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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 7, 2023

AULT ALLIANCE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) <u>001-12711</u> (Commission File Number) <u>94-1721931</u> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

<u>11411 Southern Highlands Parkway, Suite 240, Las Vegas, NV 89141</u> (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

<u>(949) 444-5464</u>

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

	Trading	
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	AULT	NYSE American
13.00% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual	AULT PRD	NYSE American
Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share		

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

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.

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 6, 2023 (the "Execution Date"), Ault Alliance, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with Ault & Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Purchaser"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell to the Purchaser up to 50,000 shares of Series C convertible preferred stock (the "Series C Convertible Preferred Stock"), and warrants (the "Series C Warrants") to purchase shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock") for a total purchase price of up to \$50,000,000.00 (the "Financing").

The Purchaser is an affiliate of the Company.

The consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement, specifically the conversion of the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock and the exercise of the Series C Warrants in an aggregate number in excess of 19.99% on the execution date of the Agreement, are subject to various customary closing conditions as well as regulatory and Stockholder Approval (as hereinafter defined). In addition to customary closing conditions, the closing of the Financing is also conditioned upon the receipt by the Purchaser of financing to consummate the transaction.

The Agreement contains customary termination provisions for the Purchaser under certain circumstances, and the Agreement shall automatically terminate if the closing has not occurred prior to December 29, 2023, though such date may be extended by the Purchaser as set forth in the Agreement. The Agreement provides that the Financing may be conducted through one or more closings.

The material terms of the Agreement, Series C Convertible Preferred Stock and the Series C Warrants are summarized below.

Description of the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock

Conversion Rights

Each share of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock has a stated value of \$1,000.00 and is convertible into shares of Common Stock at a conversion price equal to the greater of (i) \$0.10 per share (the "Floor Price"), and (ii) the lesser of (A) \$0.2098, which represents 105% of the volume weighted average price of the Common Stock during the ten trading days immediately prior to the Execution Date, or (B) 105% of the volume weighted average price of the Common Stock during the ten trading days immediately prior to the date of conversion (the "Conversion Price"). The Conversion Price is subject to adjustment in the event of an issuance of Common Stock at a price per share lower than the Conversion Price then in effect, as well as upon customary stock splits, stock dividends, combinations or similar events. The Floor Price, however, shall not be adjusted for stock dividends, stock splits, stock combinations or other similar transactions.

Voting Rights

The holders of the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock are entitled to vote with the Common Stock as a single class on an as-converted basis, subject to applicable law provisions of the Delaware General Company Law (the "DGCL") and the NYSE American (the "Exchange"), provided however, that for purposes of complying with Exchange regulations, the conversion price, for purposes of determining the number of votes the holder of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock is entitled to cast, shall not be lower than \$0.123 (the "Voting Floor Price"), which represents the closing sale price of the Common Stock on the trading day immediately prior to the Execution Date. The Voting Floor Price shall be adjusted for stock dividends, stock splits, stock combinations and other similar transactions.

In addition, after Stockholder Approval (as hereinafter defined) has been obtained, the Purchaser will be entitled to elect such number of directors to the Company's Board of Directors as shall be equal to a percentage determined by dividing (i) the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock then owned by the Purchaser (the "Conversion Shares"), by (ii) the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock then outstanding plus the number of Conversion Shares.

Dividend Rights

The holders of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock are entitled to cumulative cash dividends at an annual rate of 9.5%, or \$95.00 per share, based on the stated value per share. Dividends shall accrue from the date of closing of the Agreement (the "**Closing Date**"), until the 10-year anniversary of the Closing Date and are payable quarterly in arrears. For the first two years, the Company may elect to pay the dividend amount in Common Stock rather than cash, with the number of shares of Common Stock issued at the Conversion Price at the date that the dividend payment is due. Dividends will accrue regardless of the Company's earnings or funds availability and will not exceed the full cumulative dividends. If dividends are in arrears for one or more periods where dividends are to be paid and the Purchaser is contractually required to pay any penalties or damages as a result of the failure of the Company to pay such dividend, the dividend rate will increase to 12% per annum (equivalent to \$120.00 per annum per share) and will be paid either in cash or additional shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (if the Common Stock is then listed on a national securities exchange) or if not, freely tradeable Common Stock.

Liquidation Rights

In the event of liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Company, the holders of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock have a preferential right to receive an amount equal to the stated value per share of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock before any distribution to other classes of capital stock. If the assets are insufficient, the distribution will be prorated among the holders of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock. The remaining assets will be distributed pro rata to the holders of outstanding Common Stock and all holders of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock as if they had converted their Series C Convertible Preferred Stock rank senior over other classes of preferred stock, including the Series A, B and D Preferred Stock. Additionally, any transaction that constitutes a change of control transaction shall be deemed to be a liquidation under the Certificate of Designation of the Preferred Stock (the "Series C Certificate of Designation").

Description of the Series C Warrants

At closing, the Company will issue the Purchaser the Series C Warrants, which grant the Purchaser the right to purchase a specified number of Common Stock (the "**Warrant Shares**"). The exercise price of the Warrants is \$0.1353 (the "**Exercise Price**") and the number of Warrant Shares is determined by dividing the actual investment amount by the Exercise Price. The Exercise Price is subject to adjustment in the event of customary stock splits, stock dividends, combinations or similar events.

