</u>": with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan, Letter of Credit or Loan Document).

"<u>Other Taxes</u>": all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to <u>Section 2.19</u>).

"<u>Outstanding Amount</u>": as of any date, the aggregate principal amount of Loans outstanding after giving effect to any borrowings, repayments and prepayments on such date, <u>plus</u> the amount of L/C Obligations outstanding on such date after giving effect to any issuance or reimbursements made on such date.

"<u>Overnight Bank Funding Rate</u>": for any day, the rate comprised of both overnight federal funds and overnight eurodollar transactions denominated in Dollars by U.S.-managed banking offices of depository institutions (as such composite rate shall be determined by the NYFRB as set forth on the NYFRB's Website from time to time) and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as an overnight bank funding rate.

"Participant": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.6(c).

"Participant Register": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.6(c).

"Patriot Act": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.17.

"Payment": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.12.

"Payment Notice": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.12.

"<u>PBGC</u>": the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation established pursuant to Subtitle A of Title IV of ERISA (or any successor entity).

"<u>Percentage Interest</u>": as to any Lender at any time, the percentage which such Lender's Commitment then constitutes of the Total Commitments or, at any time after the Commitments shall have expired or terminated, the percentage which the aggregate principal amount of such Lender's Loans then outstanding constitutes of the aggregate principal amount of the Loans then outstanding; <u>provided</u> that, in the event that the Loans are paid in full prior to the reduction to zero of the Outstanding Amount, the Percentage Interests shall be determined in a manner designed to ensure that the remaining Outstanding Amount shall be held by the Lenders on a comparable basis.

"<u>Performance Letter of Credit</u>": any letter of credit issued: (a) on behalf of a Person in favor of a Governmental Authority, including, without limitation, any utility, water, or sewer authority, or other similar entity, for the purpose of assuring such Governmental Authority that such Person or an Affiliate of such Person will properly and timely complete work it has agreed to perform for the benefit of such Governmental Authority; (b) in lieu of cash deposits to obtain a license, in place of a utility deposit, or for land option contracts; (c) in lieu of other contract performance, to secure performance warranties payable upon breach, and to secure the performance of labor and materials, including, without limitation, construction, bid, and performance bonds; or (d) to secure refund or advance payments on contractual obligations where default of a performance-related contract has occurred.

"<u>Permitted Investments</u>": (a) readily marketable, direct, full faith, and credit obligations of the United States, or obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States, maturing within not more than eighteen (18) months from the date of acquisition; (b) short term certificates of deposit and time deposits, which mature within eighteen (18) months from the date of issuance and which are maintained with a Lender, a domestic commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$100,000,000 or are fully insured by the FDIC, including, for the avoidance of doubt, investments placed through CDARS and ICS; (c) commercial paper or master notes maturing in 365 days or less from the date of issuance rated either "P-1" by Moody's, or "A" by S&P); (d) debt instruments of a domestic issuer which mature in one (1) year or less and which are rated "A" or better by Moody's or S&P on the date of acquisition of such investment; (e) demand deposit accounts which are maintained in the ordinary course

of business; (f) short term tax exempt securities including municipal notes, commercial paper, auction rate floaters, and floating rate notes rated either "P-1" by Moody's or "A-1" by S&P which mature in one (1) year or less; (g) marketable direct obligations issued by any state of the United States or any political subdivision of any such state or any public instrumentality thereof maturing within not more than one (1) year from the date of acquisition thereof and, at the time of acquisition, having one (1) of the two (2) highest ratings obtainable from any two of S&P, Moody's, or Fitch (or, if at any time no two (2) of the foregoing shall be rating such obligations, then from such other nationally recognized rating services acceptable to Administrative Agent); (h) investment grade bonds, other than domestic corporate bonds issued by the Borrower or any of its Affiliates, maturing no more than seven (7) years after the date of acquisition thereof and, at the time of acquisition, having a rating of at least A or the equivalent from any two (2) of S&P, Moody's, or Fitch (or, if at any time no two (2) of the foregoing shall be rating services acceptable to Administrative Agent); and (i) shares of money market, mutual, or similar funds which invest primarily in securities of the type described in <u>clauses (a)</u> through (<u>h)</u> above.

#### "Permitted Liens":

(a) Liens existing on the date of this Agreement and described on <u>Schedule 1.1B</u> hereto and Liens, if any, granted to secure the Obligations;

(b) Liens imposed by governmental authorities for Taxes not yet subject to penalty or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the Borrower in accordance with GAAP;

(c) statutory liens of carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, materialmen, landlords, repairmen or other like Liens arising by operation of law in the ordinary course of business; <u>provided</u> that (i) the underlying obligations are not overdue or (ii) such Liens are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the Borrower in accordance with GAAP;

(d) Liens securing the performance of bids, trade contracts (other than borrowed money), leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(e) easements, rights-of-way, zoning restrictions, assessment district or similar Liens in connection with municipal financing or community development bonds, and similar restrictions, encumbrances or title defects which, singly or in the aggregate, do not in any case materially detract from the value of the real estate subject thereto (as such real estate is used by any Loan Party) or interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Loan Parties;

(f) Liens arising by operation of law in connection with judgments, only to the extent, for an amount and for a period not resulting in an event of default hereunder with respect thereto; <u>provided</u> that the execution or enforcement thereof is stayed and the claim is being contested in good faith, with adequate reserves therefor being maintained by the Borrower in accordance with GAAP;

(g) pledges or deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security legislation;

(h) Liens securing Indebtedness of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Loan Party (other than as a result of a Division of a Loan Party or of a Division of a Person in which the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary has an Investment in immediately prior to the Division) or is merged with or into a Loan Party and Liens on assets or properties at the time of acquisition thereof; <u>provided</u> that such Liens were in existence prior to the date of such acquisition, merger or consolidation, were not incurred in anticipation thereof and do not extend to any other assets;

(i) Liens securing Non-Recourse Indebtedness;

(j) Liens securing obligations of any Loan Party to any third party in connection with (i) Profit and Participation Agreements, (ii) any option or right of first refusal to purchase real property or marketing deed of trust granted to the master developer or the seller of real property that arises as a result of the non-use or non-development of such real property by such Loan Party or relates to the coordinated marketing and promotion by the master developer, or (iii) joint development agreements with third parties to perform and/or pay for or reimburse the costs of construction and/or development related to or benefiting any Loan Party's property and property belonging to such third parties, in each case entered into in the ordinary course of such Loan Party's business;

(k) Liens securing Indebtedness incurred to refinance any Indebtedness that was previously so secured by a Lien and permitted hereunder (which refinancing Indebtedness may exceed the amount refinanced; <u>provided</u> that such refinancing Indebtedness is otherwise permitted under this Agreement) upon terms and conditions substantially similar to the terms of the Lien securing such refinanced Indebtedness immediately prior to it having been so refinanced;

(l) Liens arising pursuant to vexatious, frivolous or meritless claims, suits, actions or filings, or other similar bad faith actions, taken by a Person not an Affiliate of the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that a Loan Party is disputing such Lien in good faith and by appropriate proceedings;

(m) Liens securing Hedging Obligations arising in the ordinary course of business of a Loan Party and not for speculative purposes;

(n) Liens securing obligations of a Loan Party arising in connection with letters of credit and/or letter of credit facilities;

(o) Liens on leases of Model Units;

time.

(p) Liens securing purchase money security interests (including purchase money mortgages) and Capitalized Lease Obligations entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(q) Liens securing Indebtedness or obligations in an amount not in excess of \$20,000,000 in the aggregate; and

(r) Liens on property or assets of any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Loan Party securing Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary owing to the Borrower or one or more Loan Parties.

"<u>Person</u>": any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, governmental authority or other entity.

"<u>Plan</u>": an "employee benefit plan" as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA, other than a multiemployer plan (as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA), that is subject to Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code in respect of which any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate is, or was at any time during the immediately preceding five plan years, an "employer" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

"<u>Plan Asset Regulations</u>": 29 CFR § 2510.3-101 *et seq.*, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA, as amended from time to

"<u>Prime Rate</u>": the rate of interest last quoted by The Wall Street Journal as the "Prime Rate" in the U.S. or, if The Wall Street Journal ceases to quote such rate, the highest per annum interest rate published by the Federal Reserve Board in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) (Selected Interest Rates) as the "bank prime loan" rate or, if such rate is no longer quoted therein, any similar rate quoted therein (as determined by the Administrative Agent) or any similar release by the Federal Reserve Board (as determined by the Administrative Agent). Each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is publicly announced or quoted as being effective.

"<u>Proceeding</u>": any claim, litigation, investigation, action, suit, arbitration or administrative, judicial or regulatory action or proceeding in any jurisdiction.

"<u>Profit and Participation Agreement</u>": an agreement, secured by a deed of trust, mortgage or other Lien against a property or asset, with respect to which the purchaser of such property or asset agrees to pay the seller of such property or asset a profit, price, premium participation or other similar amount in respect of such property or asset.

"<u>PTE</u>": prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, as any such exemption may be amended from time to time.

"QFC": has the meaning assigned to the term "qualified financial contract" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).

"<u>QFC Credit Support</u>": has the meaning assigned to it in <u>Section 10.19</u>.

"<u>Qualified Real Property Inventory</u>": as of any date, Real Property Inventory that is not subject to or encumbered by any deed of trust, mortgage, judgment Lien, or any other Lien (other than the Permitted Liens described in <u>clauses (b)</u> through (e), (j) and (l) of the definition of "Permitted Liens") and other Liens which have been bonded around so as to remove such Liens as encumbrances against such Real Property Inventory in a matter satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and its legal counsel).

"<u>Real Property Inventory</u>": as of any date, land that is owned by any Loan Party, which land is being developed or held for future development or sale, together with the right, title and interest of such Loan Party in and to the streets, the land lying in the bed of any streets, roads or avenues, open or proposed, in or of, the air space and development rights pertaining thereto and the right to use such air space and development rights, all rights of way, privileges, liberties, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances belonging in or in any way appertaining thereto, all fixtures, all easements now or hereafter benefiting such land and all royalties and rights appertaining to the use and enjoyment of such land necessary for the residential development of such land, together with all of the buildings and other improvements now or hereafter erected on such land, and any fixtures appurtenant thereto and all related personal property.

"Recent Balance Sheet": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 4.8.

"Recipient": (a) the Administrative Agent, (b) any Lender and (c) any Issuing Lender, as applicable.

"<u>Reference Time</u>" with respect to any setting of the then-current Benchmark means (1) if such Benchmark is the Term SOFR Rate, 5:00 a.m. (Chicago time) on the day that is two U.S. Government Securities Business Days preceding the date of such setting, (2) if the Benchmark is the Daily Simple SOFR (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>) then four U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such setting, and (3) if such Benchmark is not the Term SOFR Rate or the Daily Simple SOFR, the time determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

"Register": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.6(b).

"Regulations U and X": Regulations U and X of the Board as in effect from time to time.

"<u>Reimbursement Obligation</u>": the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the Issuing Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.6</u> for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit.

"<u>Related Parties</u>": with respect to any specified Person, such Person's Affiliates and the respective directors, officers, employees, agents and advisors of such Person and such Person's Affiliates.

"<u>Relevant Governmental Body</u>": the Federal Reserve Board and/or the NYFRB, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the NYFRB or, in each case, any successor thereto.

"<u>Relevant Rate</u>": (i) with respect to any Term Benchmark Loan, the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or (ii) with respect to any RFR Loan (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>), the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, as applicable.

"<u>Reportable Event</u>": a reportable event as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA, with respect to a Plan, excluding, however, such events as to which the PBGC by regulation waived the requirement of Section 4043(a) of ERISA that it be notified within 30 days of the occurrence of such event; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that a failure to meet the minimum funding standard of Section 412 of the Code and of Section 302 of ERISA shall be a Reportable Event regardless of the issuance of any such waiver of the notice requirement in accordance with either Section 4043(a) of ERISA or Section 412(d) of the Code.

"<u>Required Lenders</u>": subject to <u>Section 2.20(a)(i)</u>, at any time, the holders of more than fifty percent (50%) of the Total Commitments then in effect or, if the Commitments have been terminated, the Outstanding Amount at such time.

"Required Liquidity": \$10,000,000.

"<u>Requirement of Law</u>": any law, treaty, rule or regulation or determination of an arbitrator or a court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or to which such Person or any of its property is subject.

Authority. "<u>Resolution Authority</u>": an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any UK Financial Institution, a UK Resolution

"<u>Responsible Officer</u>": as to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, the president, chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer, controller or other executive officer.

"<u>Restricted Payments</u>": with respect to any Person, any dividend (other than dividends payable solely in common stock of the Person making such dividend) on, or any payment on account of, including any sinking or other analogous fund for, the purchase, redemption, defeasance, retirement or other acquisition of, any Capital Stock of any Person or any of its Subsidiaries, or any other distribution in respect thereof, either directly or indirectly, whether in cash or property or in obligations of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries.

"<u>Restricted Subsidiaries</u>": as of any date, the Subsidiaries of the Borrower and any other Loan Party which are not Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

"<u>Revolver Availability</u>": as of any date, the lesser of (a) Borrowing Base Availability, <u>minus</u> the Outstanding Amount and (b) Commitments, <u>minus</u> the Outstanding Amount.

"<u>Revolving Borrowing</u>": Revolving Loans of the same Type, made, converted or continued on the same date and, in the case of Term Benchmark Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect.

"<u>Revolving Loans</u>": has the meaning assigned to it in <u>Section 2.1</u>.

"<u>RFR Loan</u>": a Loan that bears interest on a one-month interest period at a rate based on the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>).

"Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business.

"<u>Sanctioned Country</u>": at any time, a country, region or territory which is itself the subject or target of any Sanctions (at the time of this Agreement, the so-called Donetsk People's Republic, the so-called Luhansk People's Republic, the Crimea Region of Ukraine, Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Syria).

"<u>Sanctioned Person</u>": at any time, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, (b) any Person operating, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country, (c) any Person owned or controlled by any such Person or Persons described in the foregoing <u>clauses (a)</u> or (b), or (d) any Person otherwise the subject of any Sanctions.

"<u>Sanctions</u>": all economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by the U.S. government, including those administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the U.S. Department of State or other relevant sanctions authority.

"SEC": the Securities and Exchange Commission, any successor thereto and any analogous Governmental Authority.

"Securities Act": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 6.1(e).

"SOFR": a rate equal to the secured overnight financing rate as administered by the SOFR Administrator.

"SOFR Administrator": the NYFRB (or a successor administrator of the secured overnight financing rate).

"<u>SOFR Administrator's Website</u>": the NYFRB's website, currently at http://www.newyorkfed.org, or any successor source for the secured overnight financing rate identified as such by the SOFR Administrator from time to time.

"SOFR Determination Date": has the meaning specified in the definition of "Daily Simple SOFR".

"SOFR Rate Day": has the meaning specified in the definition of "Daily Simple SOFR".

"<u>Solvency Certificate</u>": a solvency certificate by the chief financial officer or treasurer of the Borrower in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit G</u>.

"<u>Solvent</u>": when used with respect to any Person, means that, as of any date of determination, (a) the aggregate fair market value of such Person's assets exceeds its liabilities (whether contingent, subordinated, unmatured, unliquidated, or otherwise), (b) such person has not incurred debts beyond such Person's ability to pay such debts as they mature (taking into account all reasonably anticipated financing and refinancing proceeds), and (c) such Person does not have unreasonably small capital to conduct such Person's businesses. In computing the amount of contingent or unliquidated liabilities at any time, such liabilities will be computed as the amount which, in light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represent the amount that can be reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability discounted to present value at rates believed to be reasonable by such Person.

"Speculative Unit": any Completed Unit that is not a Unit Under Contract.

"<u>Subordinated Debt</u>": any Indebtedness of the Borrower or any other Loan Party which is subordinated to the Obligations at all times (including in respect of any amendment or modification thereto) pursuant to terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

"<u>Subsidiary</u>": as to any Person, (a) any corporation, limited liability company, association or other business entity (other than a partnership), of which more than fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power of the equity interests entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of the board of directors or other governing body thereof are at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof) and (b) any partnership (i) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (ii) the only general partners of which are such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination hereof).

"Supported QFC": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.19.

"Syndication Agents": collectively, Regions Bank and Royal Bank of Canada.

"<u>Taxes</u>": all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

"<u>Term Benchmark</u>": when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate.

"<u>Termination Date</u>": October 13, 2026, subject, however, to earlier termination of the Total Commitment pursuant of the terms of this Agreement.

"Term SOFR Determination Day": has the meaning assigned to it under the definition of "Term SOFR Reference Rate".

"<u>Term SOFR Rate</u>": with respect to any Term Benchmark Loan and for any tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period, the Term SOFR Reference Rate at approximately 5:00 a.m., Chicago time, two U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the commencement of such tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period, as such rate is published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator.

"Term SOFR Reference Rate": for any day and time (such day, the "Term SOFR Determination Day"), with respect to any Term Benchmark Loan denominated in Dollars and for any tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period, the rate per annum published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator and identified by the Administrative Agent as the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR. If by 5:00 pm (New York City time) on such Term SOFR Determination Day, the "Term SOFR Reference Rate" for the applicable tenor has not been published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Term SOFR Rate has not occurred, then, so long as such day is otherwise a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, the Term SOFR Reference Rate for such Term SOFR Determination Day will be the Term SOFR Reference Rate as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which such Term SOFR Reference Rate was published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator, so long as such first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day is not more than five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such Term SOFR Determination Day.

"Total Commitments": at any time, the aggregate amount of the Commitments then in effect.

"<u>Tranches</u>": the collective reference to Term Benchmark Loans for the then current Interest Periods and RFR Loans (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>) with respect to all of which begin on the same date and end on the same later date.

"Transferee": any Assignee or Participant.

"<u>Type</u>": as to any Loan, its nature as an ABR Loan, a Term Benchmark Loan or (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>) a RFR Loan.

"<u>UK Financial Institution</u>": any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority) or any person falling within IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.

"<u>UK Resolution Authority</u>": the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.

"<u>Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement</u>": the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

"<u>Unfunded Pension Liability</u>": the excess of a Plan's benefit liabilities under Section 4001(a)(16) of ERISA, over the current value of that Plan's assets, determined in accordance with the assumptions used for funding the Plan pursuant to Section 412 of the Code for the applicable plan year.

"<u>Uniform Commercial Code</u>": the Uniform Commercial Code, as the same may, from time to time, be in effect in the State of New York; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the event that, by reason of mandatory provisions of law, any or all of the perfection or priority of the security interest in any collateral provided pursuant to this Agreement is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of New York, the term "Uniform Commercial Code" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such perfection or priority (but not attachment) and for purposes of definitions related to such provisions.

"Unit": Qualified Real Property Inventory that is, or is planned to be, comprised of a single family residential housing unit.

"<u>Unit Under Contract</u>": a Unit, whether completed or under construction, as to which the Borrower or Guarantor owning such Unit has entered into a bona fide contract of sale (a) in a form customarily employed by the Borrower or such Guarantor, (b) not more than twelve (12) months after the date of such contract, (c) with a Person who is not a Subsidiary or Affiliate, (d) under which no defaults then exist and (e) in the case of any Unit the purchase of which is to be financed in whole or in part by a loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration or guaranteed by the Veterans Administration, to the Borrower's or applicable Guarantor's knowledge, the applicable buyer shall have made, or will be required to make, the minimum down payment required (if any) under the rules of the relevant agency.

"<u>United States</u>" or "<u>U.S.</u>": the United States of America.

"<u>Units Under Construction</u>": Units where on-site construction has commenced as evidenced by the trenching of foundations for such Units, other than Units Under Contract.

"<u>Unrestricted Cash</u>": cash and Cash Equivalents of the Loan Parties that are free and clear of all Liens and not subject to any restrictions on the use thereof to pay Indebtedness and other obligations of the applicable Loan Party.

"<u>Unrestricted Subsidiary</u>": (a) (i) Beazer Employees Disaster Assistance Corp., a Georgia corporation, (ii) Gatherings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, (iii) Beazer Homes Capital Trust I and (iv) the Charity Subsidiaries and (b) each of the Subsidiaries of the Borrower (including any newly formed or acquired Subsidiary) so designated by a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Borrower as provided below and provided that:

(a) neither the Borrower nor any of its other Restricted Subsidiaries (1) provides any direct or indirect credit support for any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument evidencing such Indebtedness) or (2) is directly or indirectly liable for any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary;

(b) the creditors with respect to Indebtedness for borrowed money of such Subsidiary have agreed in writing that they have no recourse, direct or indirect, to the Borrower or any other Restricted Subsidiary of the Borrower (other than the Capital Stock of Unrestricted Subsidiaries), including, without limitation, recourse with respect to the payment of principal or interest on any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary; and

(c) no default with respect to any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary (including any right which the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against such Subsidiary) would permit (upon notice, lapse of time or both) any holder of any other Indebtedness of the Borrower and of its other Restricted Subsidiaries, to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity.

The board of directors of the Borrower may designate an Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that:

(i) any such designation will be deemed to be an incurrence by the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries of the Indebtedness (if any) and any Investment (if any) of such designated Subsidiary for purposes of <u>Section 7.1</u> and <u>Section 7.4</u> hereof, as applicable, as of the date of such designation;

(ii) immediately after giving effect to such designation and the incurrence of any such additional Indebtedness (a) the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries would be in pro forma compliance with <u>Section 7.1</u> and (b) the Borrowing Base Debt, <u>plus</u> the Outstanding Amount does not exceed the Borrowing Base;

(iii) the Liens on the property and assets of such Unrestricted Subsidiary could then be incurred in accordance with <u>Section 7.2</u> hereof as of the date of such designation;

(iv) <u>Section 6.7</u> of this Agreement and the provisions of the Guarantee Agreement are complied with, to the extent applicable thereto, with respect to such Subsidiary; and

(v) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred or be continuing.

Subject to the foregoing, the board of directors of the Borrower also may designate any Restricted Subsidiary to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that at the time of such designation:

(i) all previous Investments by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in such Restricted Subsidiary (net of any returns previously paid on such Investments) will be deemed to be Investments at the time of such designation and such Investments must be permitted at such time under <u>Section 7.4</u> hereof;

(ii) immediately after giving effect to such designation and such Investment, (i) the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries would be in pro forma compliance with the financial covenants in <u>Section 7.1</u> and (ii) the Borrowing Base Debt, <u>plus</u> the Outstanding Amount does not exceed the Borrowing Base; and

(iii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred or be continuing.

Any such designation by the board of directors of the Borrower will be evidenced to the Administrative Agent by delivering a certified copy of the resolution of the board of directors of the Borrower giving effect to such designation and a certificate of a Responsible Officer certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing conditions and setting forth the underlying calculations.

"<u>U.S. Government Securities Business Day</u>": any day except for (i) a Saturday, (ii) a Sunday or (iii) a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in United States government securities.

"<u>U.S. Person</u>": a "United States person" within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

"U.S. Special Resolution Regime": has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.19.

"<u>U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate</u>": has the meaning assigned to it in <u>Section 2.16(f)(iii)(C)</u>.

"<u>Voting Stock</u>": with respect to any Person, securities of any class of Capital Stock of such Person entitling the holders thereof (whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of stock has voting power by reason of any contingency) to vote in the election of members of the board of directors of such Person.

"<u>Wholly-Owned Subsidiary</u>": of any Person, a Subsidiary, of which one hundred percent (100%) of the outstanding Capital Stock is owned directly by such Person or through one or more other Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person.

"<u>Withdrawal Liability</u>": liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

"<u>Write-Down and Conversion Powers</u>": (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any UK Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

# 1.2. <u>Other Definitional Provisions</u>.

(a) For purposes of this Agreement, Loans may be classified and referred to by class (e.g., a "Revolving Loan") or by Type (e.g., a "Term Benchmark Loan" or an "RFR Loan") or by class and Type (e.g., a "Term Benchmark Revolving Loan" or an "RFR Revolving Loan"). Borrowings also may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., a "Revolving Borrowing") or by Type (e.g., a "Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing") or by Class and Type (e.g., a "Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing") or an "RFR Revolving Borrowing" or an "RFR Borrowing") or by Class and Type (e.g., a "Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing" or an "RFR Revolving Borrowing").

(b) Unless otherwise specified therein, all terms defined in this Agreement shall have the defined meanings when used in the other Loan Documents or any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto.

(c) As used herein and in the other Loan Documents, and any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto or thereto, (i) accounting terms relating to any Loan Party not defined in <u>Section 1.1</u> and accounting terms partly defined in <u>Section 1.1</u>, to the extent not defined, shall have the respective meanings given to them under GAAP, (ii) the words "include", "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation", (iii) the word "incur" shall be construed to mean incur, create, issue, assume, become liable in respect of or suffer to exist (and the words "incurred" and "incurrence" shall have correlative meanings), (iv) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and

intangible assets and properties, including cash, Capital Stock, securities, accounts, leasehold interests and contract rights, and (v) references to agreements or other Obligations shall, unless otherwise specified, be deemed to refer to such agreements or Obligations as amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

(d) The words "hereof", "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import, when used in this Agreement, shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement, and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references are to this Agreement unless otherwise specified.

terms.

(e) The meanings given to terms defined herein shall be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of such

1.3. <u>GAAP</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the definition of "GAAP" or in the definitions of "Capitalized Lease" or "Capitalized Lease Obligations," any change in accounting for leases pursuant to GAAP resulting from the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) ("<u>FAS 842</u>"), to the extent such adoption would require treating any lease (or similar arrangement conveying the right to use) as a capital lease where such lease (or similar arrangement) would not have been required to be so treated under GAAP as in effect on December 31, 2015, such lease shall not be considered a capital lease, and all calculations and deliverables under this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be made or delivered, as applicable, in accordance therewith.

Interest Rates; Benchmark Notification. The interest rate on a Loan denominated in Dollars may be derived from an interest 1.4. rate benchmark that may be discontinued or is, or may in the future become, the subject of regulatory reform. Upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, Section 2.13(b) provides a mechanism for determining an alternative rate of interest. The Administrative Agent does not warrant or accept any responsibility for, and shall not have any liability with respect to, the administration, submission, performance or any other matter related to any interest rate used in this Agreement, or with respect to any alternative or successor rate thereto, or replacement rate thereof, including without limitation, whether the composition or characteristics of any such alternative, successor or replacement reference rate will be similar to, or produce the same value or economic equivalence of, the existing interest rate being replaced or have the same volume or liquidity as did any existing interest rate prior to its discontinuance or unavailability. The Administrative Agent and its affiliates and/or other related entities may engage in transactions that affect the calculation of any interest rate used in this Agreement or any alternative, successor or alternative rate (including any Benchmark Replacement) and/or any relevant adjustments thereto, in each case, in a manner adverse to the Borrower. The Administrative Agent may select information sources or services in its reasonable discretion to ascertain any interest rate used in this Agreement, any component thereof, or rates referenced in the definition thereof, in each case pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and shall have no liability to the Borrower, any Lender or any other person or entity for damages of any kind, including direct or indirect, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, costs, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise and whether at law or in equity), for any error or calculation of any such rate (or component thereof) provided by any such information source or service.

1.5. Letter of Credit Amounts. Unless otherwise specified herein, the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the amount of such Letter of Credit available to be drawn at such time; <u>provided</u> that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms or the terms of any Letter of Credit Agreement related thereto, provides for one or more automatic increases in the available amount thereof (without consideration of the occurrence of any contingency other than the passage of time), the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be the maximum amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum amount is available to be drawn at such time.

# Section 2. AMOUNT AND TERMS OF COMMITMENTS

1.6. <u>Commitments</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, each Lender severally agrees to make revolving credit loans ("<u>Revolving Loans</u>") to the Borrower from time to time during the

Commitment Period in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding which, when added to such Lender's Percentage Interest of the L/C Obligations then outstanding, and after giving effect to the proposed Revolving Loan and application of the proceeds thereof to the repayment of any outstanding Obligations, does not exceed the lesser of (A) the amount of such Lender's Commitment and (B) such Lender's Percentage Interest of the Borrowing Base Availability. During the Commitment Period the Borrower may use the Commitments by borrowing, prepaying the Revolving Loans in whole or in part, and reborrowing, all in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. The Revolving Loans may from time to time be Term Benchmark Loans, RFR Loans (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to Section 2.13) or ABR Loans, as determined by the Borrower and notified to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Sections 2.2 and 2.9. The Borrower shall repay all outstanding Revolving Loans on the Termination Date.

Procedure for Revolving Loan Borrowing. The Borrower may borrow under the Commitments during the Commitment 17 Period on any Business Day; provided that the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent irrevocable notice (which notice must be received by the Administrative Agent (a) (1) prior to 2:00 p.m., New York City time, three (3) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the requested Borrowing Date, in the case of Term Benchmark Loans, or (2) in the case of an RFR Loan (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>), not later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing, or (b) by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the requested Borrowing Date, in the case of ABR Loans), specifying: (i) the amount and Type of Loans to be borrowed, (ii) the requested Borrowing Date, (iii) in the case of Term Benchmark Loans, the respective amounts of each such Type of Loan and the respective lengths of the initial Interest Period therefor and (iv) the location and number of the Borrower's account to which funds are to be disbursed. Each borrowing under the Commitments shall be in an amount equal to (x) in the case of ABR Loans or (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to Section 2.13) RFR Loans, \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple thereof (or, if the then aggregate Available Commitments are less than \$1,000,000, such lesser amount) and (y) in the case of Term Benchmark Loans, \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof. Upon receipt of any such notice from the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender thereof. Each Lender will make the amount of its <u>pro</u> <u>rata</u> share of each borrowing available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Borrower at the Funding Office prior to 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Borrowing Date requested by the Borrower in funds immediately available to the Administrative Agent. Such borrowing will then be made available to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent crediting the account of the Borrower on the books of such office with the aggregate of the amounts made available to the Administrative Agent by the Lenders and in like funds as received by the Administrative Agent or by otherwise transferring such amounts as the Borrower shall direct.

- 1.8. [<u>Reserved</u>].
- 1.9. [<u>Reserved</u>].
- 1.10. <u>Commitment Fees, etc.</u>

(a) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender a commitment fee for the period from and including the date hereof to but excluding the last day of the Commitment Period, computed at the Commitment Fee Rate on the average daily amount of the Available Commitment of such Lender during the period for which payment is made, payable quarterly in arrears no later than the date that is fifteen (15) days following the last day of such quarter; provided, however, pursuant to Section 2.20, the Borrower shall not be obligated to pay a commitment fee for the account of any Defaulting Lender.

(b) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent the fees in the amounts and on the dates as set forth in any fee agreements with the Administrative Agent and to perform any other obligations contained therein.

1.11. <u>Termination or Reduction of Commitments</u>. Unless previously terminated, the Commitments shall terminate on the Termination Date. The Borrower shall have the right, upon not less

than three (3) Business Days' notice to the Administrative Agent, to terminate the Commitments or, from time to time, to reduce the amount of the Commitments; <u>provided</u> that no such termination or reduction of Commitments shall be permitted if, after giving effect thereto and to any prepayments of the Loans made on the effective date thereof, the Outstanding Amount would exceed the Total Commitments (as so terminated or reduced). Any such reduction shall be in an amount equal to \$1,000,000, or a whole multiple thereof, and shall reduce permanently the Commitments then in effect.

1.12. Optional Prepayments. The Borrower may at any time and from time to time prepay the Loans, in whole or in part, without premium or penalty, upon irrevocable notice delivered to the Administrative Agent (a) no later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, three (3) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior thereto, in the case of Term Benchmark Loans, (b) no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, one (1) Business Day prior thereto, in the case of ABR Loans and (c) no later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior thereto, in the case of RFR Loans (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>), which notice shall specify the date and amount of prepayment and whether the prepayment is of Term Benchmark Loans, ABR Loans or RFR Loans; <u>provided</u> that if a Term Benchmark Loan or an RFR Loan (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>), which notice shall also pay any amounts owing pursuant to <u>Section 2.17</u>. Upon receipt of any such notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof. If any such notice is given, the amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein, together with accrued interest to such date on the amount prepaid. Partial prepayments of Revolving Loans shall be in an aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple thereof.

1.13. <u>Mandatory Prepayments</u>. If, on any date, the Outstanding Amount exceeds the Borrowing Base Availability, the Borrower shall, on such date, reduce the Outstanding Amount to an amount equal to or less than the Borrowing Base Availability.

Amounts to be applied in connection with prepayments made pursuant to this <u>Section 2.8</u> shall be applied, <u>first</u>, to the prepayment of Revolving Loans, and <u>second</u>, if the aggregate principal amount of Revolving Loans then-outstanding is less than the amount of such prepayments (because L/C Obligations constitute a portion thereof), the Borrower shall, to the extent of the balance, deposit an amount in cash equal to the Minimum Collateral Amount in a cash collateral account established with the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders on terms and conditions reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. The application of any prepayment of Revolving Loans pursuant to this <u>Section 2.8</u> shall be made, <u>first</u>, to ABR Loans, and, if applicable to RFR Loans, and, <u>second</u>, to Term Benchmark Loans. Each prepayment of the Loans under this <u>Section 2.8</u> shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the date of such prepayment on the amount prepaid.

# 1.14. Conversion and Continuation Options.

(f) The Borrower may elect from time to time to convert Term Benchmark Loans or (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>) RFR Loans to ABR Loans by giving the Administrative Agent prior irrevocable notice of such election no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Business Day preceding the proposed conversion date; <u>provided</u> that any such conversion of Term Benchmark Loans may only be made on the last day of an Interest Period with respect thereto. The Borrower may elect from time to time to convert ABR Loans to (i) Term Benchmark Loans by giving the Administrative Agent prior irrevocable notice of such election no later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third U.S. Government Securities Business Day preceding the proposed conversion date (which notice shall specify the length of the initial Interest Period therefor) and (ii) RFR Loans (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>) by giving the Administrative Agent prior irrevocable notice of such election no later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the fifth U.S. Government Securities Business Day preceding the proposed conversion date; <u>provided</u> that no ABR Loan or RFR Loan may be converted into a Term Benchmark Loan when any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Required Lenders have determined in their sole discretion not to permit such

conversions. Upon receipt of any such notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof.

(g) Any Term Benchmark Loan or (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to Section 2.13) RFR Loan may be continued as such upon the expiration of the then current Interest Period with respect thereto by the Borrower giving irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the term "Interest Period" set forth in Section 1.1, of the length of the next Interest Period to be applicable to such Loans; provided that no Term Benchmark Loan and RFR Loan may be continued as such when any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Required Lenders have determined in their sole discretion not to permit such continuations; provided, further, that if the Borrower shall fail to give any required notice as described above or if such continuation is not permitted pursuant to the preceding proviso, such Loans shall be automatically converted to ABR Loans on the last day of such then expiring Interest Period. Upon receipt of any such notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof.

1.15. <u>Limitations on Tranches</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, all borrowings, conversions and continuations of Term Benchmark Loans and RFR Loans and all selections of Interest Periods shall be in such amounts and be made pursuant to such elections so that, (a) after giving effect thereto, the aggregate principal amount of the Term Benchmark Loans comprising each Tranche shall be equal to \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof and (b) no more than ten (10) Tranches shall be outstanding at any one time.

### 1.16. Interest Rates and Payment Dates.

(a) Each Term Benchmark Loan shall bear interest during each Interest Period with respect thereto at a rate per annum equal to the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate determined for such Interest Period, <u>plus</u> the Applicable Margin.

(b) Each ABR Loan shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the ABR, <u>plus</u> the Applicable Margin.

(c) Each RFR Loan (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to Section 2.13) shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, <u>plus</u> the Applicable Margin.

(d) (i) If all or a portion of the principal amount of any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), such overdue amount shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to (x) in the case of the Loans, the rate that would otherwise be applicable thereto pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 2.11</u>, <u>plus</u> two percent (2%) or (y) in the case of Reimbursement Obligations, the rate applicable to ABR Loans, <u>plus</u> two percent (2%), and (ii) if all or a portion of any interest payable on any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation or any commitment fee or other amount payable hereunder shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), after giving effect to any applicable grace period, such overdue amount shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the rate then applicable to ABR Loans, <u>plus</u> two percent (2%), in each case, with respect to <u>clauses (i)</u> and (<u>ii)</u> above, from the date of such nonpayment until such amount is paid in full.

(e) Interest shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date, <u>provided</u> that interest accruing pursuant to <u>paragraph (d)</u> of this <u>Section 2.11</u> shall be payable from time to time on demand.

# 1.17. Computation of Interest and Fees.

(h) Interest and fees payable pursuant hereto shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year for the actual days elapsed, except that, with respect to ABR Loans the rate of interest on which is calculated on the basis of the Prime Rate, the interest thereon shall be calculated on the basis of a 365- (or 366-, as the case may be) day year for the actual days elapsed. Interest shall accrue for each

period from and including the first day of such period but excluding the last day of such period. The Administrative Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Borrower and the relevant Lenders of each determination of a Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or, if applicable, the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR. Any change in the interest rate on a Loan resulting from a change in the ABR shall become effective as of the opening of business on the day on which such change becomes effective. The Administrative Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Borrower and the relevant Lenders of the amount of each such change in interest rate.

(i) Each determination of an interest rate by the Administrative Agent pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall be conclusive and binding on the Borrower and the Lenders in the absence of manifest error. The Administrative Agent shall, at the request of the Borrower, deliver to the Borrower a statement showing the quotations used by the Administrative Agent in determining any interest rate pursuant to <u>Section 2.11(a)</u>.

1.18. <u>Inability to Determine Interest Rate</u>. Subject to <u>clauses (b)</u>, (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this <u>Section 2.13</u>, if:

(i) the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) (A) prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Term Benchmark Borrowing, that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate (including because the Term SOFR Reference Rate is not available or published on a current basis), for such Interest Period or (B) at any time, that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the applicable Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>); or

(ii) the Administrative Agent is advised by the Required Lenders that (A) prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Term Benchmark Borrowing, the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (or Lender) of making or maintaining their Loans (or its Loan) included in such Borrowing for such Interest Period or (B) at any time, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>) will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (or Lender) of making or maintaining their Loans (or its Loan) included in such Borrowing;

then the Administrative Agent shall give notice thereof to the Borrower and the Lenders by telephone, telecopy or electronic mail as promptly as practicable thereafter and, until (x) the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist with respect to the relevant Benchmark and (y) the Borrower delivers a new interest election request in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 2.9</u> or a new borrowing request in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 2.2</u>, (1) any interest election request that requests the conversion of any Revolving Borrowing to, or continuation of any Revolving Borrowing as, a Term Benchmark Borrowing and any Borrowing Request that requests a Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing shall instead be deemed to be an interest election request or a borrowing request that requests an RFR Borrowing so long as the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR is not also the subject of <u>Section 2.13(a)(i)</u> or (<u>ii</u>) above or (y) an ABR Borrowing if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR also is the subject of <u>Section 2.13(a)</u> (<u>i</u>) or (<u>ii</u>) above or (y) an ABR Borrowing if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR also is the subject of <u>Section 2.13(a)</u> (<u>i</u>) or (<u>ii</u>) above or (<u>y</u>) an ABR Borrowing if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR also is the subject of <u>Section 2.13(a)</u> (<u>i</u>) or (<u>ii</u>) above or (<u>y</u>) an ABR Borrowing (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to this <u>Section 2.13</u>) shall instead be deemed to be a Borrowing Request, as applicable, for an ABR Borrowing; <u>provided</u> that if the circumstances giving rise to such notice affect only one Type of Borrowings, then all other Types of Borrowings shall be permitted. Furthermore, if any Term Benchmark Loan or RFR Loan (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to this <u>Section 2.13(a</u>) with respect to a Relevant Rate applicable to such Term Benchmark Loan or RFR Loan, then until (x) the Administrative Agent

with the terms of <u>Section 2.2</u>, (1) any Term Benchmark Loan shall on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Loan, be converted by the Administrative Agent to, and shall constitute, (x) an RFR Borrowing so long as the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR is not also the subject of <u>Section 2.13(a)(i)</u> or (<u>ii)</u> above or (y) an ABR Loan if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR also is the subject of <u>Section 2.13(a)(i)</u> or (<u>ii)</u> above, on such day, and (2) any RFR Loan (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>) shall on and from such day be converted by the Administrative Agent to, and shall constitute an ABR Loan.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then (x) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with <u>clause (1)</u> of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and subsequent Benchmark settings without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document and (y) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with <u>clause (2)</u> of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of any Benchmark setting at or after 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the date notice of such Benchmark Replacement is provided to the Lenders without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such Benchmark Replacement from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(c) The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of (1) any occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, (2) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, (3) the effectiveness of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, (4) the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark pursuant to <u>clause (e)</u> below and (5) the commencement or conclusion of any Benchmark Unavailability Period. Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or, if applicable, any Lender (or group of Lenders) pursuant to this <u>Section 2.13</u>, including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this <u>Section 2.13</u>.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement), (i) if the then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including the Term SOFR Rate) and either (A) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion or (B) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is or will be no longer representative, then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable or non-representative tenor and (ii) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> above either (A) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (B) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is or will no longer be representative for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for all Benchmark settings at or after such time to reinstate such previously removed tenor.

Upon the Borrower's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, the Borrower (e) may revoke any request for a Term Benchmark Borrowing or RFR Borrowing (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to this Section 2.13), or for a conversion to or continuation of Term Benchmark Loans, to be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, the Borrower will be deemed to have converted any request for a Term Benchmark Borrowing into a request for a borrowing of or conversion to (A) an RFR Borrowing so long as the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR is not the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event or (B) an ABR Borrowing if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR is the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period or at any time that a tenor for the then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, the component of ABR based upon the then-current Benchmark or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, will not be used in any determination of ABR. Furthermore, if any Term Benchmark Loan or RFR Loan (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to this Section 2.13) is outstanding on the date of the Borrower's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period with respect to a Relevant Rate applicable to such Term Benchmark Loan or RFR Loan, then until such time as a Benchmark Replacement is implemented pursuant to this Section 2.13, (1) any Term Benchmark Loan shall on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Loan, be converted by the Administrative Agent to, and shall constitute, (x) an RFR Borrowing so long as the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR is not the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event or (y) an ABR Loan if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR is the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event, on such day and (2) any RFR Loan (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to this Section 2.13) shall on and from such day be converted by the Administrative Agent to, and shall constitute an ABR Loan.

# 1.1. Pro Rata Treatment and Payments.

(f) Except as set forth in <u>Section 2.20</u> below, each borrowing by the Borrower from the Lenders hereunder, each payment by the Borrower on account of any commitment fee and any reduction of the Commitments of the Lenders shall be made <u>pro rata</u> according to the respective Percentage Interests of the Lenders.

(g) Except as set forth in <u>Section 2.20</u> below, each payment (including each prepayment) by the Borrower on account of principal of and interest on the Revolving Loans shall be made <u>pro rata</u> according to the respective outstanding principal amounts of the Revolving Loans then held by the Lenders.

(h) All payments (including prepayments) to be made by the Borrower hereunder, whether on account of principal, interest, fees or otherwise, shall be made without setoff or counterclaim and shall be made prior to 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the due date thereof to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Lenders, at the Funding Office, in Dollars and in immediately available funds. Except as set forth in <u>Section 2.20</u> below, the Administrative Agent shall distribute such payments to each Lender promptly upon receipt in like funds as received, net of any amounts owing by such Lender pursuant to <u>Section 9.7</u>. If any payment hereunder (other than payments on the Term Benchmark Loans or RFR Loans (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>) becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day. If any payment on a Term Benchmark Loan or RFR Loan (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmarks Day, the maturity thereof shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the result of such extension would be to extend such payment into another calendar month, in which event such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day. In the case of any extension of any payment of principal pursuant to the preceding two sentences, interest thereon shall be payable at the then applicable rate during such extension.

(i) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have been notified in writing by any Lender prior to a borrowing that such Lender will not make the amount that would constitute its share of such borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender is making such amount available to the Administrative Agent, and the Administrative Agent may,

in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. If such amount is not made available to the Administrative Agent by the required time on the Borrowing Date therefor, such Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent, on demand, such amount with interest thereon, at a rate equal to the greater of (i) the Federal Funds Effective Rate and (ii) a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, for the period until such Lender makes such amount immediately available to the Administrative Agent. A certificate of the Administrative Agent submitted to any Lender with respect to any amounts owing under this <u>clause (d)</u> shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. If such Lender's share of such borrowing is not made available to the Administrative Agent by such Lender within three (3) Business Days after such Borrowing Date, the Administrative Agent shall also be entitled to recover such amount with interest thereon at the rate per annum applicable to ABR Loans, on demand, from the Borrower.