The Series C Warrants have a five-year term, expiring on the fifth anniversary of the Closing Date, and become exercisable on the first business day after the six-month anniversary of the Closing Date.

Description of the Agreement

Protective Provisions and Restrictive Covenants

Holders of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock are entitled to written notice of stockholder meetings or written consents, along with related materials and information, in accordance with the Company's Bylaws and the DGCL.

Additionally, until the earlier of (i) four years from the Closing Date, or (ii) the date when Purchaser holds fewer than 10,000 shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, the Company is prohibited from (A) entering into any financing, whether debt or equity, other than conventional loans from a commercial bank, at a price per share less than the Conversion Price or (B) entering into a variable rate financing transaction.

Further, so long as the Purchaser holds at least 10,000 shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, the Purchaser shall have a right to participate in any subsequent financing (a "**Subsequent Financing**") allowing the Purchaser to purchase such number of securities in the Subsequent Financing to allow the Purchaser to maintain its percentage beneficial ownership of the Company the Purchaser held immediately prior to the Subsequent Financing.

In addition, the Company must establish a reserve account to be funded with no less than 12.5% of the gross proceeds received from the sale of the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, which shall be maintained for a period of at least nine months from the Closing Date.

Exchange Cap Limitation and Stockholder Approval

The Company may not issue Conversion Shares and/or Warrant Shares to the extent such issuances would result in an aggregate number of shares of Common Stock exceeding 19.99% of the total shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of the Execution Date, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Exchange unless the Company first obtains stockholder approval (the "Stockholder Approval"). Pursuant to the Agreement and as required by the Exchange, the Company agreed to file a proxy statement to obtain the Stockholder Approval.

The foregoing descriptions of the Series C Certificate of Designation, the Agreement and the Series C Warrants and the transaction contemplated thereby do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Agreement filed as <u>Exhibit 10.1</u> hereto and the forms of the Series C Certificate of Designation and the Series C Warrants, copies which are filed as <u>Exhibits 4.1 and 10.2</u>, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 7, 2023, the Company issued a press release announcing the execution of the Agreement. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as **Exhibit 99.1** and is incorporated by reference herein.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information under this item shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information required to be disclosed solely to satisfy the requirements of Regulation FD.

The Securities and Exchange Commission encourages registrants to disclose forward-looking information so that investors can better understand the future prospects of a registrant and make informed investment decisions. This Current Report on Form 8-K and exhibits may contain these types of statements, which are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and which involve risks, uncertainties and reflect the Registrant's judgment as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. Forward-looking statements may relate to, among other things, operating results and are indicated by words or phrases such as "expects," "should," "will," and similar words or phrases. These statements are subject to inherent uncertainties and risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated at the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. Investors are cautioned not to rely unduly on forward-looking statements when evaluating the information presented within.

Item 9.01	Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(d)	Exhibits:
Exhibit No.	Description
4.1	Form of Certificate of Designations of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock.
10.1	Securities Purchase Agreement, dated November 6, 2023.
10.1	Securities Furchase Agreement, dated November 0, 2023.
10.2	Form of Warrant.
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99.1	Press Release issued on November 7, 2023.
101	Pursuant to Rule 406 of Regulation S-T, the cover page is formatted in Inline XBRL (Inline eXtensible Business Reporting Language).
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document and included in Exhibit 101).

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SIGNATURE

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

AULT ALLIANCE, INC.

Dated: November 7, 2023

/s/ Henry Nisser

Henry Nisser President and General Counsel

AULT ALLIANCE, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF PREFERENCES, RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS

OF

SERIES C CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK

PURSUANT TO SECTION 151 OF THE DELAWARE GENERAL CORPORATION LAW

The undersigned, William B. Horne, does hereby certify that:

- 1. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Ault Alliance, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation").
- 2. The Corporation is authorized to issue 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 3,600,000 shares of which have been previously designated.
- 3. The following resolutions were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board"):

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, as amended (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), provides for a class of its authorized stock known as preferred stock, consisting of 25,000,000 shares, \$0.001 par value per share, issuable from time to time in one or more series;

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by resolution to provide for the issuance of preferred stock in one or more series, and to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series, and to fix the designation, powers, privileges, preferences and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board, pursuant to its authority as described above, to fix the rights, preferences, restrictions and other matters relating to a series of the preferred stock, which shall consist of 50,000 shares of preferred stock which the Corporation has the authority to issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby provide for the issuance of a series of preferred stock to be designated "Series C Convertible Preferred Stock" and does hereby fix and determine the designation, powers, privileges, preferences and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For the purposes hereof, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Affiliate" means any Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with a Person, as such terms are used in and construed under Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

"Alternate Consideration" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(d).

"Business Day" means any day except any Saturday, any Sunday, any day which is a federal legal holiday in the United States or any day on which banking institutions in the State of New York are authorized or required by law or other governmental action to close.

"Buy-In" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(c)(iv).

"Certificate of Designation" means this Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock.

"Change of Control Transaction" means the occurrence after the date hereof of any of (a) an acquisition by an individual or legal entity or "group" (as described in Rule 13d-5(b)(1) promulgated under the Exchange Act) of effective control (whether through legal or beneficial ownership of capital stock of the Corporation, by contract or otherwise) of in excess of 50% of the voting securities of the Corporation (other than by means of the issuance, sale, conversion or exercise of Series C Preferred Stock), (b) the Corporation merges into or consolidates with any other Person, or any Person merges into or consolidates with the Corporation and, after giving effect to such transaction, the stockholders of the Corporation (and all of its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole) sells or transfers all or substantially all of its assets to another Person and the stockholders of the Corporation immediately prior to such transaction own less than 50% of the aggregate voting power of the acquiring entity immediately after the transaction, (d) a replacement at one time or within a one year period of more than one-half of the members of the Board which is not approved by a majority of those individuals who are members of the Board on the Original Issue Date (or by those individuals who are serving as members of the Board on any date whose nomination to the Board was approved by a majority of the members of the Board who are members on the Original Issue Date), or (e) the execution by the Corporation of an agreement to which the Corporation is a party or by which it is bound, providing for any of the events set forth in clauses (a) through (d) above, provided, however, that no transaction with an Affiliate of the Corporation shall be deemed a Change of Control Transaction.

"Closing" means the closing of the purchase and sale of the Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to Section 2.1 of the Purchase Agreement.

"Closing Date" means the Trading Day on which all of the Transaction Documents have been executed and delivered by the applicable parties thereto and all conditions precedent to (i) each Holder's obligations to pay the Purchase Price and (ii) the Corporation's obligations to deliver the Series C Preferred Stock have been satisfied or waived.

"Commission" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Stock" means the Corporation's common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, and stock of any other class of securities into which such securities may hereafter be reclassified, converted or changed.

"Common Stock Equivalents" means any securities of the Corporation or the Subsidiaries which would entitle the holder thereof to acquire at any time Common Stock, including, without limitation, any debt, preferred stock, rights, options, warrants or other instrument that is at any time convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or otherwise entitles the holder thereof to receive, Common Stock.

"Conversion Amount" means the Stated Value at issue.

"Conversion Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(a).

"Conversion Price" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(b).

"Conversion Shares" means, collectively, the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Fundamental Transaction" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(d).

"GAAP" means United States generally accepted accounting principles.

"Holder" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 2.

"Liquidation" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.

"Notice of Conversion" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(a).

"Original Issue Date" means the date of the first issuance of any shares of the Series C Preferred Stock regardless of the number of transfers of any particular shares of Series C Preferred Stock and regardless of the number of certificates which may be issued to evidence such Series C Preferred Stock.

"Person" means an individual or corporation, partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability company, joint stock company, government (or an agency or subdivision thereof) or other entity of any kind.

"PIK Dividend" means a dividend accrued on each share of Series C Preferred Stock and paid in shares (including fractional shares) of Common Stock.

"PIK Dividend Shares" means the shares (including fractional shares) of Common Stock paid and issued in connection with a PIK Dividend.

"**Purchase Agreement**" means the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of November 6, 2023, among the Corporation and the original Holder, as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms.

"Purchase Price" means the aggregate dollar amount to be paid for the Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Series C Preferred Stock" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.

"Share Delivery Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(c).

"Stated Value" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.

"Subsidiary" means any subsidiary of the Corporation as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(a)</u> of the Purchase Agreement and shall, where applicable, also include any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Corporation formed or acquired after the date of the Purchase Agreement.

"Successor Entity" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(d).

"Trading Day" means a day on which the principal Trading Market is open for business.

"Trading Market" means any of the following markets or exchanges on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted for trading on the date in question: the NYSE American, the Nasdaq Capital Market, the Nasdaq Global Market, the Nasdaq Global Select Market, or the New York Stock Exchange (or any successors to any of the foregoing).

"Transaction Documents" means this Certificate of Designation, the Series C Preferred Stock Certificate of Designation, the Purchase Agreement, all exhibits and schedules thereto and hereto and any other documents or agreements executed in connection with the transactions contemplated pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, in each case as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms.

"Transfer Agent" means Computershare, and any successor transfer agent of the Corporation.

Section 2. Designation, Amount and Par Value. The series of preferred stock shall be designated as "Series C Convertible Preferred Stock" (the "Series C Preferred Stock") and the number of shares of such series shall be 50,000 (which shall not be subject to increase without the written consent of the holder (each, a "Holder" and collectively, the "Holders") of a majority of the then outstanding shares of the Series C Preferred Stock). Each share of Series C Preferred Stock shall have a par value of \$0.001 per share and a stated value equal to \$1,000.00 (the "Stated Value").

Section 3. Dividends.

(a) <u>Dividend Rate</u>. Holders of shares of the Series C Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when and as declared by the Board, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, other than as set forth in Section 3(d) below, cumulative cash dividends at an annual rate of 9.5%, which is initially equivalent to \$95 per annum per share, based on the Stated Value per share preference, payable quarterly in arrears on the original Stated Value together with any accrued but unpaid dividends. (the "**Dividend Rate**"). The Dividend Rate shall accrue from, and including, the Issuance Date to, but not including the 10-year anniversary of the Issuance Date.