(j) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have been notified in writing by the Borrower prior to the date of any payment due to be made by the Borrower hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment to the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower is making such payment, and the Administrative Agent may, but shall not be required to, in reliance upon such assumption and, subject to <u>Section 2.20</u>, make available to the Lenders their respective <u>pro rata</u> shares of a corresponding amount. If such payment is not made to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower within three (3) Business Days after such due date, the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to recover, on demand, from each Lender to which any amount which was made available pursuant to the preceding sentence, such amount with interest thereon at the rate per annum equal to the daily average Federal Funds Effective Rate. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the rights of the Administrative Agent or any Lender against the Borrower.

(k) If any Lender shall fail to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to <u>Sections 2.14(d)</u>, <u>2.14(e)</u>, <u>3.4(a)</u> or <u>9.7</u>, then the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion (notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Agreement), apply any amounts thereafter received by the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Lender for the account of such Lender to satisfy such Lender's obligations under such Sections until all such unsatisfied obligations are fully paid.

# 1.1. <u>Requirements of Law</u>.

(1) If (1) the adoption of or any change in any Requirement of Law or in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by any Lender or the Issuing Lender with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any central bank or other Governmental Authority made subsequent to the date hereof, (2) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or any requests, rules, guidelines, or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith, regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued or (3) any requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements or the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority), in each case pursuant to Basel III, regardless of the date actually enacted, adopted or issued:

(A) shall subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in <u>clauses (b)</u> through (d) of the definition of "Excluded Taxes" and (C) Connection Income Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto;

(B) shall impose, modify or hold applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan or similar requirement against assets held by, deposits or other liabilities in or for the account of, advances, loans or other extensions of credit by, or any other acquisition of funds by, any office of such Lender or the Issuing Lender; or

(C) shall impose on such Lender or the Issuing Lender any other similar condition, cost or expense (other than taxes) affecting this Agreement or Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein; and the result of any of the foregoing is to increase the cost to such Lender or Issuing

Lender or such other Recipient, by an amount that such Lender deems to be material, of making, converting into, continuing or maintaining any Term Benchmark Loans participating in Letters of Credit, or to reduce any amount receivable by such Lender or the Issuing Lender or such other Recipient hereunder in respect thereof, then, in any such case, the Borrower shall promptly pay such Lender, the Issuing Lender or such other Recipient, as the case may be, upon its demand, any additional amounts necessary to compensate such Lender, the Issuing Lender or such other Recipient, as the case may be for such increased cost or reduced amount receivable. If any Lender or Issuing Lender becomes entitled to claim any additional amounts pursuant to this <u>paragraph (C)</u>, it shall promptly notify the Borrower by providing a certificate along with reasonably detailed calculations of such additional amounts (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of the event by reason of which it has become so entitled.

If any Lender or the Issuing Lender shall have determined that the adoption of or any change in any Requirement of (m)Law regarding capital or liquidity adequacy or in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by such Lender or the Issuing Lender or any corporation controlling such Lender or the Issuing Lender with any request or directive regarding capital adequacy (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority, including compliance with (i) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or any requests, rules, guidelines, or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith, regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued and (ii) any requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements or the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) pursuant to Basel III, made subsequent to the date hereof shall have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's, or Issuing Lender's or such corporation's capital as a consequence of its obligations hereunder or under or in respect of any Letter of Credit to a level below that which such Lender, the Issuing Lender or such corporation could have achieved but for such adoption, change or compliance (taking into consideration such Lender's, the Issuing Lender's or such corporation's policies with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity) by an amount deemed by such Lender or the Issuing Lender to be material, then from time to time, after submission by such Lender or the Issuing Lender to the Borrower by providing a certificate along with reasonably detailed calculations of such additional amounts (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of a written request therefor, the Borrower shall pay to such Lender or the Issuing Lender such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender, the Issuing Lender or such corporation for such reduction.

(n) A certificate as to any additional amounts payable pursuant to this <u>Section 2.15</u> submitted by any Lender or the Issuing Lender to the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 2.15</u>, the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or the Issuing Lender pursuant to this <u>Section 2.15</u> for any amounts incurred more than six months prior to the date that such Lender or the Issuing Lender notifies the Borrower of such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor; <u>provided</u> that, if the circumstances giving rise to such claim have a retroactive effect, then such six-month period shall be extended to include the period of such retroactive effect. The obligations of the Borrower pursuant to this <u>Section 2.15</u> shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.

#### 1.1. <u>Taxes</u>.

(o) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by applicable law. If any applicable law requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment, then the Borrower shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the Borrower shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this <u>Section 2.16</u>) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by the Borrower to a

Governmental Authority pursuant to this <u>Section 2.16</u>, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(p) In addition, the Borrower shall pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law or, at the option of the Administrative Agent, timely reimburse it for the payment of any Other Taxes.

(q) The Borrower shall indemnify each Recipient, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this <u>Section 2.16</u>) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(r) Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within 10 days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that the Borrower has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Borrower to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 10.6(c)</u> relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Loan Document or otherwise payable by the Administrative Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this <u>paragraph (d)</u>.

(s) A Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding tax with respect to payments under this Agreement shall deliver to the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as well permits us payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in paragraphs (f)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) of this Section 2.16) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

(t) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is a U.S. Person,

(i) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. Federal backup withholding tax;

(ii) any Lender that is not a U.S. Person (a "<u>Non-U.S. Lender</u>") shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Non-U.S. Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

(A) in the case of a Non-U.S. Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. Federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. Federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;

(B) executed copies of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(C) in the case of a Non-U.S. Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit F-1 to the effect that such Non-U.S. Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN-E; or

(D) to the extent a Non-U.S. Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed copies of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN-E, IRS Form W-8BEN, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit F-2</u> or <u>Exhibit F-3</u>, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; <u>provided</u> that if the Non-U.S. Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Non-U.S. Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Non-U.S. Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit F-4</u> on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(i) any Non-U.S. Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Non-U.S. Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. Federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(ii) If a payment made to a Lender under this Agreement would be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax imposed by FATCA and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or Administrative Agent, such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the

Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA, to determine that such Lender has or has not complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA and, as necessary, to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this <u>clause (iv)</u>, "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(u) If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this <u>Section 2.16</u> (including by the payment of additional amounts pursuant to this <u>Section 2.16</u>), it shall pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this <u>Section 2.16</u> with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this <u>paragraph (g)</u> (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>paragraph (g)</u>, in no event will the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such Tax had never been paid. This <u>paragraph (g)</u> shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.

(v) The agreements in this <u>Section 2.16</u> shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.

(w) For purposes of this <u>Section 2.16</u>, the term "<u>Lender</u>" includes an Issuing Lender and the term "applicable law" includes FATCA.

1.2. <u>Indemnity</u>. (a) With respect to Loans that are not RFR Loans, in the event of (i) the payment of any principal of any Term Benchmark Loan other than on the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto (including as a result of an Event of Default or an optional or mandatory prepayment of Loans), (ii) the conversion of any Term Benchmark Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, (iii) the failure to borrow, convert, continue or prepay any Term Benchmark Loan on the date specified in any notice delivered pursuant hereto (regardless of whether such notice may be revoked under <u>Section 2.7</u> and is revoked in accordance therewith) or (iv) the assignment of any Term Benchmark Loan other than on the last day of the Interest by the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 2.19</u>, then, in any such event, the Borrower shall compensate each Lender for the loss, cost and expense attributable to such event. A certificate of any Lender setting forth any amount or amounts that such Lender is entitled to receive pursuant to this <u>Section 2.17(a)</u> shall be delivered to the Borrower and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.

(b) With respect to RFR Loans (solely if applicable after the effectiveness of a Benchmark Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>), in the event of (i) the payment of any principal of any RFR Loan other than on the Interest Payment Date applicable thereto (including as a result of an Event of Default or an optional or mandatory prepayment of Loans), (ii) the failure to borrow or prepay any RFR Loan on the date specified in any notice delivered pursuant hereto (regardless of whether such notice may be revoked under <u>Section 2.7</u> and is revoked in accordance therewith) or (iii) the assignment

of any RFR Loan other than on the Interest Payment Date applicable thereto as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 2.19</u>, then, in any such event, the Borrower shall compensate each Lender for the loss, cost and expense attributable to such event. A certificate of any Lender setting forth any amount or amounts that such Lender is entitled to receive pursuant to this <u>Section 2.17(b)</u> shall be delivered to the Borrower and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.

1.19. <u>Change of Lending Office</u>. Each Lender agrees that, upon the occurrence of any event giving rise to the operation of <u>Section</u> 2.15 or 2.16(a) with respect to such Lender, it will, if requested by the Borrower, use reasonable efforts (subject to overall policy considerations of such Lender) to designate another lending office for any Loans affected by such event with the object of avoiding the consequences of such event; provided that such designation is made on terms that, in the sole judgment of such Lender, cause such Lender and its lending office(s) to suffer no economic, legal or regulatory disadvantage, and provided, further, that nothing in this <u>Section 2.18</u> shall affect or postpone any of the obligations of the Borrower or the rights of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 2.15</u> or 2.16(a).

1.20. <u>Replacement of Lenders</u>. The Borrower shall be permitted to replace any Lender that (a) requests reimbursement for amounts owing pursuant to <u>Section 2.15</u> or <u>2.16(a)</u>, (b) is a Defaulting Lender, or (c) does not consent to any proposed amendment, supplement, modification, consent or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document that requires the consent of each of the Lenders affected thereby (so long as the consent of the Required Lenders has been obtained), with a replacement financial institution; <u>provided</u> that (i) such replacement, (iii) prior to any such replacement, such Lender shall have taken no action under <u>Section 2.18</u> so as to eliminate the continued need for payment of amounts owing pursuant to <u>Section 2.15</u> or <u>2.16(a)</u>, (iv) the replacement (it being understood that, upon receipt by such replaced Lender of all amounts owing to such replaced Lender shall be deemed to have assigned its Commitment to the replacement Lender pursuant to a form of Assignment and Assumption in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 10.6</u> (provided that Replacement or otherwise pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>) owing to such replaced Lender shall be used replaced Lender shall be purchased other than on the last day of the Interest Period relating thereto, (vi) the replacement Lender shall be an Eligible Assignee reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (vii) the replaced Lender shall be obligated to make such replacement in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 10.6</u> (provided that the Borrower shall be obligated to pay the registration and processing fee referred to therein), (viii) until such time as such replacement shall be consummated, the Borrower shall pay all additional amounts (if any) required pursuant to <u>Section 2.15</u> or <u>2.16(a)</u>, as the case may be, and (ix) any such replacement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any rights that the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or any other Lender shall have against the replaced Lender.

#### 1.21. <u>Defaulting Lenders</u>.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable law:

(i) <u>Voting</u>. Such Defaulting Lender shall not be entitled to vote on any matter requiring the consent or approval of all Lenders or the Required Lenders, and the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender shall not be included in determining whether all Lenders or the Required Lenders have taken or may take any action hereunder (including any consent to any amendment, waiver or other modification pursuant to <u>Section 10.1</u>); <u>provided</u> that (a) any waiver, amendment or modification requiring the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender which affects such Defaulting Lender differently than other affected Lenders shall require the consent of such Defaulting Lender and (b) the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender may not be increased without the consent of such Defaulting Lender, Administrative Agent and Borrower.

Defaulting Lender Waterfall. Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the (ii) Administrative Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Section 8 or otherwise) or received by the Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 10.7 shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: first, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; second, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to any Issuing Lender hereunder; third, to Cash Collateralize the Issuing Lenders' Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender in accordance with Section 3.11; fourth, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; fifth, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to (x) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Loans under this Agreement and (y) Cash Collateralize the Issuing Lenders' future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit issued under this Agreement, in accordance with Section 3.11; sixth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders or the Issuing Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender or the Issuing Lenders against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; seventh, so long as no Default or Event of Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Ågreement; and eighth, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans or L/C Obligations in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 5.2 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of, and L/C Obligations owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of, or L/C Obligations owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans and funded and unfunded participations in L/C Obligations are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Commitments without giving effect to Section 2.20(a)(iv). Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender or to post Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.20 shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

#### (iii) <u>Certain Fees</u>:

(A) No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any commitment fee contemplated by <u>Section</u> <u>2.5(a)</u> for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender).

(B) Each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any fees pursuant to <u>Section 3.4</u> for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender only to the extent allocable to its Percentage Interest of the stated amount of Letters of Credit for which the Defaulting Lender has provided Cash Collateral pursuant to <u>Section 2.20(a)(ii)</u>.

(C) With respect to any fees pursuant to <u>Section 3.4</u> not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (A)</u> or <u>(B)</u> above, the Borrower shall (x) pay to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such

fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/CObligations that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (iv)</u> below, (y) pay to each Issuing Lender the amount of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender to the extent allocable to such Issuing Lender's Fronting Exposure to such Defaulting Lender, and (z) not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such fee.

(iv) <u>Reallocation of Participations to Reduce Fronting Exposure</u>. All or any part of such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Commitment) but only to the extent that (x) the conditions set forth in <u>Section 5.2</u> are satisfied at the time of such reallocation (and, unless the Borrower shall have otherwise notified the Administrative Agent at such time, the Borrower shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that such conditions are satisfied at such time), and (y) such reallocation does not cause the aggregate credit exposure of any Non-Defaulting Lender to exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Commitment. No reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from that Lender having become a Defaulting Lender, including any claim of a Non-Defaulting Lender as a result of such Non-Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation.

(v) <u>Cash Collateral</u>. If the reallocation described in <u>clause (iv)</u> above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall, without prejudice to any right or remedy available to it hereunder or under law, Cash Collateralize the Issuing Lenders' Fronting Exposure in accordance with the procedures set forth in <u>Section 3.11</u>.

(b) <u>Defaulting Lender Cure</u>. If the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and each Issuing Lender agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which may include arrangements with respect to any Cash Collateral), that Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letters of Credit to be held <u>pro rata</u> by the Lenders in accordance with the Commitments (without giving effect to <u>Section 2.20(a)(iv)</u>), whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; <u>provided</u> that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

(c) <u>New Letters of Credit</u>. So long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, no Issuing Lender shall be required to issue, extend, renew or increase any Letter of Credit unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure after giving effect thereto.

(d) If (i) a Bankruptcy Event or a Bail-In Action with respect to a Lender Parent shall occur following the date hereof and for so long as such event shall continue or (ii) any Issuing Lender has a good faith belief that any Lender has defaulted in fulfilling its obligations under one or more other agreements in which such Lender commits to extend credit, no Issuing Lender shall be required to issue, amend or increase any Letter of Credit, unless such Issuing Lender shall have entered into arrangements with the Borrower or such Lender, satisfactory to such Issuing Lender to defease any risk to it in respect of such Lender hereunder.

1.22. Increase in Commitments. The Borrower may, at its option, at any time or from time to time prior to the Termination Date, increase the Total Commitments by up to \$135,000,000 (the "<u>Commitment Increase</u>") to an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$400,000,000 by requesting the existing Lenders or new lenders to commit to any such Commitment Increase; <u>provided</u> that: (i) no Lender shall be required to commit to any such increase; (ii) such increase shall be in an amount equal to at least \$10,000,000 (or such lesser amount as agreed by the Administrative Agent) or a whole multiple of

\$1,000,000 in excess thereof; (iii) no such increase shall become effective unless at the time thereof and after giving effect thereto (A) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (B) each of the representations and warranties made by any Loan Party in or pursuant to the Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects; provided, further, that, to the extent any such representation and warranty is already qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, such representation shall be true and correct in all respects and (C) the Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate from Borrower to the effect of sub-clauses (A) and (B) of clause (iii); and (iv) no new lender shall become a Lender pursuant to this Section 2.21 unless such lender is an Eligible Assignee and the Administrative Agent and each Issuing Lender shall have given its prior written consent; provided, further, that such prior written consent shall (1) not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed and (2) only be required to the extent such consent would be required in connection with the assignment of Loans or Commitments to such new lender pursuant to Section 10.6. The Borrower shall be entitled to pay upfront or other fees to such lenders who extend credit pursuant to this Section 2.21 as the Borrower and such lenders may agree. Such increases in the Commitments shall become effective on the date (each such date, an "Increased Facility Closing Date") specified in an activation notice delivered to the Administrative Agent no less than ten (10) Business Days prior to the effective date of such notice specifying the amount of the increase and the effective date thereof (or such earlier date as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion). Each new lender that provides any part of any such increase in the Commitments (a "New Lender") shall execute a New Lender Supplement (each, a "<u>New Lender Supplement</u>"), substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E</u>, whereupon such New Lender shall become a Lender for all purposes and to the same extent as if originally a party hereto and shall be bound by and entitled to the benefits of this Agreement. Unless otherwise agreed by Administrative Agent, on each Increased Facility Closing Date, Borrower shall borrow Revolving Loans under the relevant increased Commitments from each Lender participating in the relevant increase in an amount determined by reference to the amount of each Type of Loan (and, in the case of Term Benchmark Loans, of each Tranche) which would then have been outstanding from such Lender if (x) each such Type or Tranche had been borrowed or effected on such Increased Facility Closing Date and (y) the aggregate amount of each such Type or Tranche requested to be so borrowed or effected had been proportionately increased, and, if applicable in connection with such increased Commitments, Borrower shall pay all amounts due under Section 2.17. The Relevant Rate applicable to any Term Benchmark Loan borrowed pursuant to the preceding sentence shall equal the Relevant Rate then applicable to the Term Benchmark Loans of the other Lenders in the same Tranche (or, until the expiration of the then-current Interest Period, such other rate as shall be agreed upon between Borrower and the relevant Lender).

# Section 3. LETTERS OF CREDIT

1.23. <u>General</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower may request any Issuing Lender to issue letters of credit ("<u>Letters of Credit</u>") as the applicant thereof for the support of its or its Subsidiaries' obligations, in a form reasonably acceptable to such Issuing Lender, at any time and from time to time during the Commitment Period; <u>provided</u> that, for the avoidance of doubt, Goldman Sachs Lending Partners LLC shall not be obligated to issue commercial letters of credit.

1.24. <u>Notice of Issuance, Amendment, Extension; Certain Conditions</u>. To request the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or the amendment or extension of an outstanding Letter of Credit), the Borrower shall hand deliver or telecopy (or transmit by electronic communication, if arrangements for doing so have been approved by the respective Issuing Lender) to an Issuing Lender selected by it and to the Administrative Agent (reasonably in advance of the requested date of issuance, amendment or extension, but in any event no less than three (3) Business Days) a notice requesting the issuance of a Letter of Credit, or identifying the Letter of Credit to be amended or extended, and specifying the date of issuance, amendment or extension (which shall be a Business Day), the date on which such Letter of Credit is to expire (which shall comply with Section 3.3), the amount of such Letter of Credit, the name and address of the beneficiary thereof and such other information as shall be necessary to prepare, amend or extend such Letter of Credit. In addition, as a condition to any such Letter of Credit issuance, the Borrower shall have entered into a continuing agreement (or other letter of credit agreement) for the issuance of letters of credit and/or shall submit a letter of Credit Agreement"). In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the terms and conditions of any Letter of Credit Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control.

A Letter of Credit shall be issued, amended or extended only if (and upon issuance, amendment or extension of each Letter of Credit the Borrower shall be deemed to represent and warrant that), after giving effect to such issuance, amendment or extension (i) (A) the L/C Obligations would not exceed the L/C Sublimit and (B) such Issuing Lender's Percentage Interest of L/C Obligations when aggregated with such Issuing Lender's Percentage Interest of outstanding Revolving Loans would not exceed such Issuing Lender's Commitment, (ii) the aggregate amount of the Available Commitments would not be less than zero, and (iii) the Borrowing Base Availability, <u>minus</u> the Outstanding Amount would not be less than zero. The Borrower may, at any time and from time to time, reduce the Letter of Credit Commitment of any Issuing Lender if, after giving effect of such reduction, the conditions set forth in clauses (i) through (iii) above shall not be satisfied.

An Issuing Lender shall not be under any obligation to issue any Letter of Credit if:

(i) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain such Issuing Lender from issuing such Letter of Credit, or any law applicable to such Issuing Lender shall prohibit, or require that such Issuing Lender refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular or shall impose upon such Issuing Lender with respect to such Letter of Credit any restriction, reserve or capital requirement (for which such Issuing Lender is not otherwise compensated hereunder) not in effect on the Closing Date, or shall impose upon such Issuing Lender in good faith deems material to it; or

(ii) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of such Issuing Lender applicable to letters of credit generally.

1.2. <u>Expiration Date</u>. Each Letter of Credit shall expire (or be subject to termination by notice from the applicable Issuing Lender to the beneficiary thereof) at or prior to the close of business on the earlier of (i) the date one year after the date of the issuance of such Letter of Credit (or, in the case of any extension of the expiration date thereof, one year after such extension) and (ii) the date that is five (5) Business Days prior to the Termination Date.

### 1.3. <u>Fees and Other Charges</u>.

(a) The Borrower will pay a fee on the undrawn portion of all outstanding Letters of Credit at a per annum rate equal to the Applicable Margin then in effect with respect to Term Benchmark Loans, shared ratably among the Lenders and payable quarterly in arrears on calendar quarters no later than the date that is fifteen (15) days following the last day of such calendar quarter. In addition, the Borrower shall pay to each Issuing Lender for its own account a fronting fee equal to the greater of (x) \$500 and (y) 0.125% per annum on the aggregate undrawn and unexpired amount of each Letter of Credit issued by it, payable quarterly in arrears on calendar quarters no later than the date that is fifteen (15) days following the last day of such calendar quarter after the issuance date.

(b) In addition to the foregoing fees, the Borrower shall pay or reimburse each Issuing Lender for such normal and customary costs and expenses as are incurred or charged by such Issuing Lender in issuing, negotiating, effecting payment under, amending or otherwise administering any Letter of Credit.