(b) <u>Dividend Amount</u>. With respect to each share of Series C Preferred Stock from time to time outstanding (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the PIK Dividend Shares), from the Dividend Payment Date of such share, dividends shall accrue on each share of Series C Preferred Stock, in an amount for each share of Series C Preferred Stock, equal to the Dividend Rate times the Stated Value (compounded as provided for immediately below, including with respect to any accrued and unpaid dividends) (such per share amount, as applicable, the "**Dividend Amount**") during each quarterly period following the applicable Dividend Record Date. All Dividend Amounts paid in cash or elected to be paid as PIK Dividends shall be compounded as applicable. PIK Dividends shall be paid by delivering to each record holder of Preferred Shares a number of shares of Common Stock ("**PIK Dividend Shares**") determined by dividing (x) the total aggregate dollar amount of dividends accrued and unpaid with respect to Preferred Shares owned by such record holder on the record date for the applicable Dividend Payment Date (rounded to the nearest whole cent) by (y) the then applicable Conversion Price. In order to deliver PIK Dividend Shares in lieu of cash on a Dividend Payment Date, the Corporation must deliver, on or before the fifteenth (15th) calendar day immediately prior to such date, written notice to each Holder of Preferred Shares stating that the Corporation wishes to do so (a "**PIK Stock Dividend Notice**"); in the event that the Corporation does not deliver a PIK Stock Dividend Notice on or before such fifteenth (15th) day, the Corporation will be deemed to have elected to pay the related dividend in cash.

(c) <u>Dividend Payment Date; Dividend Record Date.</u> Dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock shall accrue daily and be cumulative until paid from, and including, the date of the Issuance Date and shall be payable monthly on the fifth (5th) day following the last day of each fiscal quarter (each such payment date, a "**Dividend Payment Date**," and each such quarterly period, a "**Dividend Period**"); provided that if any Dividend Payment Date is not a Business Day, then the dividend that would otherwise have been payable on that Dividend Payment Date may be paid on the next succeeding Business Day, and no interest, additional dividends or other sums will accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after that Dividend Payment Date to that next succeeding Business Day. The first dividend on the Series C Preferred Stock is scheduled to be paid on the fifth day of the next calendar quarter after the Issuance Date in the quarterly amount of \$23.75 per share, which for the first Dividend Period shall be appropriately pro-rated, to the persons who are the holders of record of the Series C Preferred Stock at the close of business on the corresponding record date. Any dividend payable on the Series C Preferred Stock, including dividends payable for any partial Dividend Period, will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of four 90-day quarters. Dividends will be payable to holders of record as they appear in the Corporation's stock records for the Series C Preferred Stock at the close of business on the applicable record date, which shall be the last day of the calendar quarter, whether or not a Business Day, in which the applicable Dividend Payment Date falls (each, a "**Dividend Record Date**").

(d) <u>PIK Dividend</u>. For the first two (2) years following the Issuance Date, the Dividend Amount may at the Corporation's election, be paid in cash or PIK Dividend Shares. Thereafter, the Dividend Amount shall be paid in cash, subject to Section 3(e) of this Certificate. The Dividend Amount shall be automatically declared and the applicable Dividend Amount automatically paid to the Holder as set forth above. For the avoidance of doubt, unless otherwise expressly set forth herein, with respect to PIK Dividend Shares, the Dividend Payment Date of such shares shall be the Issuance Date of such shares for all purposes hereunder. All Dividend Amounts payable with respect to the Holders of Series C Preferred Stock shall be paid, whether in cash or in PIK Dividend Shares pursuant to this Section 3(d), pro rata to each Holder of shares of Series C Preferred Stock based upon the aggregate accrued but unpaid dividends on the shares held by each such Holder. PIK Dividend Amount accrued on such shares as of such Dividend Payment Date equal to the total Dividend Amount accrued on such shares as of such Dividend Payment Date minus any portion thereof paid in cash pursuant hereto. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall take all actions necessary for all PIK Dividend Shares to be duly authorized and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and issued free and clear of all liens, mortgages, security interests, pledges, deposits, restrictions or other encumbrances, on each Dividend Payment Date. The Corporation shall update its books and records to reflect the issuance of any PIK Dividend Shares promptly following each Dividend Payment Date, and at the request of any Holder of shares of Series C Preferred Stock, shall deliver to such Holder a copy of such books and records reflecting the issuance of such PIK Dividend Shares; provided, however, that the failure of the Corporation to comply with the terms of this sentence shall not in any way affect the issuance of such PIK Dividend S

(e) <u>Limiting Documents</u>. No dividends on shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall be authorized by the Board or paid or set apart for payment by the Corporation at any time when the payment thereof would be unlawful under the laws of the State of Delaware or when the terms and provisions of any agreement of the Corporation, including any agreement relating to the Corporation's indebtedness (the "Limiting Documents"), prohibit the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment thereof or provide that the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment thereof would constitute a breach of the Limiting Documents or a default under the Limiting Documents, or if the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment shall be restricted or prohibited by law.