1.3. <u>Participations</u>. By the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or an amendment to a Letter of Credit increasing the amount thereof) and without any further action on the part of the applicable Issuing Lender or the Lenders, such Issuing Lender hereby grants to each Lender, and each Lender hereby acquires from such Issuing Lender, a participation in such Letter of Credit equal to such Lender's Percentage Interest of the aggregate amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. In consideration and in furtherance of the foregoing, each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the respective Issuing Lender, such Lender's Percentage Interest of each L/C Disbursement made by such Issuing Lender and not reimbursed by the Borrower on the date due as provided in <u>Section 3.6</u>, or of any reimbursement payment required to be

refunded to the Borrower for any reason, including after the Termination Date. Each such payment shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations pursuant to this <u>Section 3.5</u> in respect of Letters of Credit is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including any amendment or extension of any Letter of Credit or the occurrence and continuance of a Default or reduction or termination of the Commitments.

Reimbursement. If an Issuing Lender shall make any L/C Disbursement in respect of a Letter of Credit, the Borrower shall 1.4. reimburse such L/C Disbursement by paying to the Administrative Agent an amount equal to such L/C Disbursement not later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date that such L/C Disbursement is made, if the Borrower shall have received notice of such L/C Disbursement prior to 12:00 noon, New York City time, on such date, or, if such notice has not been received by the Borrower prior to such time on such date, then not later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Business Day immediately following the day that the Borrower receives such notice, if such notice is not received prior to such time on the day of receipt; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower may, subject to the conditions to borrowing set forth herein, request in accordance with <u>Section 2.2</u> that such payment be financed with an ABR Borrowing in an equivalent amount, to the extent so financed, the Borrower's obligation to make such payment shall be discharged and replaced by the resulting ABR Borrowing. If the Borrower fails to make such payment when due, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender of the applicable L/C Disbursement, the payment then due from the Borrower in respect thereof and such Lender's Percentage Interest thereof. Promptly following receipt of such notice, each Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent its Percentage Interest of the payment then due from the Borrower, in the same manner as provided in this Agreement with respect to Loans made by such Lender, and the Administrative Agent shall promptly pay to the respective Issuing Lender the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. Promptly following receipt by the Administrative Agent of any payment from the Borrower pursuant to this Section 3.6, the Administrative Agent shall distribute such payment to the respective Issuing Lender or, to the extent that Lenders have made payments pursuant to this Section 3.6 to reimburse such Issuing Lender, then to such Lenders and such Issuing Lender as their interests may appear. Any payment made by a Lender pursuant to this to this Section 3.6 to reimburse an Issuing Lender for any L/C Disbursement (other than the funding of ABR Loans as contemplated above) shall not constitute a Loan and shall not relieve the Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such L/C Disbursement.

Obligations Absolute. The Borrower's obligation to reimburse L/C Disbursements as provided in Section 3.6 of this 1.5. Section shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be performed strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under any and all circumstances whatsoever and irrespective of (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of any Letter of Credit, any Letter of Credit Agreement or this Agreement, or any term or provision therein, (ii) any draft or other document presented under a Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent or invalid in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect,(iii) payment by the respective Issuing Lender under a Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or other document that does not comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit or (iv) any other event or circumstance whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, that might, but for the provisions of this <u>Section 3</u>, constitute a legal or equitable discharge of, or provide a right of setoff against, the Borrower's obligations hereunder. Neither the Administrative Agent, the Lenders nor any Issuing Lender, nor any of their respective Related Parties, shall have any liability or responsibility by reason of or in connection with the issuance or transfer of any Letter of Credit or any payment or failure to make any payment thereunder (irrespective of any of the circumstances referred to in the preceding sentence), or any error, omission, interruption, loss or delay in transmission or delivery of any draft, notice or other communication under or relating to any Letter of Credit (including any document required to make a drawing thereunder), any error in interpretation of technical terms, any error in translation or any consequence arising from causes beyond the control of the respective Issuing Lender; <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not be construed to excuse an Issuing Lender from liability to the Borrower to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law) suffered by the Borrower that are caused by such Issuing Lender's failure to exercise care when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof. The parties hereto expressly agree that, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of an Issuing Lender (as finally determined by a court of

competent jurisdiction), such Issuing Lender shall be deemed to have exercised care in each such determination. In furtherance of the foregoing and without limiting the generality thereof, the parties agree that, with respect to documents presented which appear on their face to be in substantial compliance with the terms of a Letter of Credit, an Issuing Lender may, in its sole discretion, either accept and make payment upon such documents without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, or refuse to accept and make payment upon such documents if such documents are not in strict compliance with the terms of such Letter of Credit.

1.6. <u>Disbursement Procedures</u>. The Issuing Lender for any Letter of Credit shall, within the time allowed by applicable law or the specific terms of the Letter of Credit following its receipt thereof, examine all documents purporting to represent a demand for payment under such Letter of Credit. Such Issuing Lender shall promptly after such examination notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrower by telephone (confirmed by telecopy or electronic mail) of such demand for payment if such Issuing Lender has made or will make an L/C Disbursement thereunder; <u>provided</u> that any failure to give or delay in giving such notice shall not relieve the Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such Issuing Lender and the Lenders with respect to any such L/C Disbursement.

1.7. Interim Interest. If the Issuing Lender for any Letter of Credit shall make any L/C Disbursement, then, unless the Borrower shall reimburse such L/C Disbursement in full on the date such L/C Disbursement is made, the unpaid amount thereof shall bear interest, for each day from and including the date such L/C Disbursement is made to but excluding the date that the reimbursement is due and payable at the rate per annum then applicable to ABR Loans and such interest shall be due and payable on the date when such reimbursement is payable; provided that, if the Borrower fails to reimburse such L/C Disbursement when due pursuant to <u>Section 3.6</u>, then <u>Section 2.11(d)</u> shall apply. Interest accrued pursuant to this <u>Section 3.9</u> shall be for the account of such Issuing Lender, except that interest shall be for the account of such Lender to the extent of such payment.

1.8. <u>Replacement and Resignation of an Issuing Lender</u>. (i) An Issuing Lender may be replaced at any time by written agreement among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the replaced Issuing Lender and the successor Issuing Lender. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Lenders of any such replacement of an Issuing Lender. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, the Borrower shall pay all unpaid fees accrued for the account of the replaced Issuing Lender pursuant to this Agreement. From and after the effective date of any such replacement, (x) the successor Issuing Lender shall have all the rights and obligations of an Issuing Lender under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit to be issued by it thereafter and (y) references herein to the term "Issuing Lender" shall be deemed to refer to such successor or to any previous Issuing Lender, or to such successor and all previous Issuing Lenders, as the context shall require. After the replacement of an Issuing Lender hereunder, the replaced Issuing Lender shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of an Issuing Lender under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such successor and all previous Issuing Lenders, as the context shall require. After the replacement of an Issuing Lender under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such replacement, but shall not be required to issue additional Letters of Credit or extend or otherwise amend any existing Letter of Credit.

(ii) Subject to the appointment and acceptance of a successor Issuing Lender, any Issuing Lender may resign as an Issuing Lender at any time upon thirty days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent, the Borrower and the Lenders, in which case, such resigning Issuing Lender shall be replaced in accordance with <u>Section 3.10(i)</u> above.

1.25. <u>Cash Collateralization</u>. If any Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, on the Business Day that the Borrower receives notice from the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders demanding the deposit of cash collateral pursuant to this <u>Section</u> <u>3.11</u>, the Borrower shall deposit in an account or accounts with the Administrative Agent, in the name of the Administrative Agent and for the benefit of the Lenders (the "<u>Collateral Account</u>"), an amount in cash equal to 105% of the L/C Obligations as of such date, <u>plus</u> any accrued and unpaid interest thereon; <u>provided</u> that the obligation to deposit such cash collateral shall become effective immediately, and such deposit shall become immediately due and payable, without demand or other notice of any kind, upon the occurrence of any Event of Default with respect to the Borrower described in <u>Section 8(f)</u>. Such deposit shall be held by the Administrative Agent as collateral for the payment and performance of the obligations of the Borrower

under this Agreement. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing or <u>Section 3.3</u>, if any L/C Obligations remain outstanding after the expiration date specified in said <u>Section 3.3</u>, the Borrower shall immediately deposit into the Collateral Account an amount in cash equal to 105% of such L/C Obligations as of such date, <u>plus</u> any accrued and unpaid interest thereon.

The Administrative Agent shall have exclusive dominion and control, including the exclusive right of withdrawal, over such account. Other than any interest earned on the investment of such deposits, which investments shall be made at the option and sole discretion of the Administrative Agent and at the Borrower's risk and expense, such deposits shall not bear interest. Interest or profits, if any, on such investments shall accumulate in such account. Moneys in such account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to reimburse each Issuing Lender for L/C Disbursements for which it has not been reimbursed, together with related fees, costs and customary processing charges, and, to the extent not so applied, shall be held for the satisfaction of the reimbursement obligations of the Borrower for the L/C Obligations at such time or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated, be applied to satisfy other Obligations. If the Borrower is required to provide an amount of cash collateral hereunder as a result of the occurrence of an Event of Default, such amount (to the extent not applied as aforesaid) shall be returned to the Borrower within three (3) Business Days after all Events of Default have been cured or waived.

1.26. Letters of Credit Issued for Account of Subsidiaries. Notwithstanding that a Letter of Credit issued or outstanding hereunder supports any obligations of, or is for the account of, a Subsidiary, or states that a Subsidiary is the "account party," "applicant," "customer," "instructing party," or the like of or for such Letter of Credit, and without derogating from any rights of the applicable Issuing Lender (whether arising by contract, at law, in equity or otherwise) against such Subsidiary in respect of such Letter of Credit, the Borrower (i) shall reimburse, indemnify and compensate the applicable Issuing Lender hereunder for such Letter of Credit (including to reimburse any and all drawings thereunder) as if such Letter of Credit had been issued solely for the account of the Borrower and (ii) irrevocably waives any and all defenses that might otherwise be available to it as a guarantor or surety of any or all of the obligations of such Subsidiary in respect of such Letters of Credit. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that the issuance of such Letters of Credit for its Subsidiaries inures to the benefit of the Borrower, and that the Borrower's business derives substantial benefits from the businesses of such Subsidiaries.

#### Section 4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

To induce the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and to make the Loans and issue or participate in the Letters of Credit, the Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender and each Lender that:

1.9. <u>Financial Statement</u>. Borrower has furnished to Lenders that are parties this Agreement on the Closing Date a copy of the Form 10-K of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries for the periods ended September 31, 2020 and September 30, 2021 and the Form 10-Q of Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries for the periods ended December 31, 2021, March 31, 2022 and June 30, 2022; it being understood that such financial statements filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Borrower (and which are available online on the SEC website, SEC.gov) shall be deemed to have been provided by the Borrower. The financial statements and the notes thereto included in such Form 10-Ks and such Form10-Qs fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries as at the dates specified therein and the consolidated results of operations and cash flows for the periods then ended, all in conformity with GAAP.

1.10. <u>No Material Adverse Change</u>. There has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of Loan Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, since September 30, 2021.

1.11. <u>Organization, Powers, and Capital Stock</u>. Each of the Loan Parties (a) is a corporation, limited partnership or limited liability company (as applicable) duly organized or formed, validly existing and in good standing under laws of its state of incorporation or formation, (b) has the power and authority to own or hold under lease the properties it purports to own or hold under lease and to carry on its business as now conducted, (c) is duly qualified or licensed to transact business in every jurisdiction in which such qualification or licensing is necessary to enable it to enforce all of its contracts and other

rights and to avoid any penalty or forfeiture except in each case to the extent of omissions that would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

### 1.12. Authorization; and Validity of this Agreement; Consents; etc.

Each of the Loan Parties has the power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, the Notes, the (a) Guarantee Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party and to perform all its obligations hereunder and thereunder. The execution and delivery by the Borrower of this Agreement and the Notes and by each of the Loan Parties of the Guarantee Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party and its performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder and any and all actions taken by the Loan Parties (i) have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate action or other applicable limited partnership or limited liability company action, (ii) will not violate or be in conflict with (A) in any material respect, any provisions of law (including, without limitation, any applicable usury or similar law), (B) in any material respect, any order, rule, regulation, writ, judgment, injunction, decree or award of any court or other agency of government, or (C) any provision of its certificate of incorporation or by-laws, certificate of limited partnership or limited partnership agreement, or articles or certificate of formation or operating agreement (as applicable), (iii) will not violate, be in conflict with, result in a breach of or constitute (with or without the giving of notice or the passage of time or both) a default under any indenture, agreement or other instrument to which such Loan Party is a party or by which it or any of its properties or assets is or may be bound (including without limitation any indentures pursuant to which any debt Securities of the Borrower have been issued), except in each case where such violation, conflict or breach would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and (iv) except as otherwise contemplated by this Agreement, will not result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon, or any security interest in, any of its properties or assets. Each of this Agreement, the Notes, the Guarantee Agreement and the other applicable Loan Documents has been duly executed and delivered by the applicable Loan Parties. The Loan Documents constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the applicable Loan Parties enforceable against the applicable Loan Parties in accordance with their terms, except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.

(b) None of the Loan Parties nor any of their Subsidiaries is a party to any agreement or instrument or is subject to any charter or other restrictions that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. None of the Loan Parties nor any of their Subsidiaries is in default in the performance, observance or fulfillment of any of the obligations, covenants or conditions contained in any agreement or instrument to which it is a party that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) No order, license, consent, approval, authorization of, or registration, declaration, recording or filing (except for the filing of a Current Report on Form 8-K, and a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, in each case with the Securities and Exchange Commission) with, or validation of, or exemption by, any governmental or public authority (whether federal, state or local, domestic or foreign) or any subdivision thereof is required in connection with, or as a condition precedent to, the due and valid execution, delivery and performance by any Loan Party of the Credit Agreement, the Notes, the Guarantee Agreement or the other Loan Documents, or the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability of any of the respective terms, provisions or conditions thereof. To the extent that any franchises, licenses, certificates, authorizations, approvals or consents from any federal, state or local (domestic or foreign) government, commission, bureau or agency are required for the acquisition, ownership, operation or maintenance by any Loan Party of properties now owned, operated or maintained by any of them, those franchises, licenses, certificates, authorizations, approvals and consents have been validly granted, are in full force and effect and constitute valid and sufficient authorization therefor, except in each case to the extent of omissions that would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

1.4. <u>Compliance with Laws and Other Requirements</u>. The Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries are in compliance with and conform to all statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, restrictions and all other legal requirements of all domestic or foreign governments or any instrumentality thereof having jurisdiction over the conduct of their respective businesses or the ownership of their respective properties, the violation of which would have a Material Adverse Effect on it, including, without limitation, Environmental Laws, regulations of the Board, the Federal Interstate Land Sales Full

Disclosure Act, the Florida Land Sales Act or any comparable statute in any other applicable jurisdiction. None of the Loan Parties nor any of their Subsidiaries has received any notice to the effect that its operations are not in compliance with any of the requirements of applicable Environmental Laws or any applicable federal, state and local health and safety statutes and regulations or the subject of any federal or state investigation evaluating whether any remedial action is needed to respond to a release of any Hazardous Substances into the environment, which non-compliance or remedial action could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

1.5. <u>Litigation</u>. Except as disclosed in Borrower's Current Reports on Form 8-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or Annual Reports on Form 10-K, there is no action, suit, Proceeding, arbitration, inquiry or investigation (whether or not purportedly on behalf of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries) pending or, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, threatened (in writing) against or affecting the Loan Parties or any of their Subsidiaries (a) with respect to this Agreement, the Notes, the Guarantee Agreement, any other Loan Document or the transactions contemplated hereby or (b) which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. None of the Loan Parties nor any of their Subsidiaries is in default with respect to any final judgment, writ, injunction, decree, rule or regulation of any court or federal, state, municipal or other governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign, which default would or could have a Material Adverse Effect.

1.6. <u>No Default</u>. No event has occurred and is continuing that is a Default or an Event of Default.

1.7. <u>Title to Properties</u>. Each of the Loan Parties has good and marketable fee title, or title insurable by a reputable and nationally recognized title insurance company, to the Real Property Inventory owned by it, and to all the other assets owned by it and either reflected on the balance sheet and related notes and schedules most recently delivered by the Borrower to the Lenders (the "<u>Recent Balance Sheet</u>") or acquired by it after the date of that balance sheet and prior to the date hereof, except for those properties and assets which have been disposed of since the date of the Recent Balance Sheet or which no longer are used or useful in the conduct of its business or which are classified as real estate not owned under GAAP. All such Real Property Inventory and other assets owned by the Loan Parties are free and clear of all mortgages, Liens, charges and other encumbrances (other than Permitted Liens).

1.8. <u>Tax Liability</u>. The Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries have filed all federal, state and other tax returns and reports required to be filed, and have paid all federal, state and other taxes, assessments, fees and other governmental charges levied or imposed upon them or their properties, income or assets otherwise due and payable, except (a) Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate Proceedings diligently conducted and for which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP or (b) to the extent that the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

## 1.9. Regulations U and X; Investment Company Act.

(d) Neither the Borrower nor any other Loan Party is engaged principally, or as one of its important activities, in the business of extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U or Regulation X of the Board). Margin stock (as defined in Regulation U) constitutes less than 25% of those assets of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis which are subject to any limitation on sale, pledge, or other restriction hereunder.

(e) No part of the proceeds of any extensions of credit hereunder will be used to purchase or carry any such margin stock or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any such margin stock. If requested by the Lenders, the Borrower shall furnish to the Lenders a statement in conformity with the requirements of Federal Reserve Form U-1 referred to in Regulation U of said Board. No part of the proceeds of any extensions of credit hereunder will be used for any purpose that violates, or which is inconsistent with, the provisions of Regulation X of said Board of Governors.

(f) None of the Loan Parties nor any of their Subsidiaries is an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

# 1.13. ERISA Compliance.

(g) Each Plan is in compliance in all material respects with the application provisions of ERISA, the Code and other Federal or state laws. Except as could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (i) each Plan that is intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination letter from the IRS or an application for such a letter is currently being processed by the IRS with respect thereto and, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, nothing has occurred which would prevent, or cause the loss of, such qualification, and (ii) each Loan Party and each ERISA Affiliate has made all required contributions to each Plan subject to Section 412 of the Code, and no application for a funding waiver or an extension of any amortization period pursuant to Section 412 of the Code has been made with respect to any Plan.

(h) There are no pending or, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, threatened claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Plan that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There has been no prohibited transaction or violation of the fiduciary responsibility rules with respect to any Plan that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(i) Except as could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (i) no ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur; (ii) no Plan has any Unfunded Pension Liability; (iii) no Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to any Plan (other than premiums due and not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA); (iv) no Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability (and no event has occurred which, with the giving of notice under Section 4219 of ERISA, would result in such liability) under Sections 4201 of ERISA with respect to a Multiemployer Plan; and (v) no Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has engaged in a transaction that could be subject to Sections 4069 or 4212(c) of ERISA.

1.1. <u>Subsidiaries</u>; Joint Ventures. As of the Closing Date, <u>Schedule 4.12</u> contains a complete and accurate list of (a) all Subsidiaries of the Borrower, including, with respect to each Subsidiary, (i) its state of incorporation, (ii) all jurisdictions (if any) in which it is qualified as a foreign corporation, (iii) the number of shares of its Capital Stock outstanding, and (iv) the number and percentage of its shares owned by the Borrower and/or by any other Subsidiary, and (b) each Joint Venture, including, with respect to each such Joint Venture, (i) its jurisdiction of organization, (ii) all other jurisdictions in which it is qualified as a foreign entity and (iii) the number and percentage of its shares of Capital Stock owned by the Borrower and/or by any other Subsidiary. All the outstanding shares of Capital Stock of each Subsidiary of the Borrower are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, except as otherwise provided by state wage claim laws of general applicability. All of the outstanding shares of Capital Stock of each Subsidiary owned by the Borrower or another Subsidiary as specified in <u>Schedule 4.12</u> are owned free and clear of all Liens, security interests, equity or other beneficial interests, charges and encumbrances of any kind whatsoever, except for Permitted Liens. Neither the Borrower nor any other Loan Party owns of record or beneficially any shares of the Capital Stock or other equity interests of any Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor, except Excluded Subsidiaries.

1.2. <u>Environmental Compliance</u>. No Hazardous Substances in violation of any Environmental Laws, or in amount or condition that would reasonably be expected to result in liability under any Environmental Laws, are present upon any of the Real Property Inventory owned by any of the Loan Parties or any of their Subsidiaries or any Real Property Inventory which is encumbered by any mortgage held by any of the Loan Parties or any of their Subsidiaries, and none of the Loan Parties nor any of their Subsidiaries has received any notice to the effect that any of the Real Property Inventory owned by any of the Loan Parties or any of their respective operations are not in compliance with any of the requirements of applicable Environmental Laws or are the subject of any action, suit, Proceeding relating to any remedial action, or any federal or state investigation evaluating whether any remedial action is needed, to respond to a release of any Hazardous Substance into the

environment which non-compliance, presence or remedial action could be reasonably expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

1.3. <u>No Misrepresentation</u>. No representation or warranty by any Loan Party made under this Agreement and no certificate, schedule, exhibit, report or other document provided or to be provided by any Loan Party in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby (including, without limitation, the negotiation of and compliance with the Loan Documents) contains or will contain, when taken as a whole, a misstatement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein in order to make the statements contained therein, in the light of the circumstances under which made, not materially misleading (after giving effect to all supplements and updates thereto from time to time); provided that with respect to any management projections, budgets, estimates and other forward-looking information, the Borrower represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time.

1.4. <u>Solvent</u>. Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis are Solvent.

1.5. <u>Foreign Direct Investment Regulations</u>. Neither the making of the Loans or advances of credit nor the repayment thereof nor any other transaction contemplated hereby will involve or constitute a violation by any Loan Party of any provision of the Foreign Direct Investment Regulations of the United States Department of Commerce or of any license, ruling, order, or direction of the Secretary of Commerce thereunder.

1.6. <u>Relationship of the Loan Parties</u>. The Loan Parties are engaged as an integrated group in the business of owning, developing and selling Real Property Inventory and of providing the required services, credit and other facilities for those integrated operations. The Loan Parties require financing on such a basis that funds can be made available from time to time to such entities, to the extent required for the continued successful operation of their integrated operations. The Loans and other advances of credit to be made to the Borrower under this Agreement are for the purpose of financing the integrated operations of the Loan Parties, and the Loan Parties expect to derive benefit, directly or indirectly, from the Loans and other advances, both individually and as a member of the integrated group, since the financial success of the operations of the Loan Parties is dependent upon the continued successful performance of the integrated group as a whole.

1.7. <u>Insurance</u>. The properties of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries are insured with financially sound and reputable insurance companies, in such amounts, with such deductibles and covering such risks as are customarily carried by companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties in localities where the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries operate.

1.8. <u>Foreign Asset Control Regulations</u>. Neither the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents by Borrower or any Loan Party nor the use of the proceeds of any Loan or any extension of credit, will violate the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, or any of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) or the Anti-Terrorism Order or any enabling legislation or executive order relating to any of the same. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, none of the Borrower, any Loan Party nor any of their respective subsidiaries (a) are or will become a blocked person described in Section 1 of the Anti-Terrorism Order or (b) engage or will engage in any dealings or transactions or be otherwise associated with any such blocked person.

1.9. <u>Intellectual Property; Licenses, Etc.</u> The Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries own, or possess the right to use, all of the trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights, patents, patent rights, franchises, licenses and other intellectual property rights (collectively, "<u>IP Rights</u>") that are reasonably necessary for the operation of their respective businesses, without conflict with the rights of any other Person. No claim has been asserted and is pending against the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries challenging or questioning the ownership, use, validity or enforceability of any such IP Rights, except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

1.10. <u>Subordinated Debt</u>. The Obligations constitute senior indebtedness which is entitled to the benefits of the subordination provisions of all outstanding Subordinated Debt, which outstanding Subordinated Debt as of the Closing Date is identified in <u>Schedule 4.21</u>.

1.11. <u>Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions</u>. The Borrower has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions, and the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective officers and directors and, to the knowledge of the Borrower, its employees and agents, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions in all material respects. None of (a) the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any of their respective directors, officers or employees, or (b) to the knowledge of the Borrower, any agent of the Borrower or any Subsidiary that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the credit facility established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person. No Loan or Letter of Credit, use of proceeds or other transaction contemplated by this Agreement will violate Anti-Corruption Laws or applicable Sanctions.

1.12. <u>Disclosure</u>. As of the Closing Date, the information included in the Beneficial Ownership Certification provided by Borrower to the Administrative Agent or any Lender is true and correct in all respects.

1.13. <u>Affected Financial Institution</u>. No Loan Party is an Affected Financial Institution.

## Section 5. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

1.14. <u>Conditions to Initial Extension of Credit</u>. The effectiveness of this Agreement the agreement of each Lender (including the Issuing Lenders) to make the initial extension of credit requested to be made by it is subject to the satisfaction, prior to or concurrently with the making of such extension of credit on the Closing Date, of the following conditions precedent:

(a) <u>Credit Agreement; Guarantee and Notes</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) this Agreement, executed and delivered by the Borrower and each Lender listed on <u>Schedule 1.1A</u>, which shall be in full force and effect, (ii) the Guarantee Agreement, executed and delivered by each Guarantor, which shall be in full force and effect, and (iii) Notes, if requested, payable to each requesting Lender and its registered assigns, which shall be in full force and effect.

(b) <u>Financial Statements</u>. The Lenders shall have received (i) Form 10-K for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries filed for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2021 (which financial statements shall be deemed delivered when filed with the SEC) and (ii) Form 10-Q for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries filed for each of the fiscal quarters ended December 31, 2021, March 31, 2022 and June 30, 2022 (which financial statements shall be deemed delivered when filed with the SEC).

(c) <u>Fees</u>. The Lenders, the Arrangers and the Administrative Agent shall have received all fees required to be paid, and all expenses for which invoices have been presented (including the reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel to the Administrative Agent) on or before the Closing Date.

(d) <u>Closing Certificate; Certificate of Incorporation; Good Standing Certificates</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received following supporting documents with respect to the Borrower and the other Loan Parties: (i) a copy of its certificate or articles of incorporation, formation, organization or certificate of limited partnership (as applicable) certified as of a date reasonably close to the Closing Date to be a true and accurate copy by the Secretary of State (or similar governmental authority) of its state of incorporation or formation; (ii) a certificate of that Secretary of State (or similar governmental authority), dated as of a date reasonably close to the Closing Date, as to its existence and (if available) good standing; (iii) a certificate of the Secretary of State (or similar governmental authority) of each jurisdiction, other than its state of incorporation or formation, in which it is qualified as a foreign corporation, limited liability company or other entity (as applicable), as to such qualification, unless any failure to be so qualified in such jurisdiction could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; (iv) a copy of its by-laws, partnership agreement or operating

agreement (as applicable), certified by its secretary or assistant secretary, general partner, manager or other appropriate Person (as applicable) to be a true and accurate copy of its by-laws, partnership agreement or operating agreement (as applicable) in effect on the Closing Date; (v) a certificate of its secretary or assistant secretary, general partner, manager or other appropriate Person (as applicable), as to the incumbency and signatures of its officers or other Persons who have executed any documents on behalf of such Loan Party in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (vi) a copy of resolutions of its Board of Directors, certified by its secretary or assistant secretary to be a true and accurate copy of resolutions duly adopted by such Board of Directors, or other appropriate resolutions or consents of, its partners or members certified by its general partner or manager (as applicable) to be true and correct copies thereof duly adopted, approved or otherwise delivered by its partners or members (to the extent necessary and applicable), each of which is certified to be in full force and effect on the Closing Date, authorizing the execution and delivery by it of this Agreement and any Notes, Guarantee Agreement and other Loan Documents delivered on the Closing Date to which it is a party and the performance by it of all its obligations thereunder; and (vii) such additional supporting documents and other information with respect to its operations and affairs as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request.

(e) <u>Legal Opinions</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received a favorable legal opinion of (i) King & Spalding LLP, counsel to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and (ii) Keith L. Belknap (or his successor), as General Counsel of the Borrower. Such legal opinions shall cover such other matters incident to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require.

(f) <u>Representations and Warranties; No Defaults</u>. (i) (a) the representations and warranties of the Borrower contained in <u>Section 4</u> hereof are correct and accurate in all material respects on and as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date; <u>provided</u> that, to the extent any such representation and warranty is already qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, such representation shall be true and correct in all respects, and (b) no event has occurred and is continuing which constitutes an Event of Default or Default hereunder as of the Closing Date, or after giving effect to any extension of credit on the Closing Date and (ii) the Administrative Agent shall have received certificates signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower certifying as to the foregoing.

(g) <u>Compliance Certificate; Borrowing Base Certificate</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received, no later than seven (7) days prior to the Closing Date (or such lesser period of time as the Administrative Agent may agree in its sole discretion), delivery of (i) a Compliance Certificate, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, as of June 30, 2022, and (ii) a Borrowing Base Certificate, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u>, as of June 30, 2022, with customary supporting documentation and supplemental reporting.

(h) <u>KYC/Beneficial Ownership</u>. (i) The Administrative Agent shall have received, at least five (5) days prior to the Closing Date, all documentation and other information regarding the Borrower requested in connection with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act and (ii) at least five (5) days prior to the Closing Date, any Lender that has requested, in a written notice to the Borrower, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to the Borrower shall have received such Beneficial Ownership Certification (provided that, upon the execution and delivery by such Lender of its signature page to this Agreement, the condition set forth in this <u>clause (ii)</u> shall be deemed to be satisfied).

(i) <u>No Proceeding or Litigation; No Injunctive Relief.</u> No action, suit or Proceeding before any arbitrator or any Governmental Authority shall have been commenced, no investigation by any Governmental Authority shall have been commenced and no action, suit, Proceeding or investigation by any Governmental Authority shall have been threatened (in writing), against the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any of the officers, directors or managers of the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower, seeking to restrain, prevent or change the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in whole or in part or questioning the validity or legality of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or seeking damages in connection with such transactions.

(j) <u>Consents, Licenses Approvals, etc</u>. All governmental and third party consents, licenses and approvals necessary or, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent, advisable in accordance with the transactions contemplated hereby and the continuing operations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (including shareholder approvals, if any) shall have been obtained on reasonably satisfactory terms and be in full force and effect.

(k) <u>Solvency Certificate</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received a duly executed Solvency Certificate.

(l) <u>No Material Adverse Change</u>. There shall not have occurred any event, condition, situation or status since September 30, 2021 that has had or could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change in the consolidated financial condition or business or operations of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

(m) <u>Termination of Existing Credit Agreement</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received evidence, in the form of a customary payoff letter satisfactory to it, that substantially concurrently with the execution of this Agreement (a) the Existing Credit Agreement has been terminated (and the commitment of each financial institution to make loans and other extensions of credit pursuant to the Existing Credit Agreement shall have been terminated in full), (b) all outstanding Indebtedness and other obligations and amounts owing thereunder have been paid in full, and (c) all guarantees and security interests granted in connection with the Existing Credit Agreement have been terminated and, other than as set forth on <u>Schedule 6.10</u>, released.

(n) <u>Additional Documents</u>. Such other agreements, instruments and documents as the Administrative Agent, its counsel or any Lender may reasonably request.

1.10. <u>Conditions to Each Extension of Credit</u>. The agreement of each Lender (including any Issuing Lender) to make any extension of credit requested to be made by it on any date (including its initial extension of credit) is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

(o) <u>Borrowing Request</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received notice of the Borrower's request for Revolving Loans as provided in <u>Section 2.2</u> or the Borrower's request for the issuance of a Letter of Credit as provided in <u>Section 3.2</u>.

(p) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Each of the representations and warranties made by any Loan Party in or pursuant to the Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects (except any representations and warranties which are qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, shall be correct and accurate in all respects) on and as of such date as if made on and as of such date; <u>provided</u> that if any such representations and warranties are expressly made only as of a prior date, such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (or all respects, as applicable) as of such prior date.

(q) <u>No Default</u>. No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on such date or after giving effect to the extensions of credit requested to be made on such date.

(r) <u>Availability</u>. If, after giving effect to such Loan or Letter of Credit, the Borrowing Base Availability is less than the Outstanding Amount, Borrower shall, on such date, reduce the Outstanding Amount by an amount at least equal to such deficiency.

(s) <u>Borrowing Base Certificate</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received a Borrowing Base Certificate for the most recently ended month for which a Borrowing Base Certificate is required to have been delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.1(l)</u>, showing the Borrowing Base Availability after giving pro forma effect to such Loan or Letter of Credit.

Each borrowing by and issuance of a Letter of Credit on behalf of the Borrower hereunder shall constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower as of the date of such extension of credit that the conditions contained in this <u>Section 5.2</u> have been satisfied.

### Section 6. AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

The Borrower hereby agrees that, so long as the Commitments remain in effect, any Letter of Credit remains outstanding or any Loan or other amount (other than contingent obligations (such as indemnities or increased costs) as to which no claim bas been asserted) is owing to any Lender, any Issuing Lender or the Administrative Agent hereunder, the Borrower shall and shall cause each Loan Party to:

1.1. <u>Reporting Requirements</u>. The Borrower shall maintain a standard system of accounting established and administered in accordance with GAAP and shall cause to be delivered to the Administrative Agent (for prompt distribution by the Administrative Agent to Lenders):

(a) as soon as available and in any event within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022), a consolidated balance sheet of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries as of the end of that fiscal year and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for that fiscal year, all with accompanying notes and schedules, prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied and audited and reported upon by Deloitte & Touche LLP or another firm of independent certified public accountants of similar recognized standing selected by the Borrower and acceptable to the Administrative Agent (such audit report shall be unqualified except for qualifications relating to changes in GAAP and required or approved by the Borrower's independent certified public accountants); the financial statements filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Borrower (and which are available online) shall be deemed to have been provided by the Borrower under this reporting requirement;

(b) as soon as available and in any event within 45 days after the end of each of the first three quarters, of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a consolidated balance sheet of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries as of the end of that quarter, and the related consolidated statement of operations and cash flows of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries for the period from the beginning of the fiscal year to the end of that quarter, all prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, unaudited but certified to be true and accurate, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments, by an Authorized Financial Officer of the Borrower; the financial statements filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Borrower (and which are available online) shall be deemed to have been provided by the Borrower under this reporting requirement;

(c) (x) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements described in <u>subsection (a)</u> above, to the extent such accountants issue such letters, a letter signed by that firm of independent certified public accountants to the effect that, during the course of their examination, nothing came to their attention which caused them to believe that any Event of Default has occurred, or if such Event of Default has occurred, specifying the facts with respect thereto, (y) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements described in <u>subsection (a)</u> or (<u>b</u>) above, a certificate signed by the Chief Executive Officer, President or Executive Vice President and an Authorized Financial Officer of the Borrower to the effect that having read this Agreement, and based upon an examination which they deemed sufficient to enable them to make an informed statement, there does not exist any Event of Default or Default, or if such Event of Default has occurred, specifying the facts with respect thereto and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto, and (z) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements described in <u>subsection (a)</u> or (<u>b</u>) above, a certificate of an Authorized Financial Officer of the Borrower including, with respect to such financial statements, any adjustments necessary to eliminate the accounts of Unrestricted Subsidiaries (if any) from such consolidated financial statements;

(d) within 90 days after the beginning of each fiscal year of the Borrower (commencing with the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, a projection, in reasonable detail and in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, on a quarterly basis, of the earnings, cash flow, balance sheet and covenant calculations (with assumptions for all of the foregoing) of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries for that fiscal year;

(e) promptly upon becoming available, copies of all financial statements, reports, notices and proxy statements sent by the Borrower to its stockholders, and of all regular and periodic

reports and other material (including copies of all registration statements and reports under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) filed by the Borrower with or furnished to any securities exchange or any governmental authority or commission, except material filed with or furnished to governmental authorities or commissions relating to the development of Real Property Inventory in the ordinary course of the business of the Loan Parties and which does not relate to or disclose any Material Adverse Effect; the reports and financial statements filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Borrower (and which are available online) shall be deemed to have been provided by the Borrower under these reporting requirements;

(f) as soon as available and in any event within 90 days after the end of the fourth quarter of each fiscal year for the Joint Ventures, a statement of earnings, assets, liabilities and net worth, indicating Borrower's and each Loan Party's <u>pro rata</u> share thereof, in the form attached as <u>Schedule 6.1(f)</u>;

(g) the following reports: within 45 days after the end of each of the first three quarters, and within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower (commencing with the quarter ending December 31, 2022 and fiscal year ending September 30, 2022), a report which shall include the information and calculations provided for in the Compliance Certificate attached to this Agreement, which shall be in reasonable detail and in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, with calculations indicating whether the Borrower is in compliance, as of the last day of such quarterly or annual period, as the case may be, with the provisions of the financial covenants in Section 7.1 of Borrower and the Loan Parties (the reports furnished pursuant to this subsection (g) shall each be certified to be true and correct by an Authorized Financial Officer of the Borrower);

(h) as soon as possible and in any event within 30 days after the Borrower knows that any Reportable Event has occurred with respect to any Plan, a statement, signed by an Authorized Financial Officer of the Borrower, describing said Reportable Event and the action which the Borrower proposes to take with respect thereto;

(i) as soon as possible and in any event within 10 days after receipt thereof by any of the Loan Parties or any of their Subsidiaries, a copy of (i) any notice or claim to the effect that any of the Loan Parties or of their Subsidiaries is or may be liable to any Person as a result of the release by any of the Loan Parties, any of their Subsidiaries, or any other Person of any Hazardous Substance into the environment, and (ii) any notice alleging any violation of any Environmental Law or any federal, state or local health or safety law or regulation by any of the Loan Parties or any of their Subsidiaries, which, in either case, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(j) concurrently with the quarterly financial statements described in <u>subsection (b)</u> above (or such later date as the Administrative Agent may agree in its sole discretion) following the end of any quarter in which there occurred an event that requires a Subsidiary that is not then a Guarantor to become a Guarantor under this Agreement (as described in <u>Section 6.7</u> below) (or at any time that the Borrower may elect to cause any other Subsidiary to be a Guarantor), the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent (i) a supplemental guaranty, substantially in the form provided for in the Guarantee Agreement, executed by a duly authorized officer of such Subsidiary; (ii) a copy of the certificate of incorporation or other organizational document of such Subsidiary, certified by the secretary of state or other official of the state or other jurisdiction of its incorporation; (iii) representations and warranties from Borrower regarding such Guarantor's formation, authority, execution, delivery, non-contravention and enforceability of the supplemental guaranty as are delivered by the Borrower and Loan Parties at the Closing Date and (iv) such other documents and instruments as Administrative Agent may reasonably require, including appropriate favorable opinions of counsel to such Person in form, content and scope reasonably satisfactory to Administrative Agent;

(k) such supplements to the aforementioned documents and additional information and reports as the Administrative Agent or any Lender may from time to time reasonably require and information and documentation reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or any Lender for purposes of compliance with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act; and

(1) as soon as available, but in any event within twenty (20) days after the end of each calendar month, a Borrowing Base Certificate, certified by an Authorized Financial Officer of the Borrower, showing the calculation of the Borrowing Base and Borrowing Base Availability as of the last day of such month, in each case, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

1.2. <u>Payment of Taxes and Other Potential Liens</u>. Pay and discharge or cause to be paid and discharged promptly all material taxes, assessments and governmental charges or levies imposed upon any Loan Party or upon any of their respective incomes or receipts or upon any of their respective properties before the same shall become in default or past due, or result in the imposition of a Lien or charge upon such properties or any part thereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that it shall not constitute a violation of the provisions of this <u>Section 6.2</u> if any Loan Party shall fail to perform any such obligation or to pay any such tax, assessment, governmental charge or levy which is being contested in good faith, by proper proceedings diligently pursued, and as to which adequate reserves have been provided in conformity with GAAP.

1.3. <u>Preservation of Existence</u>. Do or cause to be done all things or proceed with due diligence with any actions or courses of action which may be necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its existence under the laws of their respective states of incorporation or formation and all qualifications or licenses in jurisdictions in which such qualification or licensing is required for the conduct of its business, except where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit any merger, consolidation, Division, liquidation or dissolution permitted under <u>Section 7.3</u>. The Borrower will, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, carry on and conduct its business in substantially the same fields of enterprise as it is presently conducted and maintain all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted. The primary business of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries shall at all times be the acquisition, development and sale of real estate assets and ancillary and complementary businesses thereto.

1.4. <u>Maintenance of Properties</u>. Maintain all its properties and assets in good working order and condition and make all necessary repairs, renewals and replacements thereof so that its business carried on in connection therewith may be properly conducted at all times; and maintain or require to be maintained (a) adequate insurance, by financially sound and reputable insurers, on all properties of the Loan Parties which are of a character usually insured by Persons engaged in the same or a similar business (including, without limitation, all Real Property Inventory encumbered by mortgages securing mortgage loans made by any Loan Party, to the extent normally required by prudent mortgagees, and all Real Property Inventory which is the subject of an equity investment by any Loan Party, to the extent normally carried by prudent builder-developers) against loss or damage resulting from fire, defects in title or other risks insured against by extended coverage and of the kind customarily insured against by those Persons, (b) adequate public liability insurance against tort claims which may be incurred by any Loan Party, and (c) such other insurance as may be required by law, in each case, except where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Upon the request of the Administrative Agent, the Borrower will furnish to the Lenders full information as to the insurance carried.

1.5. Access to Premises and Books. At all reasonable times and as often as any Lender may reasonably request, permit authorized representatives and agents (including accountants) designated by that Lender to (a) have access to the premises of the Borrower and each Subsidiary and to their respective corporate books and financial records, and all other records relating to their respective operations and procedures, (b) make copies of or excerpts from those books and records and (c) upon reasonable notice to the Borrower, discuss the respective affairs, finances and operations of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries with, and to be advised as to the same by, their respective officers and directors.

1.6. <u>Notices</u>. Give prompt written notice to the Administrative Agent (who promptly shall furnish the same to the Lenders) of (a) any Proceeding instituted by or against the Borrower or any of the Loan Parties in any federal or state court or before any commission or other regulatory body, federal, state or local or other governmental agency, which, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on any Loan Party, (b) any other event which could reasonably be

expected to lead to or result in a Material Adverse Effect, (c) the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default and (d) any change in the information provided in the Beneficial Ownership Certification that would result in a change to the list of beneficial owners identified in parts (c) or (d) of such certification.

1.7. <u>Addition and Removal of Guarantors</u>. Give the Administrative Agent prompt written notice of the formation or acquisition of any Restricted Subsidiary or of any Subsidiary ceasing to be an Excluded Subsidiary. Each such (x) newly formed Restricted Subsidiary (to the extent such Restricted Subsidiary is not an Excluded Subsidiary) and (y) Restricted Subsidiary that has ceased to be an Excluded Subsidiary shall be required to become a Guarantor in accordance with the terms set forth in <u>Section 6.1(j)</u>.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, if at any time or from time to time any event results in a Change in Status of a Guarantor, the Borrower shall deliver notice thereof to the Administrative Agent, including a reasonably detailed description of the Change in Status and a statement of the effective date of the Change in Status (such written notice, a "<u>Change in Status Notice</u>"). Such notice shall be delivered no later than 45 days after the end of the fiscal quarter during which such Change in Status occurs; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that with respect to any Change in Status occurring during the last quarter of Borrower's fiscal year, such notice shall be delivered no later than 90 days after the end of such final fiscal quarter. Each Change in Status event shall be effective as of the effective date requested in such Change in Status Notice, automatically, without any further action by any party to this Agreement, and upon the requested effective date included in the Change in Status Notice, the Subsidiary that is or was subject to such Change in Status shall no longer be a Guarantor and shall be released from the Guaranter Agreement so long as, (x) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or shall result therefrom, (y) the Guarantor is released from its guarantee(s) under all other Indebtedness ranking pari passu with the Obligations (other than by reason of payment under such guarantees) and (z) the Borrower has delivered to the Administrative Agent a certificate of a Responsible Officer stating that all conditions precedent provided for in this <u>Section 6.7</u> have been complied with and that such release is authorized and permitted under this Agreement.