(f) <u>Dividend Accrual</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock will accrue regardless of whether (i) the Corporation has earnings; (ii) there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends; or (iii) such dividends are declared by the Board. No interest, or sum in lieu of interest, will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series C Preferred Stock which may be in arrears, and holders of the Series C Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any dividends in excess of full cumulative dividends described above. Any dividend payment made on the Series C Preferred Stock shall first be credited against the earliest accumulated but unpaid dividend due with respect to those shares.

(g) <u>Dividends on Junior Stock or Parity Stock</u>. Unless full cumulative dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for payment for all past Dividend Periods, no dividends (other than in shares of the Corporation's Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "**Common Stock**"), or in shares of any series of Preferred Stock outstanding or that the Corporation may issue ranking junior to the Series C Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation) shall be declared or paid or set aside for payment upon shares of any capital stock of the Corporation other than the Series C Preferred Stock and the Series C Preferred Stock issued pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. This Section 3(g) shall not apply to spin-offs or dividends of the common stock of any Subsidiary.

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(h) <u>Pro Rata Dividends</u>. When dividends are not paid in full (or a sum sufficient for such full payment is not so set apart) upon the Series C Preferred Stock and the shares of any other series of Preferred Stock that the Corporation may issue ranking on parity as to dividends with the Series C Preferred Stock, all dividends declared upon the Series C Preferred Stock and any other series of Preferred Stock ranking on parity that the Corporation may issue as to dividends with the Series C Preferred Stock shall be declared pro rata so that the amount of dividends declared per share of Series C Preferred Stock and such other series of Preferred Stock that the Corporation may issue shall in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued dividends per share on the Series C Preferred Stock and such other series of Preferred Stock that the Corporation may issue (which shall not include any accrual in respect of unpaid dividends for prior Dividend Periods if such Preferred Stock does not have a cumulative dividend) bear to each other. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series C Preferred Stock which may be in arrears. For avoidance of doubt, the Series C Preferred Stock ranks on parity with the Series C Preferred Stock.

(i) <u>Payment of Accrued and Unpaid Dividends</u>. Holders of Series C Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any dividend in excess of all accumulated accrued and unpaid dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock as described in this <u>Section 3</u>. Any dividend payment made on the Series C Preferred Stock shall first be credited against the earliest accumulated accrued and unpaid dividend due with respect to such shares which remains payable at the time of such payment. <u>Provided</u>, <u>however</u>, if a Person is a Holder of the Series C Preferred Stock as of the record date for any spin-off or dividend of the common stock of any Subsidiary, other than White River Energy Corp or Wolf Energy Services Inc., the Holder shall be entitled to such stock dividend on an as converted basis.

(j) <u>Dividend Default.</u> Whenever dividends on any shares of Series C Preferred Stock are in arrears for one or more Dividend Periods, whether or not consecutive (a "**Dividend Default**"), and provided the Holders of Series C Preferred Stock are required to pay any penalties or damages as a result of any contractual provisions in effect on any existing securities of the Holder as of the Original Issue Date:

(i) the Dividend Rate shall be increased to 12% per annum (equivalent to \$120 per annum per share) (as increased, the "**Penalty Rate**"), commencing on the first day after the Dividend Payment Date on which a Dividend Default occurs and for each subsequent Dividend Payment Date thereafter until such time as the Corporation has paid all accumulated accrued and unpaid dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock in full, at which time the Dividend Rate shall revert to the rate of 9.5% of the Stated Value per share (the "**Stated Rate**");

(ii) on the next Dividend Payment Date following the Dividend Payment Date on which a Dividend Default occurs, and continuing until such time as the Corporation has paid all accumulated accrued and unpaid dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock in full, the Corporation shall pay all dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock, including all accumulated accrued and unpaid dividends, on each Dividend Payment Date either in cash or, if not paid in cash, by issuing to the holders thereof shares of Series C Preferred Stock if the Common Stock is then subject to a National Market Listing (as hereinafter defined), or if not, shares of freely tradeable Common Stock with a value equal to the amount of dividends being paid, calculated based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock calculated as of the Trading Day immediately prior to the next Payment Date referenced above, plus cash in lieu of any fractional share of Common Stock; and

(iii) to the extent that the Corporation determines a shelf registration statement to cover resales of Common Stock or Series C Preferred Stock is required in connection with the issuance of, or for resales of, such Common Stock or Series C Preferred Stock issued as payment of a dividend, the Corporation will use its commercially reasonable efforts to file and maintain the effectiveness of such a shelf registration statement until such time as all shares of such stock have been resold thereunder or such shares are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

For purposes hereof, a "National Market Listing" shall mean that the Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), the NYSE American LLC (the "NYSE American") or Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq"), or listed on an exchange that is a successor to the NYSE, the NYSE American or Nasdaq.

Following any Dividend Default that has been cured by the Corporation as provided above in Section 3(h)(i), if the Corporation subsequently fails to pay cash dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock in full for any Dividend Period, such subsequent failure shall constitute a separate Dividend Default, and the foregoing provisions of this Section 3(h) shall immediately apply until such subsequent Dividend Default is cured as so provided.