1.8. <u>Compliance with Laws and Other Requirements</u>. Promptly and fully comply with, conform to and obey all present and future laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, decrees, awards and all other legal requirements applicable to the Loan Parties, their Subsidiaries and their respective properties, including, without limitation, Regulation Z of the Board, the Federal Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act, ERISA, the Florida Land Sales Act or any similar statute in any applicable jurisdiction, in each case, the violation of which would have a Material Adverse Effect on any Loan Party. The Borrower will maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions.

1.9. <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. Use and cause to be used the proceeds of the Loans and other extensions of credit for working capital and general corporate purposes of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business, including, subject to Section 7.8, to repay or prepay Indebtedness. The Borrower will not request any Loan or Letter of Credit, and the Borrower shall not use, and shall procure that its Subsidiaries and its or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents shall not use, the proceeds of any Loan or Letter of Credit (A) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (B) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country, or (C) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

1.10. <u>Certain Post-Closing Obligations</u>. Within the time periods after the Closing Date specified in <u>Schedule 6.10</u> or such later date as the Administrative Agent agrees in its reasonable discretion, the Borrower shall deliver the documents and take the actions specified on <u>Schedule 6.10</u>.

## Section 7. NEGATIVE COVENANTS

The Borrower hereby agrees that, so long as the Commitments remain in effect, any Letter of Credit remains outstanding or any Loan or other amount (other than contingent obligations (such as

indemnities and increased costs) as to which no claim bas been asserted) is owing to any Lender, the Issuing Lender or the Administrative Agent hereunder:

1.11. Financial Condition Covenants. The Borrower shall not,

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(m) <u>Maximum Leverage Ratio</u>. As of the end of each fiscal quarter, permit the Leverage Ratio to exceed sixty percent

(n) <u>Minimum Liquidity Test</u>. Fail to maintain Liquidity in an amount not less than the Minimum Liquidity Amount.

(o) <u>Minimum Interest Coverage</u> Ratio: As of the end of each fiscal quarter, fail to maintain an Interest Coverage Ratio greater than 1.50:1.00.

(p) <u>Minimum Net Worth Test</u>. Fail to maintain minimum Consolidated Tangible Net Worth of at least (a) \$625,142,250, <u>plus</u> (b) the sum of (i) 50% of the cumulative Consolidated Net Income of each fiscal quarter where net income is positive, of the Loan Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries from and after July 1, 2022, <u>plus</u> (ii) 50% of the net proceeds from any equity offerings of Borrower (other than offerings of Disqualified Stock), in each case, from and after Closing Date.

1.12. <u>Liens and Encumbrances</u>. The Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any other Loan Party to, grant or suffer or permit to exist any Liens on any of its rights, properties or assets other than Permitted Liens.

1.13. Limitation on Fundamental Changes; Sale of Assets.

(a) The Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, do any of the following:

(i) sell, assign, license, lease or otherwise dispose of (whether in one transaction or in a series of transactions) all or any material portion of its assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) (including, in each case, by way of a Division), except (A) for the sale or other disposition of inventory in the ordinary course of business, (B) dispositions, sales, or assignments of properties (including a bulk sale of properties held in a geographic region) relating to restructuring or withdrawal from one or more geographic regions; provided that the fair value of such dispositions, sales or transfers in this clause (B) does not exceed in any twelve (12) consecutive months 15% of Consolidated Tangible Net Worth (determined as of the last day of the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which financial statements are available), (C) the sale and leaseback of Model Units, and (D) unless an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and the Administrative Agent has provided written notice to the Borrower that it is prohibiting the transactions otherwise permitted under this clause, (1) any sale or other disposition of Cash Equivalents or obsolete or worn out equipment, in each case, in the ordinary course of business (as reasonably determined by the Borrower) and (2) the sale or other disposition of assets, including Real Property Inventory, no longer used or useful in the conduct of business of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(ii) merge into or consolidate with any other Person or permit any other Person to merge into or consolidate with it or consummate a Division as the Dividing Person;

(iii) dissolve, liquidate or wind up its business by operation of law or otherwise; or

(iv) distribute to the stockholders of the Borrower any Capital Stock of any Subsidiary that is a Guarantor; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any Subsidiary or any other Person may merge into or consolidate with, consummate a Division, or may dissolve and

liquidate into a Loan Party and any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party may merge into or consolidate with, consummate a Division, or may dissolve and liquidate into another Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party, if (and only if), (1) in the case of a merger or consolidation involving a Loan Party other than the Borrower, the surviving Person is, or upon such merger or consolidation becomes, a Loan Party, (2) in the case of a merger or consolidation involving the Borrower, the Borrower is the surviving Person, (3) in the case of a Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party, such Subsidiary is merging or consolidating with any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party, (4) in the case of a Division of a Subsidiary that is an LLC and such Subsidiary is the Dividing Person, immediately upon the consummation of the Division, the assets of the applicable Dividing Person are held by one or more Subsidiaries at such time, or, with respect to assets not so held by one or more Subsidiaries, such Division, in the aggregate, would not otherwise result in a disposition prohibited by <u>Section 7.3(a)(i)</u> above, (5) the character of the business of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis will not be materially changed by such occurrence, and (6) such occurrence shall not constitute or give rise to (a) an Event of Default or (b) a default (beyond all applicable grace and cure periods) in respect of any of the covenants contained in any agreement to which the Borrower or any such Subsidiary is a party or by which its property may be bound if such default would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(q) Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, acquire another Person (or all or substantially all of the assets of such Person or of a business unit of such Person) unless (i) the primary business of such Person is engaging in homebuilding, land acquisition or land development businesses and businesses that are reasonably related thereto or reasonable extensions thereof and (ii) such acquisition shall not be undertaken by means of a hostile takeover, hostile tender offer or other similar hostile transaction.

Nothing contained in this <u>Section 7.3</u>, however, shall restrict any sale or other disposition of assets among the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries which is in the ordinary course of business or is otherwise in compliance with all other provisions of this Agreement.

1.14. <u>Permitted Investments</u>. The Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, make any Investment or otherwise acquire any interest in any Person, except:

(a) Investments in or loans or advances to (i) the Borrower and (ii) any Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a Guarantor;

- (b) Cash Equivalents (including Permitted Investments);
- (c) receivables owing to Borrower or any Guarantor if created or acquired in the ordinary course of business;
- (d) lease, utility and other similar deposits in the ordinary course of business;

(e) Investments made by Borrower or any Guarantor for consideration consisting only of Capital Stock of the Borrower (other than Disqualified Stock);

- (f) guarantees of performance obligations in the ordinary course of business;
- (g) Investments outstanding on the Closing Date, as set forth on <u>Schedule 7.4</u>;
- (h) Investments permitted by <u>Section 7.3(b)</u>;

(i) Investments in mortgages, receivables, other securities or ownership interests, loans or advances made in connection with a strategy to acquire land or other homebuilding assets through foreclosure or other exercise of remedies;

(j) Investments in securities of trade creditors or customers received pursuant to any plan of reorganization or similar arrangement upon the bankruptcy or insolvency of such trade creditors or customers;

(k) Investments or securities received in settlement of debts owing to Borrower or any Guarantor in the ordinary course of business;

(1) loans to employees, agents, customers or suppliers in the ordinary course of business not to exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding;

(m) Investments in Persons that are in the business of homebuilding, land acquisition or land development businesses and businesses that are reasonably related thereto or reasonable extensions thereof not to exceed in the aggregate amount outstanding at any time 20% of Consolidated Tangible Net Worth;

(n) Investments in Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors or in Joint Ventures (including guarantees of Indebtedness and other obligations of Joint Ventures or Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors) in an aggregate amount at any time outstanding not to exceed 5% of Consolidated Tangible Net Worth; and

(o) other Investments in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 at any time outstanding.

1.15. <u>No Margin Stock</u>. The Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, use or permit to be used any of the proceeds of the Loans or other extensions of credit hereunder to purchase or carry any "margin stock" (as defined in Regulation U).

1.16. Burdensome Agreements. The Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any Contractual Obligation that limits the ability (i) of any Restricted Subsidiary to make Restricted Payments to the Borrower or any Guarantor or to otherwise transfer property to the Borrower or any Guarantor, (ii) of any Restricted Subsidiary to guarantee the Indebtedness of the Borrower or (iii) of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist Liens on property of such Person to secure its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party; provided, however, that this clause (iii) shall not prohibit the requirement of granting a pari passu Lien in favor of any holder of any public Indebtedness if the Obligations hereunder are required to be secured; provided, further, however, the foregoing shall not apply to (v) restrictions imposed by law or this Agreement, (w) customary restrictions and conditions contained in agreements relating to a sale of a Subsidiary or all or substantially all of its assets pending such sale; provided that such restrictions and conditions apply only to the Subsidiary that is sold and such sale is permitted hereunder, (x) customary provisions in leases, partnership agreements, limited liability company organizational governance documents, joint venture agreements and other similar agreement relating to any secured Indebtedness permitted to be incurred hereunder; provided that such restrictions or conditions or the ordinary course of business that restrict the transfer or encumbrance of leasehold interests or ownership interests in such partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or similar Person, (y) customary restrictions or conditions or conditions or conditions apply only to the property or assets securing such secured Indebtedness, or the proceeds thereof and (z) with respect to clause (iii), customar

1.17. [<u>Reserved</u>].

1.18. <u>Prepayment of Indebtedness</u>. If a Default has occurred and is continuing or an acceleration of the indebtedness under this Agreement has occurred, the Borrower shall not voluntarily prepay, or permit any Guarantor voluntarily to prepay, the principal amount, in whole or in part, of any Indebtedness other than (a) Indebtedness owed to each Lender hereunder, (b) Indebtedness which ranks pari passu with the Indebtedness incurred under this Agreement which is or becomes due and owing whether by reason of acceleration or otherwise and (c) Indebtedness which is exchanged for, or converted into, Capital Stock other than Disqualified Stock (or securities to acquire Capital Stock other than Disqualified Stock) of the Borrower.

1.19. <u>Pension Plan</u>. The Borrower shall not enter into, maintain or make contributions to, or permit any Subsidiary to enter into, maintain or make contributions to, directly or indirectly, any plan that is subject to Title IV of ERISA, except for defined benefit pension plans of any Persons formed or acquired, directly or indirectly, by Borrower or any Subsidiary as permitted under this Agreement.

1.20. <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>. The Borrower shall not enter into any transaction (including, without limitation, the purchase or sale of any property or service) with, or make any payment or transfer to, any Affiliate (or permit any Restricted Subsidiary to do any of the foregoing), except in the ordinary course of business and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of the Borrower's or a Restricted Subsidiary's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary than the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary would obtain in a comparable arms'-length transaction; <u>provided</u> that the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to (a) transactions exclusively between or among Loan Parties and (b) transactions involving the purchase, sale or exchange of property having an aggregate value of \$10,000,000 or less in any fiscal year.

1.21. <u>Foreign Assets Control Regulations</u>. The Borrower shall not use or permit the use the proceeds of any Loan or any extension of credit in any manner that will violate the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, or any of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) or the Anti-Terrorism Order or any enabling legislation or executive order relating to any of the same. Without limiting the foregoing, neither the Borrowers nor any other Loan Party will permit itself nor any of its Subsidiaries to (a) become a blocked person described in Section 1 of the Anti-Terrorism Order or (b) engage in any dealings or transactions or be otherwise associated with any person who is a blocked person.

# Section 8. EVENTS OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES

If any of the following events shall occur and be continuing:

(a) the Borrower shall fail to pay any principal of any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation when due in accordance with the terms hereof; or the Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan, Reimbursement Obligation, any fees hereunder or any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document within five (5) Business Days after any such interest, fees or other amounts becomes due in accordance with the terms hereof; or

(b) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by any Loan Party herein or in any other Loan Document or that is contained in any certificate, document or financial or other statement furnished by it at any time under or in connection with this Agreement or any such other Loan Document shall be false or misleading in any material respect (or, with respect to any representations and warranties which are qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, in all respects) when made or deemed made; or

(c) any Loan Party shall default in the observance or performance of any covenant contained in Sections <u>6.1(l)</u>, <u>6.3</u>, <u>6.5</u>, <u>6.6</u> or <u>6.9</u>, or <u>Section 7</u>; or

(d) any Loan Party shall default in the observance or performance of any other covenant contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document (other than as provided in <u>paragraphs (a)</u> through (c) of this <u>Section 8</u>), and such default shall continue unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days; or

(e) any Loan Party shall (i) default in making any payment of any principal of any Indebtedness (including any Contingent Obligation, but excluding the Loans and Non-Recourse Indebtedness) beyond any applicable period of grace, or (ii) default in making any payment of any interest on any such Indebtedness or Contingent Obligation set forth in <u>clause (i)</u> beyond the period of grace, if any, provided in the instrument or agreement under which such Indebtedness was created, or (iii) default in the observance or performance of any other agreement or condition relating to any such Indebtedness or Contingent Obligations set forth in <u>clause (i)</u> or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which default or other event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder or beneficiary of such

Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or beneficiary) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity or (in the case of any such Indebtedness constituting a Contingent Obligation) to become payable; provided that a default, event or condition described in <u>clause (i)</u>, (ii) or (iii) of this <u>paragraph (e)</u> shall not at any time constitute an Event of Default unless, at such time, one or more defaults, events or conditions of the type described in <u>clauses (i)</u>, (ii) of this <u>paragraph (e)</u> shall not a default, or the case of any such Indebtedness or Contingent Obligation the aggregate outstanding principal amount of which is \$25,000,000 or more; or

(f) (i) the Borrower or any other Loan Party shall commence any case, proceeding or other action (A) under any existing or future law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or relief of debtors, seeking to have an order for relief entered with respect to it, or seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, winding-up, liquidation, dissolution, composition or other relief with respect to it or its debts, or (B) seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator or other similar official for it or for all or any substantial part of its assets; or (ii) there shall be commenced against the Borrower or any other Loan Party any case, proceeding or other action of a nature referred to in <u>clause (i)</u> above that (A) results in the entry of an order for relief or any such adjudication or appointment or (B) remains un-dismissed or undischarged for a period of 60 days; or (iii) there shall be commenced against the Borrower or any other to similar process against all or any substantial part of its assets that results in the entry of an order for any such relief that shall not have been vacated, discharged, or stayed or bonded pending appeal within 60 days from the entry thereof; or (iv) the Borrower or any other Loan Party shall take any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any of the acts set forth in <u>clause (i)</u>, (ii), or (iii) above; or (v) the Borrower or any other Loan Party shall generally not, or shall admit in writing its inability to, pay its debts as they become due; or (vi) the Borrower or any other Loan Party shall make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or

(g) (i) an ERISA Event shall have occurred, (ii) a trustee shall be appointed by a United States district court to administer any Plan, (iii) the PBGC shall institute proceedings to terminate any Plan(s), (iv) any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate shall have been notified by the sponsor of a Multiemployer Plan that it has incurred or will be assessed withdrawal liability (within the meaning of Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA) to such Multiemployer Plan and such entity does not have reasonable grounds for contesting such withdrawal liability in a timely and appropriate manner; or (v) any other event or condition shall occur or exist with respect to a Plan; and in each case in <u>clauses (i)</u> through (v) above, such event or condition, together with all other such events or conditions, if any, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or

(h) one or more final non-appealable judgments or decrees shall be entered against any Loan Party involving in the aggregate a liability of more than \$25,000,000, and all such judgments or decrees shall not have been paid, vacated, discharged, stayed or bonded pending appeal within 30 days from the entry thereof; or

(i) any Loan Party shall be found responsible for (A) the release by any Loan Party, any of its Subsidiaries or any other Person of any Hazardous Substance into the environment, or (B) any violation of any Environmental Law or any federal, state or local health or safety law or regulation, which, in either case of <u>clause (A)</u> or (B), could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or

(j) any of the Loan Documents (including the guarantee contained in Section 1 of the Guarantee Agreement) shall cease, for any reason, to be in full force and effect or any Loan Party or any Affiliate of any Loan Party shall so assert (excluding release of any Guarantor from its guarantee in accordance with the Loan Documents); or

(k) there shall occur any Change of Control of the Borrower;

then, and in any such event, (A) if such event is an Event of Default specified in <u>clause (i)</u> or <u>(ii)</u> of <u>paragraph (f)</u> above with respect to the Borrower, automatically the Commitments shall immediately

terminate and the Loans (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts owing under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including all amounts of L/C Obligations, whether or not the beneficiaries of the then outstanding Letters of Credit shall have presented the documents required thereunder) shall immediately become due and payable, and (B) if such event is any other Event of Default, either or both of the following actions may be taken: (i) with the consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the request of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, by notice to the Borrower declare the Commitments to be terminated forthwith, whereupon the Commitments shall immediately terminate; and (ii) with the consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the request of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, by notice to the Borrower, declare the Loans (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts owing under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including all amounts of L/C Obligations, whether or not the beneficiaries of the then outstanding Letters of Credit shall have presented the documents required thereunder) to be due and payable forthwith, whereupon the same shall immediately become due and payable. With respect to all Letters of Credit with respect to which presentment for honor shall not have occurred at the time of an acceleration pursuant to this paragraph, the Borrower shall at such time deposit in a cash collateral account opened by the Administrative Agent an amount equal to 103% of the aggregate then undrawn and unexpired amount of such Letters of Credit. Amounts held in such cash collateral account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to the payment of drafts drawn under such Letters of Credit, and the unused portion thereof after all such Letters of Credit shall have expired or been fully drawn upon, if any, shall be applied to repay other obligations of the Borrower hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. After all such Letters of Credit shall have expired or been fully drawn upon, all Reimbursement Obligations shall have been satisfied and all other obligations of the Borrower hereunder and under the other Loan Documents shall have been paid in full, the balance, if any, in such cash collateral account shall be returned to the Borrower (or such other Person as may be lawfully entitled thereto). Except as expressly provided above in this Section 8, presentment, demand, protest and all other notices of any kind are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower.

On and after the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent shall apply all payments in respect of any Obligations in the following order: (i) <u>first</u>, to pay Obligations in respect of (A) any fees, expenses, reimbursements or indemnities then due to the Administrative Agent, (B) any fees (other than commitment fees and Letter of Credit fees), expenses, reimbursements or indemnities then due to the Lenders and Issuing Lenders and (C) to pay commitment fees, Letter of Credit fees and interest due in respect of Loans and Letters of Credit; (ii) <u>second</u>, to the ratable payment or prepayment of principal outstanding on Loans and Letters of Credit; and (iii) <u>third</u>, to the ratable payment of all other Obligations. On or after the occurrence of an Event of Default, all principal payments in respect of Loans shall be applied: (i) <u>first</u>, to repay outstanding ABR Loans and (ii) <u>second</u> to repay outstanding Term Benchmark Loans and, if applicable, RFR Loans, with those that have the earlier expiring Interest Period being repaid prior to those that have later expiring Interest Periods. The order of priority set forth in this paragraph and the related provisions of this Agreement are set forth solely to determine the rights and priorities of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, and the Issuing Lenders as among themselves. The order of priority set forth in <u>clause (i)</u> may be changed only with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the order of priority of payments in respect of Letters of Credit may be changed only with the prior written consent of the Issuing Lenders.

#### Section 9. THE AGENTS

1.22. <u>Appointment</u>. Each Lender hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Administrative Agent as the agent of such Lender under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and each such Lender irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent, in such capacity, to take such action on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities, except those expressly set forth herein, or any fiduciary relationship with any Lender, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Loan Document or otherwise exist against the Administrative Agent.

1.23. <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. The Administrative Agent may execute any of its duties under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents by or through agents or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents or attorneys in-fact selected by it with reasonable care. The Syndication Agents shall not have any duties or responsibilities hereunder in their capacity as such.

1.24. <u>Exculpatory Provisions</u>. Neither Administrative Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, advisors, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates shall be (i) liable for any action lawfully taken or omitted to be taken by it or such Person under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document (except to the extent that any of the foregoing are found by a final and non-appealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from its or such Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct) or (ii) responsible in any manner to any of the Lenders for any recitals, statements, representations or warranties made by any Loan Party or any officer thereof contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Loan Document referred to or provided for in, or received by the Administrative Agent under or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Loan Document or for the value, validity, effectiveness, genuineness, enforceability or sufficiency of this Agreement or any other Loan Document (including, for the avoidance of doubt, in connection with the Administrative Agent's reliance on any Electronic Signature transmitted by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page) or for any failure of any Loan Party to perform its obligations hereunder or thereunder. The Administrative Agent shall not be under any obligation to any Lender to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or to inspect the properties, books or records of any Loan Party.

1.25. <u>Reliance by Administrative Agent</u>. The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any instrument, writing, resolution, notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, letter, telecopy or email message, statement, order or other document or conversation believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper Person or Persons and upon advice and statements of legal counsel (including counsel to the Borrower rendered in any legal opinion for the benefit of the Administrative Agent or any Lender), independent accountants and other experts selected by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent may deem and treat the payee of any Note as the owner thereof for all purposes unless a written notice of assignment, negotiation or transfer thereof shall have been filed with the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action under this Agreement or any other Loan Document unless it shall first receive such advice or concurrence of the Required Lenders (or, if so specified by this Agreement, all Lenders) as it deems appropriate or it shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders against any and all liability and expense that may be incurred by it by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action. The Administrative Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents in accordance with a request of the Required Lenders (or, if so specified by this Agreement and the other Loan any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all the Lenders and all future holders of the Loans.

1.26. <u>Notice of Default</u>. The Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default unless the Administrative Agent has received notice from a Lender or the Borrower referring to this Agreement, describing such Default or Event of Default and stating that such notice is a "notice of default". In the event that the Administrative Agent receives such a notice, the Administrative Agent shall give notice thereof to the Lenders. The Administrative Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as shall be reasonably directed by the Required Lenders (or, if so specified by this Agreement, all Lenders); <u>provided</u> that unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have received such directions, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default or Event of Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the Lenders.

1.27. <u>Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent and Other Lenders</u>. Each Lender expressly acknowledges that neither the Administrative Agent nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, advisors, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates have made any representations or warranties to

it and that no act by the Administrative Agent hereafter taken, including any review of the affairs of a Loan Party or any affiliate of a Loan Party, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Administrative Agent to any Lender. Each Lender represents to the Administrative Agent that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, any arranger of this credit facility or any other Lender and their respective Related Parties, and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Loan Parties and their affiliates and made its own decision to make its Loans hereunder and enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also represents that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, any arranger of this credit facility or any other Lender and their respective Related Parties, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit analysis, appraisals and decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and to make such investigation as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Loan Parties and their affiliates. Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Lenders by the Administrative Agent hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Lender with any credit or other information concerning the business, operations, property, condition (financial or otherwise), prospects or creditworthiness of any Loan Party or any affiliate of a Loan Party that may come into the possession of the Administrative Agent or any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, advisors, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates.

1.28. Indemnification. The Lenders agree to indemnify the Administrative Agent and its officers, directors, employees, affiliates, agents, advisors and controlling persons (each, an "<u>Agent Indemnitee</u>") (to the extent not reimbursed by the Borrower and without limiting the obligation of the Borrower to do so), ratably according to their respective Percentage Interests in effect on the date on which indemnification is sought under this <u>Section 9.7</u>, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time (whether before or after the payment of the Loans) be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against such Agent Indemnitee in any way relating to or arising out of, the Commitments, this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or any action taken or omitted by such Agent Indemnitee under or in connection with any of the foregoing; provided that no Lender shall be liable for the payment of any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements that are found by a final and non-appealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from such Agent Indemnitee's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The agreements in this <u>Section 9.7</u> shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.

1.29. <u>Posting of Communications</u>. The Borrower agrees that the Administrative Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, make any Communications available to the Lenders and the Issuing Lenders by posting the Communications on IntraLinks<sup>TM</sup>, DebtDomain, SyndTrak, ClearPar or any other similar electronic platform chosen by the Administrative Agent to be its electronic transmission system (the "<u>Approved Electronic Platform</u>").

(r) Although the Approved Electronic Platform and its primary web portal are secured with generally-applicable security procedures and policies implemented or modified by the Administrative Agent from time to time (including, as of the Closing Date, a user ID/password authorization system) and the Approved Electronic Platform is secured through a per-deal authorization method whereby each user may access the Approved Electronic Platform only on a deal-by-deal basis, each of the Lenders, each of the Issuing Lenders and the Borrower acknowledges and agrees that the distribution of material through an electronic medium is not necessarily secure, that the Administrative Agent is not responsible for approving or vetting the representatives or contacts of any Lender that are added to the Approved Electronic Platform, and that there may be confidentiality and other risks associated with such distribution. Each of the Lenders, each of the Issuing Lenders and understands and assumes the risks of such distribution.

(s) THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM AND THE COMMUNICATIONS ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE". THE APPLICABLE PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS, OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS IN THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM AND THE COMMUNICATIONS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY THE APPLICABLE PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS OR THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, ANY ARRANGER, ANY SYNDICATION AGENT OR ANY LOAN PARTY, ANY LENDER, ANY ISSUING LENDER OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FOR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING DIRECT OR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, LOSSES OR EXPENSES (WHETHER IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF ANY LOAN PARTY'S OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT'S TRANSMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THE INTERNET OR THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM.

(t) Each Lender and each Issuing Lender agrees that notice to it (as provided in the next sentence) specifying that Communications have been posted to the Approved Electronic Platform shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to such Lender for purposes of the Loan Documents. Each Lender and Issuing Lender agrees to notify the Administrative Agent in writing (which could be in the form of electronic communication) from time to time of such Lender's or Issuing Lender's (as applicable) email address to which the foregoing notice may be sent by electronic transmission and that the foregoing notice may be sent to such email address.

(u) Each of the Lenders, each of the Issuing Lenders and the Borrower agrees that the Administrative Agent may, but (except as may be required by applicable law) shall not be obligated to, store the Communications on the Approved Electronic Platform in accordance with the Administrative Agent's generally applicable document retention procedures and policies.

(v) Nothing herein shall prejudice the right of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Lender to give any notice or other communication pursuant to any Loan Document in any other manner specified in such Loan Document.

1.30. <u>Administrative Agent in Its Individual Capacity</u>. The Administrative Agent and its affiliates may make loans to, accept deposits from and generally engage in any kind of business with any Loan Party as though such Administrative Agent were not an agent hereunder. With respect to its Loans made or renewed by it and with respect to any Letter of Credit issued or participated in by it, the Administrative Agent shall have the same rights and powers under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as any Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not an agent, and the terms "Lender" and "Lenders" shall include the Administrative Agent in its individual capacity.

1.31. <u>Successor Administrative Agent</u>. The Administrative Agent may resign as Administrative Agent upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Lenders and the Borrower. If the Administrative Agent shall resign as Administrative Agent under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, then the Required Lenders shall appoint from among the Lenders a successor agent for the Lenders, which successor agent shall (unless an Event of Default under <u>Section 8(a)</u> or <u>Section 8(f)</u> with respect to the Borrower shall have occurred and be continuing) be subject to approval by the Borrower (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), whereupon such successor agent shall succeed to the rights, powers and duties of the Administrative Agent, and the term "Administrative Agent" shall mean such successor agent shall be terminated, without any other or further act or deed on the part of such former Administrative Agent or any of the parties to this Agreement or any holders of the Loans. If no successor agent has accepted appointment as Administrative Agent by the date that is thirty (30) days following a retiring Administrative Agent's notice of

resignation, the retiring Administrative Agent's resignation shall nevertheless thereupon become effective, and the Lenders shall assume and perform all of the duties of the Administrative Agent hereunder until such time, if any, as the Required Lenders appoint a successor agent as provided for above. After any retiring Administrative Agent's resignation as Administrative Agent, the provisions of this <u>Section 9</u> and of <u>Section 10.5</u> shall continue to inure to its benefit.

# 1.32. Certain ERISA Matters.

(b) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and each Arranger and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

(i) such Lender is not using "plan assets" (within the meaning of 29 CFR § 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA) of one or more Benefit Plans in connection with the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments;

(ii) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement;

(iii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a "Qualified Professional Asset Manager" (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement; or

(iv) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

(w) In addition, unless <u>sub-clause (i)</u> in the immediately preceding <u>clause (a)</u> is true with respect to a Lender or such Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant as provided in <u>sub-clause (iv)</u> in the immediately preceding <u>clause (a)</u>, such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and each Arranger and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, that none of the Administrative Agent or any Arranger or any of their respective Affiliates is a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related to hereto or thereto); and

(x) The Administrative Agent and each Arranger hereby informs the Lenders that each such Person is not undertaking to provide impartial investment advice, or to give advice in a

fiduciary capacity, in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, and that such Person has a financial interest in the transactions contemplated hereby in that such Person or an Affiliate thereof (i) may receive interest or other payments with respect to the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, (ii) may recognize a gain if it extended the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments for an amount less than the amount being paid for an interest in the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments by such Lender or (iii) may receive fees or other payments in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, the Loan Documents or otherwise, including structuring fees, commitment fees, arrangement fees, facility fees, upfront fees, underwriting fees, ticking fees, agency fees, administrative agent or collateral agent fees, utilization fees, minimum usage fees, letter of credit fees, fronting fees, deal-away or alternate transaction fees, amendment fees, processing fees, term out premiums, banker's acceptance fees, breakage or other early termination fees or fees similar to the foregoing.

### 1.33. Erroneous Payments.

(p) Each Lender and Issuing Lender hereby agrees that (x) if the Administrative Agent notifies such Lender or Issuing Lender that the Administrative Agent has determined in its sole discretion that any funds received by such Lender or Issuing Lender from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates (whether as a payment, prepayment or repayment of principal, interest, fees or otherwise; individually and collectively, a "Payment") were erroneously transmitted to such Lender or Issuing Lender (whether or not known to such Lender or Issuing Lender), and demands the return of such Payment (or a portion thereof), such Lender or Issuing Lender, as applicable, shall promptly, but in no event later than two (2) Business Days thereafter, return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender or Issuing Lender, as applicable, to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect, and (y) to the extent permitted by applicable law, such Lender or right of set-off or recoupment with respect to any demand, claim or counterclaim by the Administrative Agent for the return of any Payments received, including without limitation any defense based on "discharge for value" or any similar doctrine. A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Lender or Issuing Lender this <u>Section 9.12</u> shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

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(b) Each Lender and Issuing Lender hereby further agrees that if it receives a Payment from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates (x) that is in a different amount than, or on a different date from, that specified in a notice of payment sent by the Administrative Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such Payment (a "<u>Payment Notice</u>") or (y) that was not preceded or accompanied by a Payment Notice, it shall be on notice, in each such case, that an error has been made with respect to such Payment. Each Lender and Issuing Lender agrees that, in each such case, or if it otherwise becomes aware a Payment (or portion thereof) may have been sent in error, such Lender or such Issuing Lender, as applicable, shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent of such occurrence and, upon demand from the Administrative Agent, it shall promptly, but in no event later than two (2) Business Days thereafter, return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect.

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(c) The Borrower and each other Loan Party hereby agrees that (x) in the event an erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) are not recovered from any Lender or Issuing Lender, as applicable, that has received such Payment (or portion thereof) for any reason, the Administrative Agent shall be subrogated to all the rights of such Lender or Issuing Lender, as applicable, with respect to such amount and (y) an erroneous Payment shall not pay, prepay, repay, discharge or otherwise satisfy any Obligations owed by the Borrower or any other Loan Party, except, in each case, to the extent such erroneous Payment is, and solely with respect to the amount of such erroneous Payment that is, comprised of funds received by the Administrative Agent from any Loan Party for the purpose of making such erroneous Payment.

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(d) Each party's obligations under this <u>Section 9.12</u> shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any transfer of rights or obligations by, or the replacement of, a Lender or Issuing Lender, the termination of the Commitments or the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all Obligations under any Loan Document.

# Section 10. MISCELLANEOUS

1.15. Amendments and Waivers. Subject to Section 2.13, neither this Agreement, any other Loan Document, nor any terms hereof or thereof may be amended, supplemented or modified except in accordance with the provisions of this Section 10.1. The Required Lenders and each Loan Party party to the relevant Loan Document may, or, with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent and each Loan Party party to the relevant Loan Document may, from time to time, (a) enter into written amendments, supplements or modifications hereto and to the other Loan Documents for the purpose of adding any provisions to this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or changing in any manner the rights of the Lenders or of the Loan Parties hereunder or thereunder or (b) waive, on such terms and conditions as the Required Lenders or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, may specify in such instrument, any of the requirements of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or any Default or Event of Default and its consequences; provided, however, that no such waiver and no such amendment, supplement or modification shall (i) forgive the principal amount or extend the final scheduled date of maturity of any Loan, reduce the stated rate of any interest or fee payable hereunder (except (x) in connection with the waiver of applicability of any post-default increase in interest rates (which waiver shall be effective with the consent of the Required Lenders) and (y) that any amendment or modification of defined terms used in the financial covenants in this Agreement shall not constitute a reduction in the rate of interest or fees for purposes of this clause (i)) or extend the scheduled date of any payment thereof, or increase the amount or extend the expiration date of any Lender's Commitment, in each case without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby (except that an increase in the available portion of any Commitment of any Lender pursuant to the reallocation provisions of Section 2.20 shall not be deemed to constitute an increase of the Commitment of such Lender); (ii) eliminate or reduce the voting rights of any Lender under this Section 10.1 without the written consent of such Lender; (iii) (A) reduce any percentage specified in the definition of "Required Lenders", (B) consent to the assignment or transfer by the Borrower of any of its rights and obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (except in accordance with this Ågreement), (C) release all or substantially all of the collateral, if any, provided pursuant to this Agreement or (D) release all or substantially all of the Guarantors from their obligations under the Guarantee Agreement, in each case, without the written

consent of all Lenders; (iv) amend, modify or waive any provision of <u>Section 2.14</u> without the written consent of all the Lenders; (v) amend, modify or waive any provision of <u>Section 9</u> or any other provision of any Loan Document that affects the Administrative Agent without the written consent of the Administrative Agent; or (vi) amend, modify or waive any provision of <u>Section 3</u> without the written consent of the Issuing Lender; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that if the Administrative Agent and the Borrower acting together identify any ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect in any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, then the Administrative Agent and the Borrower shall be permitted to amend, modify or supplement such provision to cure such ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect, and such amendment shall become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement. Any such waiver and any such amendment, supplement or modification shall apply equally to each of the Lenders and shall be binding upon the Loan Parties, the Lenders, the Administrative Agent and all future holders of the Loans. In the case of any waiver, the Loan Documents, and any Default or Event of Default waived shall be deemed to be cured and not continuing; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default, or impair any right consequent on a subsequent or other Default or Event of Default.

1.16. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests and demands to or upon the respective parties hereto to be effective shall be in writing (including by telecopy), and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when delivered, or, in the case of telecopy notice, when received, addressed as follows in the case of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, and as set forth in an administrative questionnaire delivered to the Administrative Agent in the case of the Lenders, or to such other address as may be hereafter notified by the respective parties hereto:

Borrower: Beazer Homes USA, Inc.

Atlanta, GA 30328

1000 Abernathy Road NE, Suite 260

Attention: David Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer Telephone: (770) 829-3756 Email: david.goldberg@beazer.com

with copies to:

King & Spalding LLP 1180 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 1600 Atlanta, GA 30309 Attention: Chadwick M. Werner Telecopy: (404) 572-5135 Telephone: (404)572-2717 Email: cwerner@kslaw.com

Administrative Agent:	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
0	500 Stanton Christiana Rd.
	NCC5 / 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
	Newark, Delaware 19713
	Attention: Loan & Agency Services Group
Attention: Michelle V	

Attention: Michelle Won Tel: 302-634-2214

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Email: michelle.won@chase.com

Agency Withholding Tax Inquiries: Email: agency.tax.reporting@jpmorgan.com

Agency Compliance/Financials/Intralinks: Email: covenant.compliance@jpmchase.com provided that any notice, request or demand to or upon the Administrative Agent or the Lenders shall not be effective until received.

Notices and other communications to the Lenders hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent; <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices pursuant to <u>Section 2</u> unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent and the applicable Lender. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

1.17. <u>No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies</u>. No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising, on the part of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under the other Loan Documents shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.

To the extent permitted by applicable law no party hereto shall assert, and each such party hereby waives, any Liabilities against any other party hereto, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document, or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof; <u>provided</u> that, nothing in this <u>Section 10.3</u> shall relieve the Borrower of any obligation it may have to indemnify an Indemnitee, as provided in <u>Section 10.5</u>, against any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages asserted against such Indemnitee by a third party.

1.18. <u>Survival</u>. All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Borrower herein and in the other Loan Documents and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Documents shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of any Loans and issuance of any Letters of Credit, regardless of any investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Lender or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount payable under this Agreement is outstanding and unpaid or any Letter of Credit is outstanding and so long as the Commitments have not expired or terminated. The provisions of <u>Sections 2.15</u>, <u>2.16</u>, <u>2.17</u> and <u>10.5</u> and <u>Section 9</u> shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, the repayment of the Loans, the expiration or termination of the Letters of Credit and the Commitments or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

### 1.19. Expenses; Limitation of Liability; Indemnity, Etc.

(a) <u>Expenses</u>. The Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and their Affiliates, including the reasonable and documented fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent, in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Issuing Lender in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Lender or any Lender, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Lender or any Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including its rights under this <u>Section 10.5</u>, or in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit

issued hereunder, including all such out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the expense reimbursement obligations under this clause (a) in respect of fees, charges and disbursements of counsel shall be limited to one primary counsel and one additional local counsel in each applicable jurisdiction for all covered parties, taken as a whole, and, in the case of an actual or potential conflict of interest, one additional counsel (and one additional local counsel in each applicable jurisdiction) in each relevant jurisdiction for each group of affected parties similarly situated.

(b) Limitation of Liability. To the extent permitted by applicable law (i) the Borrower and any Loan Party shall not assert, and the Borrower and each Loan Party hereby waives, any claim against the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, any Issuing Lender and any Lender, and any Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called a "<u>Lender-Related Person</u>") for any Liabilities arising from the use by others of information or other materials (including, without limitation, any personal data) obtained through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems (including the Internet), and (ii) no party hereto shall assert, and each such party hereby waives, any Liabilities against any other party hereto, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document, or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the Transactions, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof; <u>provided</u> that, nothing in this <u>Section 10.5(b)</u> shall relieve the Borrower and each Loan Party of any obligation it may have to indemnite, as provided in <u>Section 10.5(c)</u>, against any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages asserted against such Indemnitee by a third party.

Indemnity. The Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent, each Arranger, each Issuing Lender and each (C) Lender, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all Liabilities and related expenses, including the reasonable and documented fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee, incurred by or asserted against any Indemnitee arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document, or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, (ii) the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, (iii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by an Issuing Lender to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iv) any actual or alleged presence or release of Hazardous Substances on or from any property owned or operated by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or (v) any actual or prospective Proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether or not such Proceeding is brought by the Borrower or any other Loan Party or its or their respective equity holders, Affiliates, creditors or any other third Person and whether based on contract, tort or any other theory and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such Liabilities or related expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and non-appealable judgment to have (x) resulted primarily from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee (or any of its controlled affiliates and its or their respective officers, directors and employees) or (y) arising from disputes brought by an Indemnitee against any other Indemnitee and not involving an act or omission by the Borrower or any of its Affiliates (other than any claims against any Indemnitee in its capacity as, or fulfilling its role as, the Administrative Agent, Arranger or any similar role). This Section 10.5(c) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims or damages arising from any non-Tax claim. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnifications obligations under this clause (c) in respect of fees, charges and disbursements of counsel shall be limited to one primary counsel and one additional local counsel in each applicable jurisdiction for all covered parties, taken as a whole, and, in the case of an actual or potential conflict of interest, one additional counsel (and one additional local counsel in each applicable jurisdiction) in each relevant jurisdiction for each group of affected parties similarly situated.

(d) <u>Lender Reimbursement</u>. Each Lender severally agrees to pay any amount required to be paid by the Borrower under <u>paragraphs (a)</u>, (b) and (c) of this <u>Section 10.5</u> to the

Administrative Agent and each Issuing Lender, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each, an "<u>Agent-Related Person</u>") (to the extent not reimbursed by the Borrower and without limiting the obligation of the Borrower to do so), ratably according to their respective Percentage Interest in effect on the date on which such payment is sought under this <u>Section 10.5</u> (or, if such payment is sought after the date upon which the Commitments shall have terminated and the Loans shall have been paid in full, ratably in accordance with such Percentage Interest immediately prior to such date), and agrees to indemnify and hold each Agent-Related Person harmless from and against any and all Liabilities and related expenses, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time (whether before or after the payment of the Loans) be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against such Agent-Related Person in any way relating to or arising out of the Commitments, this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or any action taken or omitted by such Agent-Related Person under or in connection with any of the foregoing; <u>provided</u> that the unreimbursed expense or Liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against such Agent-Related Person and non-appealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted primarily from such Agent-Related Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The agreements in this <u>Section 10.5</u> shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.

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<u>Payments</u>. All amounts due under this <u>Section 10.5</u> shall be payable not later than thirty days after written demand

#### 1.20. Successors and Assigns; Participations and Assignments.

(f) The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of an Issuing Lender that issues any Letter of Credit), except that (i) the Borrower may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of each Lender (and any attempted assignment or transfer by the Borrower without such consent shall be null and void) and (ii) no Lender may assign, participate or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations hereunder (x) to a Competitor without the Borrower's prior written consent or (y) otherwise except in accordance with this <u>Section 10.6</u>. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of an Issuing Lender that issues any Letter of Credit), Participants (to the extent provided in <u>paragraph (c)</u> of this <u>Section 10.6</u>) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lenders and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(g) (i) Subject to the conditions set forth in <u>paragraph (b)(ii)</u> below, any Lender may assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment, participations in Letters of Credit and the Loans at the time owing to it) with the prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) of:

(A) the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that (i) the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to an assignment of all or a portion of the Revolving Loans and Commitments unless it shall have objected thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within ten (10) Business Days after having received notice thereof and (ii) no consent of the Borrower shall be required for an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender, an Approved Fund or, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, any other Person;

(B) the Administrative Agent; <u>provided</u> that no consent of the Administrative Agent shall be required for an assignment by a Lender to an Affiliate of such Lender; and

(C) each Issuing Lender; <u>provided</u> that no consent of the Issuing Lenders shall be required for an assignment by a Lender to an Affiliate of such Lender.

(i) Assignments shall be subject to the following additional conditions:

(A) except in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund or an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitments or Loans of any Class, the amount of the Commitments or Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent) shall not be less than \$5,000,000 unless each of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent otherwise consent; provided that (1) no such consent of the Borrower shall be required if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (2) such amounts shall be aggregated in respect of each Lender and its affiliates or Approved Funds, if any;

(B) (1) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent (x) an Assignment and Assumption or (y) to the extent applicable, an agreement incorporating an Assignment and Assumption by reference pursuant to an Approved Electronic Platform as to which the Administrative Agent and the parties to the Assignment and Assumption are participants, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500 and (2) no assigning Lender shall have paid in full any amounts owing by it to the Administrative Agent; and

(C) the Assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an administrative questionnaire in which the Assignee designates one or more credit contacts to whom all syndicate-level information (which may contain material non-public information about the Borrower and its Affiliates and their related parties or their respective securities) will be made available and who may receive such information in accordance with the assignee's compliance procedures and applicable laws, including Federal and state securities laws.

(ii) Subject to acceptance and recording thereof pursuant to <u>paragraph (b)(iv)</u> below, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption the Assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, the Assignee shall have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of <u>Sections 2.15</u> and <u>2.16</u> (as they relate to any period during which such Lender was a party hereto), and <u>Sections 2.17</u> and <u>10.5</u>). Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this <u>Section 10.6</u> shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with <u>paragraph (c)</u> of this <u>Section 10.6</u>.

(iii) The Administrative Agent, acting for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at one of its offices a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amount of the Loans and L/C Obligations owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "<u>Register</u>"). No transfer or assignment of a Lender's participation hereunder shall be effective unless and until recorded in the Register. The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing

Lender and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary.