Notwithstanding anything in this Certificate to the contrary, cash dividends on any shares of Series C Preferred Stock will be payable solely in shares of Series C Preferred Stock unless and until the Corporation has, in the judgment of the Board, sufficient cash available to permit the declaration and payment of such dividends in accordance with the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and applicable laws.

Section 4. Voting Rights.

(a) <u>Quorum and Voting Power</u>. For purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at any meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation at which the shares of Series C Preferred Stock are entitled to vote and the voting power of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock, each Holder of outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall be entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of shares of Common Stock into which such shares of Series C Preferred Stock are then convertible, disregarding, for such purposes, any limitations on conversion set forth herein, provided, however, that solely for purposes of this Section 4(a), the Voting Floor Price shall not be lower than the closing sale price of the Common Stock on the Trading Day immediately preceding the execution date of the Purchase Agreement. For purposes of this Section 4(a), the term "Voting Floor Price" shall mean the Company's closing sale price on the Trading Day immediately preceding the execution date of the Purchase Agreement. The Voting Floor Price shall be adjusted for stock dividends, stock splits, stock combinations and other similar transactions.

(b) <u>Voting Generally</u>. Each Holder shall be entitled to vote with holders of outstanding shares of Common Stock, voting together as a single class, with respect to any and all matters presented to the stockholders of the Corporation for their action or consideration (whether at a meeting of stockholders of the Corporation, by written action of stockholders in lieu of a meeting or otherwise), except as provided by law or by the provisions of <u>Section</u> <u>5(b)</u> below. In any such vote, (i) in the case of the election of directors, the Series C Preferred Stock shall be voted on an "as converted" basis together with the Common Stock, subject to the provisions of the DGCL. Each holder of outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall be entitled to notice of all stockholder meetings (or requests for written consent) in accordance with the Corporation's bylaws.

(c) <u>Board Membership</u>. Provided that stockholder approval shall have been obtained as provided in the Purchase Agreement ("**Stockholder Approval**"), the Holder may designate a number of directors (the "**Series C Directors**") to the Corporation's Board of Directors equal to a percentage determined by the number of beneficially owned (determined on an "as converted" basis) divided by the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding plus the number of Conversion Shares determined on an "as converted" basis. As by way of example only, if the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock owned by the Holder represents 20% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock and Preferred Shares (as determined on an as converted basis), the Holder shall, through its ownership of shares of Series C Preferred Stock, have the right to designate one director of a five member board. The Holder's applicable percentage right to designate a number of directors shall initially be determined on the date that Stockholder Approval is obtained and cannot be decreased unless the Holder converts or sells all or a portion of its shares of Series C Preferred Stock, in which case the number of directors that the Holder may designate will be re-calculated. The right to designate a director is a contractual right granted to the Holder and not to a subsequent owner of shares of Series C Director, then the Holders (voting as a separate class by majority vote with each share of Series C Preferred stock entitled to one vote) shall have the right to designate an individual to fill such vacancy. In the event that the Holders shall fail to designate in writing a representative to fill the vacant Series C Director seat on the Board, such Board seat shall remain vacant until such time as the Holders elect an individual to fill such seat in accordance with this Section 4(c), and during any period where such seat remains vacant, the Board nonetheless shall be deemed duly constituted.

For so long as the Holders shall continue to hold any shares of Series C Preferred Stock, any Series C Director elected as provided in the preceding paragraph may be removed without cause by, and only by, the affirmative vote of the Holder, given either at a special meeting of such shareholders duly called for that purpose or pursuant to a written consent of the Holder. The holders of record of the shares of Common Stock and of any other class or series of voting stock (including the Series C Preferred Stock), exclusively and voting together as a single class, shall be entitled to elect the balance of the total number of directors of the Corporation. At any meeting held for the purpose of electing a director, the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting power of the shares of the class or series entitled to elect such director shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing such director. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 4(c), a vacancy in any directorship filled by the holders of any class or series shall be filled only by vote or written consent in lieu of a meeting of the holders of such class or series or by any remaining director or directors elected by the holders of such class or series pursuant to this Section 4(c).

(d) <u>Protective Provisions</u>. Without limiting the foregoing, as long as any shares of Series C Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Corporation shall not, without the prior written consent of the Majority Holders, (i) alter or change adversely the powers, preferences or rights given to the Series C Preferred Stock or alter or amend this Certificate of Designations, (ii) amend its Certificate of Incorporation or other charter documents in any manner that adversely affects any rights of the Holders of Series C Preferred Stock, (iii) increase or decrease the number of authorized shares of Series C Preferred Stock, (iv) whether or not prohibited by the terms of the Series C Preferred Stock, circumvent a right or preference of the Series C Preferred Stock, or (v) enter into any agreement with respect to any of the foregoing. Holders shall be entitled to written notice of all stockholder meetings or written consents (and copies of proxy materials and other information sent to stockholder) with respect to which they would be entitled to vote, which notice shall be provided pursuant to the Corporation's Bylaws and the DGCL.

Section 5. Liquidation Preference.