(iv) Upon its receipt of a duly completed Assignment and Assumption executed by an assigning Lender and an Assignee, the Assignee's completed administrative questionnaire (unless the Assignee shall already be a Lender hereunder), the processing and recordation fee referred to in <u>paragraph (b)</u> of this <u>Section 10.6</u> and any written consent to such assignment required by <u>paragraph (b)</u> of this <u>Section 10.6</u>, the Administrative Agent shall accept such Assignment and Assumption and record the information contained therein in the Register; <u>provided</u> that if either the assigning Lender or the Assignee shall have failed to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to <u>Section 2.4(b)</u>, <u>2.4(c)</u>, <u>2.14(d)</u>, <u>2.14(e)</u>, <u>3.4</u>, <u>3.5</u> or <u>9.7</u>, the Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to accept such Assignment and Assumption and record the information therein in the Register unless and until such payment shall have been made in full, together with all accrued interest thereon. No assignment shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this <u>paragraph (v)</u>.

Subject to Section 10.6(a)(ii), any Lender may, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower, the Administrative (x) Agent or the Issuing Lenders, sell participations to one or more Persons provided such Persons are a banking institution, life insurance company, or other similar chartered or licensed financial institution that ordinarily is engaged in the business of making real estate loans, or any fund that is engaged in making, purchasing, holding or investing in bank loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of business (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans owing to it); <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged; (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations; and (iii) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lenders and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver that (1) requires the consent of each Lender directly affected thereby pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> of the proviso to the second sentence of <u>Section 10.1</u> and (2) directly affects such Participant. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Sections 2.15</u>, <u>2.16</u> and <u>2.17</u> to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to <u>paragraph (b)</u> of this <u>Section 10.6</u> (subject to the requirements and limitations in such Sections, including the requirements under <u>Section 2.16(f)</u> (it being understood that the documentation required under <u>Section 2.16(f)</u> shall be delivered to the participating Lender)). To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section</u> 10.7(b) as though it were a Lender; provided that such Participant shall be subject to Section 10.7(a) as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to effectuate the provisions of Section 2.19 with respect to any Participant. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any Commitments, Loans, Letters of Credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such Commitment, Loan, Letter of Credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register. A

Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.15 or 2.16 than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a change in any Requirement of Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation.

(y) Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank, and this <u>Section 10.6</u> shall not apply to any such pledge or assignment of a security interest; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or Assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

(z) The Borrower, upon receipt of written notice from the relevant Lender, agrees to issue Notes to any Lender requiring Notes to facilitate transactions of the type described in <u>paragraph (d)</u> above.

#### 1.1. Adjustments; Setoff.

(a) Except to the extent that this Agreement or a court order expressly provides for payments to be allocated to a particular Lender, if any Lender (a "<u>Benefitted Lender</u>") shall receive any payment of all or part of the Obligations owing to it (other than in connection with an assignment made pursuant to <u>Section 10.6</u>), or receive any collateral in respect thereof (whether voluntarily or involuntarily, by setoff, pursuant to events or proceedings of the nature referred to in <u>Section 8(f)</u>, or otherwise), in a greater proportion than any such payment to or collateral received by any other Lender, if any, in respect of the Obligations owing to such other Lender, such Benefitted Lender shall purchase for cash from the other Lenders a participating interest in such portion of the Obligations owing to each such other Lender, or shall provide such other Lenders with the benefits of any such collateral, as shall be necessary to cause such Benefitted Lender to share the excess payment or benefits of such collateral ratably with each of the Lenders; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if all or any portion of such excess payment or benefits is thereafter recovered from such Benefitted Lender, such purchase shall be rescinded, and the purchase price and benefits returned, to the extent of such recovery, but without interest.

(b) In addition to any rights and remedies of the Lenders provided by law, each Lender and their respective Affiliates shall have the right, without notice to the Borrower, any such notice being expressly waived by the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law, upon any Obligations becoming due and payable by the Borrower (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise but after giving effect to any applicable period of grace), to apply to the payment of such Obligations, by setoff or otherwise, any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final), in any currency, and any other credits, indebtedness or claims, in any currency, in each case whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, matured or unmatured, at any time held or owing by such Lender, any Affiliate thereof or any of their respective branches or agencies to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower. Each Lender agrees promptly to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent after any such application made by such Lender or its Affiliate; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such application.

1.2. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Agreement on any number of separate counterparts, and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Agreement by email or facsimile transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof. A set of the copies of this Agreement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of (x) this Agreement, (y) any other Loan Document and/or (z) any document, amendment, approval, consent, information, notice (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any notice delivered pursuant to <u>Section 10.2</u>), certificate, request, statement, disclosure or authorization related to this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or the transactions contemplated hereby and/or thereby (each an "<u>Ancillary Document</u>") that is an Electronic Signature transmitted by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual

executed signature page shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement, such other Loan Document or such Ancillary Document, as applicable. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," "delivery," and words of like import in or relating to this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in any electronic form (including deliveries by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page), each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be; provided that nothing herein shall require the Administrative Agent to accept Electronic Signatures in any form or format without its prior written consent and pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided, further, without limiting the foregoing, (i) to the extent the Administrative Agent has agreed to accept any Electronic Signature, the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders shall be entitled to rely on such Electronic Signature purportedly given by or on behalf of the Borrower or any other Loan Party without further verification thereof and without any obligation to review the appearance or form of any such Electronic Signature and (ii) upon the request of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, any Electronic Signature shall be promptly followed by a manually executed counterpart. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Borrower hereby (i) agrees that, for all purposes, including without limitation, in connection with any workout, restructuring, enforcement of remedies, bankruptcy proceedings or litigation among the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Borrower and the Loan Parties, Electronic Signatures transmitted by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page and/or any electronic images of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as any paper original, (ii) the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders may, at its option, create one or more copies of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document in the form of an imaged electronic record in any format, which shall be deemed created in the ordinary course of such Person's business, and destroy the original paper document (and all such electronic records shall be considered an original for all purposes and shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a paper record), (iii) waives any argument, defense or right to contest the legal effect, validity or enforceability of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document based solely on the lack of paper original copies of this Agreement, such other Loan Document and/or such Ancillary Document, respectively, including with respect to any signature pages thereto and (iv) waives any claim against any Lender-Related Person for any Liabilities arising solely from the Administrative Agent's and/or any Lender's reliance on or use of Electronic Signatures and/or transmissions by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page, including any Liabilities arising as a result of the failure of the Borrower and/or any Loan Party to use any available security measures in connection with the execution, delivery or transmission of any Electronic Signature.

1.3. <u>Severability; Headings</u>. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

Article and Section headings and the Table of Contents used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Agreement and shall not affect the construction of, or be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Agreement.

1.4. <u>Integration</u>. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents and any separate letter agreements with respect to (i) fees payable to the Administrative Agent and (ii) changes to the L/C Commitment of any Issuing Lender represent the entire agreement of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof, and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the Administrative Agent or any Lender relative to the subject matter hereof not expressly set forth or referred to herein or in the other Loan Documents.

1.5. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

## 1.6. <u>Submission To Jurisdiction; Consent to Services of Process; Waivers.</u>

(c) Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York sitting in the Borough of Manhattan (or if such court Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive lacks subject matter jurisdiction, the Supreme Court of the State of New York sitting in the Borough of Manhattan), and any appellate court from any thereof, in any action or Proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the transactions relating hereto or thereto, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or Proceeding may (and any such claims, cross-claims or third party claims brought against the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties may only) be heard and determined in such Federal (to the extent permitted by law) or New York State court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or Proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document shall (i) affect any right that the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Lender or any Lender may otherwise have to bring any action or Proceeding relating to this Agreement against any Loan Party or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction, (ii) waive any statutory, regulatory, common law, or other rule, doctrine, legal restriction, provision or the like providing for the treatment of bank branches, bank agencies, or other bank offices as if they were separate juridical entities for certain purposes, including Uniform Commercial Code Sections 4-106, 4-A-105(1)(b), and 5-116(b), UCP 600 Article 3 and ISP98 Rule 2.02, and URDG 758 Article 3(a), or (iii) affect which courts have or do not have personal jurisdiction over the issuing lender or beneficiary of any Letter of Credit or any advising bank, nominated bank or assignee of proceeds thereunder or proper venue with respect to any litigation arising out of or relating to such Letter of Credit with, or affecting the rights of, any Person not a party to this Agreement, whether or not such Letter of Credit contains its own jurisdiction submission clause.

(d) Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or Proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document in any court referred to in <u>paragraph (a)</u> of this <u>Section 10.12</u>. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or Proceeding in any such court.

(e) Each party to this Agreement irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in <u>Section 10.2</u>. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any party to this Agreement to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

(f) The Borrower hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or Proceeding referred to in this <u>Section 10.12</u> any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.

1.7. <u>Acknowledgements</u>. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that:

(c) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents;

(d) neither the Administrative Agent nor any Lender has any fiduciary relationship with or duty to the Borrower arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, and the relationship between Administrative Agent and Lenders, on one hand, and the Borrower, on the other hand, in connection herewith or therewith is solely that of debtor and creditor;

(e) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Loan Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among the Lenders or among the Borrower and the Lenders; and

(f) neither the Administrative Agent nor any Lender is advising the Borrower as to any legal, tax, investment, accounting, regulatory or any other matters in any jurisdiction.

The Borrower further acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Subsidiaries' understanding, that each Credit Party, together with its Affiliates, is a full service securities or banking firm engaged in securities trading and brokerage activities as well as providing investment banking and other financial services. In the ordinary course of business, any Credit Party may provide investment banking and other financial services to, and/or acquire, hold or sell, for its own accounts and the accounts of customers, equity, debt and other securities and financial instruments (including bank loans and other obligations) of, the Borrower and other companies with which the Borrower may have commercial or other relationships. With respect to any securities and/or financial instruments so held by any Credit Party or any of its customers, all rights in respect of such securities and financial instruments, including any voting rights, will be exercised by the holder of the rights, in its sole discretion.

In addition, the Borrower acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Subsidiaries' understanding, that each Credit Party and its affiliates may be providing debt financing, equity capital or other services (including financial advisory services) to other companies in respect of which the Borrower may have conflicting interests regarding the transactions described herein and otherwise. No Credit Party will use confidential information obtained from the Borrower by virtue of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents or its other relationships with the Borrower in connection with the performance by such Credit Party of services for other companies, and no Credit Party will furnish any such information to other companies. The Borrower also acknowledges that no Credit Party has any obligation to use in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents, or to furnish to the Borrower, confidential information obtained from other companies.

1.8. <u>Releases of Guarantees</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, Administrative Agent is hereby irrevocably authorized by each Lender (without requirement of notice to or consent of any Lender except as expressly required by <u>Section 10.1</u>) to take any action requested by Borrower having the effect of releasing any guarantee obligations to the extent necessary to permit consummation of any transaction not prohibited by any Loan Document or that has been consented to in accordance with <u>Section 10.1</u>; provided that releases of Guarantors must comply with <u>Section 6.7</u> unless otherwise consented to by the Lenders in accordance with <u>Section 10.1</u>.

Confidentiality; Material Non-Public Information. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lenders and the Lenders 1.9. agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and its and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents, including accountants, legal counsel and other advisors (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by any Governmental Authority (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process,(d) to any other party to this Agreement, € in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any suit, action or Proceeding relating to this Agreement or the enforcement of rights hereunder or under any other Loan Document, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section 10.15, to (1) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement or (2) any actual or prospective counterparty (or its advisors) to any swap or derivative transaction relating to the Borrower and its obligations, (g) on a confidential basis to (1) any rating agency in connection with rating the Borrower or its Subsidiaries or the credit facilities provided for herein or (2) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of identification numbers with respect to the credit facilities provided for herein, (h) with the consent of the Borrower or (i) to the extent such Information (1) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section 10.15 or (2) becomes available to the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Lender or any Lender on a non-confidential basis from a source other than the Borrower. For the purposes of this Section 10.15, "Information" means all information received from the Borrower relating to the Borrower or its business, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Lender or any Lender on a non-confidential basis prior to disclosure by the Borrower and other than information pertaining to this Agreement routinely provided by arrangers to data service providers, including league table providers, that serve the lending industry; provided that, in the case of information received from the Borrower after the date hereof, such information is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of

Information as provided in this <u>Section 10.15</u> shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

EACH LENDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN THIS <u>SECTION 10.15</u> FURNISHED TO IT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT MAY INCLUDE MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BORROWER AND ITS RELATED PARTIES OR THEIR RESPECTIVE SECURITIES, AND CONFIRMS THAT IT HAS DEVELOPED COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES REGARDING THE USE OF MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THAT IT WILL HANDLE SUCH MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE PROCEDURES AND APPLICABLE LAW, INCLUDING FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

ALL INFORMATION, INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS, FURNISHED BY THE BORROWER OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT PURSUANT TO, OR IN THE COURSE OF ADMINISTERING, THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE SYNDICATE-LEVEL INFORMATION, WHICH MAY CONTAIN MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOAN PARTIES AND THEIR RELATED PARTIES OR THEIR RESPECTIVE SECURITIES. ACCORDINGLY, EACH LENDER REPRESENTS TO THE BORROWER AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT THAT IT HAS IDENTIFIED IN ITS ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE A CREDIT CONTACT WHO MAY RECEIVE INFORMATION THAT MAY CONTAIN MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES AND APPLICABLE LAW.

1.10. <u>WAIVERS OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS <u>SECTION 10.16</u>.

1.11. <u>USA Patriot Act</u>. Each Lender hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "<u>Patriot Act</u>"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender to identify the Borrower in accordance with the Patriot Act.

1.12. <u>Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of Affected Financial Institutions</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Affected Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the write-down and conversion powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

(a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an Affected Financial Institution; and

- (b) the effects of any Bail-In Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:
  - (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;

(ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent entity, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or

(iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the Write-Down and Conversion powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

Acknowledgment Regarding Any Supported QFCs. To the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a 1.21. guarantee or otherwise, for Swap Agreements or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support "<u>QFC Credit Support</u>" and each such QFC a "<u>Supported QFC</u>"), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the "<u>U.S. Special Resolution Regimes</u>") in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States): In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a "<u>Covered Party</u>") becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

1.13. Judgment Currency. If, for the purposes of obtaining judgment in any court, it is necessary to convert a sum due hereunder or any other Loan Document in one currency into another currency, the rate of exchange used shall be that at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Administrative Agent could purchase the first currency with such other currency on the Business Day preceding that on which final judgment is given. The obligation of the Borrower in respect of any such sum due from it to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder or under the other Loan Documents shall, notwithstanding any judgment in a currency (the "Judgment Currency") other than that in which such sum is denominated in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement (the "<u>Agreement Currency</u>") other discharged only to the extent that on the Business Day following receipt by the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, of any sum adjudged to be so due in the Judgment Currency, with the Judgment Currency. If the amount of the Agreement Currency so purchased is less than the sum originally due to the Administrative Agent or any Lender from the Borrower in the Agreement Currency, the Borrower agrees, as a separate obligation and notwithstanding any such judgment, to indemnify the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, agrees to return the Administrative Agent or any Lender in such Currency, the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, agrees to return the Administrative Agent or any Lender in such Currency, the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, agrees to return the Administrative Agent or any Lender in such Currency, the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, agrees to return the administrative Agent or any Lender in such Currency, the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, agrees to return the amount of the Agreement Currency so purchased is greater than the sum originally due to the Administrativ

1.14. <u>Interest Rate Limitation</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time the interest rate applicable to any Loan, together with all fees, charges and other amounts which are treated as interest on such Loan under applicable law (collectively the "<u>Charges</u>"), shall exceed the

maximum lawful rate (the "<u>Maximum Rate</u>") which may be contracted for, charged, taken, received or reserved by the Lender holding such Loan in accordance with applicable law, the rate of interest payable in respect of such Loan hereunder, together with all Charges payable in respect thereof, shall be limited to the Maximum Rate and, to the extent lawful, the interest and Charges that would have been payable in respect of such Loan but were not payable as a result of the operation of this <u>Section 10.21</u> shall be cumulated and the interest and Charges payable to such Lender in respect of other Loans or periods shall be increased (but not above the Maximum Rate therefor) until such cumulated amount, together with interest thereon at the NYFRB Rate to the date of repayment, shall have been received by such Lender.

[Signatures appear on the next page.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their proper and duly authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

BEAZER HOMES USA, INC., as Borrower

By: /s/ David I. Goldberg

Name: David I. Goldberg Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

[Signature Page to Credit Agreement]

# JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent, a Lender and an Issuing Lender

By: /s/ Nadeige Dang

Name: Nadeige Dang Title: Executive Director

Regions Bank, as a Lender and an Issuing Lender

By: /s/ Daniel Blazei

Name: Daniel Blazei Title: Vice President

Royal Bank of Canada, as a Lender and an Issuing Lender

By: /s/ Jake Sigmund

Name: Jake Sigmund Title: Authorized Signatory

Credit Suisse AG, New York Branch, as a Lender and an Issuing Lender

By: /s/ D. Andrew Maletta Name: D. Andrew Maletta Title: Authorized Signatory

By: /s/ Heesu Sin Name: Heesu Sin Title: Authorized Signatory

Goldman Sachs Lending Partners LLC, as a Lender and an Issuing Lender

By: /s/ Jonathan Dworkin

Name: Jonathan Dworkin Title: Authorized Signatory

Flagstar Bank, FSB, as a Lender and an Issuing Lender

By: /s/ Nathan Cichon

Name: Nathan Cichon Title: Vice President

### Schedule 1.1A

### Commitments

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# Schedule 1.1B

Existing Liens

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Initial Guarantors

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# Schedule 3.1A

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### Schedule 4.12

Subsidiaries

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### Subordinated Debt

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# <u>Schedule 6.1(f)</u>

Format of Joint Venture Reporting

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# Schedule 6.10

Certain Post-Closing Obligations

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### Schedule 7.4

# Existing Investments

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# <u>Exhibit A</u>

Form of Guarantee Agreement

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# <u>Exhibit B</u>

Form of Compliance Certificate

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# <u>Exhibit C</u>

Form of Borrowing Base Certificate

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# <u>Exhibit D</u>

Form of Assignment and Assumption Agreement

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# <u>Exhibit E</u>

Form of New Lender Supplement

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# <u>Exhibit F</u>

Form of U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate

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# <u>Exhibit G</u>

Form of Solvency Agreement

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#### SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY

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2	Jurisdiction of Incorporation
rd Green Utility Company	Maryland
er Charity Foundation, Inc.	Delaware
er Clarksburg, LLC	Maryland
er Employee Disaster Assistance Corp.	Georgia
er Fundamental, LLC	Delaware
er Gain, LLC	Delaware
er General Services, Inc.	Delaware
er Homes Capital Trust I	Delaware
er Homes Holdings, LLC	Delaware
r Homes Indiana Holdings Corp.	Delaware
r Homes Indiana LLP	Indiana
er Homes Investments, LLC	Delaware
r Homes, LLC	Delaware
r Homes Sales, Inc.	Delaware
r Homes Texas Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
rr Homes Texas, L.P.	Delaware
r Mortgage Corporation	Delaware
er Realty Corp.	Georgia
r Realty Los Angeles, Inc.	Delaware
r Realty Services, LLC	Delaware
uilding Products, LP	Delaware
laterials, LLC	Delaware
rocurement Services, Inc.	Delaware
ty Title Agency, LLC	Texas
ty Title Group, LLC	Delaware
sburg Arora, LLC	Maryland
sburg Skylark, LLC	Maryland
Barrington Development LLC	Delaware
erings, LLC	Delaware
nfield Land, LLC	Delaware

#### List of Guarantor Subsidiaries

As of September 30, 2022, the following subsidiaries of Beazer Homes USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), jointly and severally and fully and unconditionally, guaranteed the Company's (i) 6 3/4% Senior Notes due 2025, (ii) 5 7/8% Senior Notes due 2027, and (iii) 7 1/4% Senior Notes due 2029:

Name of Guarantor Subsidiary	Jurisdiction of Incorporation
Beazer Clarksburg, LLC	Maryland
Beazer Fundamental, LLC	Delaware
Beazer Gain, LLC	Delaware
Beazer General Services, Inc.	Delaware
Beazer Homes Holdings, LLC	Delaware
Beazer Homes Indiana Holdings Corp.	Delaware
Beazer Homes Indiana LLP	Indiana
Beazer Homes Investments, LLC	Delaware
Beazer Homes Sales, Inc.	Delaware
Beazer Homes Texas Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
Beazer Homes Texas, L.P.	Delaware
Beazer Homes, LLC	Delaware
Beazer Mortgage Corporation	Delaware
Beazer Realty Corp.	Georgia
Beazer Realty Los Angeles, Inc.	Delaware
Beazer Realty Services, LLC	Delaware
BH Building Products, LP	Delaware
BH Procurement Services, Inc.	Delaware
Clarksburg Arora LLC	Maryland
Clarksburg Skylark, LLC	Maryland
Dove Barrington Development LLC	Delaware

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement Nos. 333-238487, 333-172483, 333-196642, and 333-218380 on Form S-3; Registration Statement Nos. 333-236484, 333-222166, and 333-217903 on Form S-4; and in Registration Statement Nos. 333-237347, 333-116573, 333-168794, 333-200542, and 333-215991 on Form S-8 of our reports dated November 10, 2022, relating to the consolidated financial statements of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2022.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Atlanta, Georgia November 10, 2022

#### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 17 CFR 240.13a-14 PROMULGATED UNDER SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

#### I, Allan P. Merrill, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Beazer Homes USA, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 10, 2022

/s/ Allan P. Merrill

Allan P. Merrill President and Chief Executive Officer

#### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 17 CFR 240.13a-14 PROMULGATED UNDER SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

#### I, David I. Goldberg, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Beazer Homes USA, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 10, 2022

/s/ David I. Goldberg

David I. Goldberg Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

#### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. (the "Company") hereby certifies that the Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the period ended September 30, 2022, accompanying this certification, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in the periodic report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 10, 2022

/s/ Allan P. Merrill

Allan P. Merrill

President and Chief Executive Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 1350 of Title 18, United States Code, and is not being filed as part of the report or as a separate disclosure document.

#### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned Chief Financial Officer of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. (the "Company") hereby certifies that the Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the period ended September 30, 2022, accompanying this certification, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in the periodic report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 10, 2022

/s/ David I. Goldberg David I. Goldberg

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 1350 of Title 18, United States Code, and is not being filed as part of the report or as a separate disclosure document.