(a) In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation (a "Liquidation"), the assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its shareholders whether from capital, surplus or earnings, shall be distributed as follows:

(i) The Holders of Series C Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive, prior and in preference to any distribution to the Holders of the Common Stock or any other class of the Corporation's capital stock, whether now existing or hereafter created, for each share of Series C Preferred Stock held by such Holders, an amount equal to the Stated Value. If upon any Liquidation, the assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its stockholders are insufficient to pay all Holders of Series C Preferred Stock the full preference amount to which they shall be entitled, the Holders of Series C Preferred Stock shall share pro rata in any distribution of assets in accordance with their applicable full preference amounts;

(ii) After distribution of the amounts set forth in Section 5(a)(i) hereof to the Holders of the Series C Preferred Stock, the remaining assets of the Corporation available for distribution, if any, to the stockholders of the Corporation shall be distributed to the holders of outstanding Common Stock and to all Holders of Series C Preferred Stock, on a <u>pro rata</u> basis, as if such Holders of Series C Preferred Stock had converted all outstanding shares of such Series C Preferred Stock into Common Stock pursuant to Section 6 hereof immediately prior to the Liquidation or Change of Control Transaction, based upon their respective holdings.

(b) Unless otherwise approved by the prior written consent of all Holders of Series C Preferred Stock, for purposes of this Section 5, any transaction constituting a Change of Control Transaction shall be treated as and deemed to be a Liquidation.

(c) Unless otherwise approved by the prior written consent of a majority of the Holders, voting as a separate class, upon consummation of a Change of Control Transaction, the Corporation shall pay or cause to be paid to the Holders of Series C Preferred Stock an amount equal to the amount they would be entitled to receive pursuant to Section 5(a) hereof as if the Corporation, on the date of consummation of such Change of Control Transaction, had assets available for distribution equal to the aggregate amount payable to the Corporation and all stockholders thereof in connection with such Change of Control Transaction. The amount payable pursuant to this Section 5(c) shall be payable in accordance with and in order of the priorities set forth in Section 5(a) immediately following the closing of the Change of Control Transaction.

Section 6. Conversion.

Conversions at Option of Holder. Each share of Series C Preferred Stock shall be convertible, at any time and from time to time, at the (a) option of the Holder thereof, into that number of shares of Common Stock determined by dividing the Stated Value of such share of Series C Preferred Stock by the Conversion Price. Holders shall effect conversions by delivering to the Corporation and the Holder Representative a conversion notice in the form attached hereto as Annex A (a "Notice of Conversion"). Each Notice of Conversion shall specify the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock to be converted, the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock owned prior to the conversion at issue, the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock owned subsequent to the conversion at issue and the date on which such conversion is to be effected, which date may not be prior to the date the applicable Holder delivers such Notice of Conversion to the Corporation (such date, the "Conversion Date"). If no Conversion Date is specified in a Notice of Conversion, the Conversion Date shall be as of the close of business on the Business Day that such Notice of Conversion is delivered to the Corporation, or if such day is not a Business Day or if the Notice of Conversion is delivered after regular business hours, the next Business Day. No ink-original Notice of Conversion shall be required, nor shall any medallion guarantee (or other type of guarantee or notarization) of any Notice of Conversion form be required. The calculations and entries set forth in the Notice of Conversion shall control in the absence of manifest or mathematical error. From and after the Conversion Date, until presented for transfer or exchange, certificates that previously represented shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall represent, in lieu of the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock previously represented by such certificate, the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock, if any, previously represented by such certificate that were not converted pursuant to the Notice of Conversion, plus the number of shares of Conversion Shares into which the shares of Series C Preferred Stock previously represented by such certificate were converted. To effect conversions of shares of Series C Preferred Stock, a Holder shall not be required to surrender the certificate(s), if any, representing the shares of Series C Preferred Stock to the Corporation unless all of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock represented thereby are so converted, in which case such Holder shall deliver the certificate representing such shares of Series C Preferred Stock promptly following the Conversion Date at issue. Shares of Series C Preferred Stock converted into Common Stock shall be canceled and shall not be reissued.



(b) <u>Conversion Price</u>. The Series C Preferred Stock shall be convertible at the Holder's option into shares of Common Stock at a conversion price equal to the greater of (i) \$0.10 per share (the "**Floor Price**"), which Floor Price shall not be adjusted for stock dividends, stock splits, stock combinations and other similar transactions and (ii) the lesser of a 5% premium to the Volume Weighted Average Price during the ten trading days immediately prior to (A) the Trading Day immediately preceding the execution date of the Purchase Agreement, or (B) the date of conversion into shares of Common Stock (the "**Conversion Price**").

(c) <u>Mechanics of Conversion</u>.

(i) Delivery of Conversion Shares Upon Conversion. Not later than the earlier of (i) three (3) Trading Days and (ii) the number of Trading Days comprising the Standard Settlement Period (as defined below) after each Conversion Date (the "Share Delivery Date"), the Corporation shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the converting Holder the number of Conversion Shares being acquired upon the conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock, which Conversion Shares shall be free of restrictive legends and trading restrictions so long as either (A) there is an effective registration statement to cover the resale of the Conversion Shares or (B) if the Conversion Shares may be resold under Rule 144. The Corporation shall use its reasonable best efforts to deliver the Conversion Shares required to be delivered by the Corporation under this Section 6 electronically through the Depository Trust Company or another established clearing corporation performing similar functions. As used herein, "Standard Settlement Period" means the standard settlement period, expressed in a number of Trading Days, on the Corporation's primary Trading Market with respect to the Common Stock as in effect on the date of delivery of the Notice of Conversion.

(ii) *Failure to Deliver Conversion Shares.* If, in the case of any Notice of Conversion, such Conversion Shares are not delivered to or as directed by the applicable Holder by the Share Delivery Date, the Holder shall be entitled to elect by written notice to the Corporation at any time on or before its receipt of such Conversion Shares, to rescind such Conversion, in which event the Corporation shall promptly return to the Holder any original Series C Preferred Stock certificate delivered to the Corporation and the Holder shall promptly return to the Conversion Shares issued to such Holder pursuant to the rescinded Notice of Conversion.

(iii) Obligation Absolute; Partial Liquidated Damages. The Corporation's obligation to issue and deliver the Conversion Shares upon conversion of Series C Preferred Stock in accordance with the terms hereof are absolute and unconditional, irrespective of any action or inaction by a Holder to enforce the same, any waiver or consent with respect to any provision hereof, the recovery of any judgment against any Person or any action to enforce the same, or any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, limitation or termination, or any breach or alleged breach by such Holder or any other Person of any obligation to the Corporation or any violation or alleged violation of law by such Holder or any other Person, and irrespective of any other circumstance, which might otherwise limit such obligation of the Corporation to such Holder in connection with the issuance of such Conversion Shares; provided, however, that such delivery shall not operate as a waiver by the Corporation of any such action that the Corporation may have against such Holder. In the event a Holder shall elect to convert any or all of the Stated Value of its Series C Preferred Stock, the Corporation may not refuse conversion based on any claim that such Holder or anyone associated or affiliated with such Holder has been engaged in any violation of law, agreement or for any other reason, unless an injunction from a court, on notice to Holder, restraining and/or enjoining conversion of all or part of the Series C Preferred Stock of such Holder shall have been sought and obtained, and the Corporation posts a surety bond for the benefit of such Holder in the amount of 100% of the Stated Value of the Series C Preferred Stock which is subject to the injunction, which bond shall remain in effect until the completion of arbitration/litigation of the underlying dispute and the proceeds of which shall be payable to such Holder to the extent it obtains judgment. In the absence of such injunction, the Corporation shall issue Conversion Shares and, if applicable, cash, upon a properly noticed conversion. If the Corporation fails to deliver to a Holder such Conversion Shares pursuant to Section 6(c)(i) by the Share Delivery Date applicable to such conversion, the Corporation shall pay to such Holder, in cash, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, for each \$5,000 of Stated Value of Series C Preferred Stock being converted, \$25 per Trading Day (increasing to \$50 per Trading Day on the third Trading Day after the Share Delivery Date) for each Trading Day after the Share Delivery Date until such Conversion Shares are delivered or Holder rescinds such conversion. Nothing herein shall limit a Holder's right to pursue actual damages for the Corporation's failure to deliver Conversion Shares within the period specified herein and such Holder shall have the right to pursue all remedies available to it hereunder, at law or in equity including, without limitation, a decree of specific performance and/or injunctive relief. The exercise of any such rights shall not prohibit a Holder from seeking to enforce damages pursuant to any other Section hereof or under applicable law.

(iv) Compensation for Buy-In on Failure to Timely Deliver Conversion Shares Upon Conversion. In addition to any other rights available to the Holder, if the Corporation fails for any reason to deliver to a Holder the applicable Conversion Shares by the Share Delivery Date pursuant to Section 6(c)(i), and if after such Share Delivery Date such Holder is required by its brokerage firm to purchase (in an open market transaction or otherwise), or the Holder's brokerage firm otherwise purchases, shares of Common Stock to deliver in satisfaction of a sale by such Holder of the Conversion Shares which such Holder was entitled to receive upon the conversion relating to such Share Delivery Date (a "Buy-In"), then the Corporation shall (A) pay in cash to such Holder (in addition to any other remedies available to or elected by such Holder) the amount, if any, by which (x) such Holder's total purchase price (including any brokerage commissions) for the Common Stock so purchased exceeds (y) the product of (1) the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that such Holder was entitled to receive from the conversion at issue multiplied by (2) the actual sale price at which the sell order giving rise to such purchase obligation was executed (including any brokerage commissions) and (B) at the option of such Holder, either reissue (if surrendered) the shares of Series C Preferred Stock equal to the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock submitted for conversion (in which case, such conversion shall be deemed rescinded) or deliver to such Holder the number of shares of Common Stock that would have been issued if the Corporation had timely complied with its delivery requirements under Section 6(c)(i). For example, if a Holder purchases shares of Common Stock having a total purchase price of \$11,000 to cover a Buy-In with respect to an attempted conversion of shares of Series C Preferred Stock with respect to which the actual sale price of the Conversion Shares (including any brokerage commissions) giving rise to such purchase obligation was a total of \$10,000 under clause (A) of the immediately preceding sentence, the Corporation shall be required to pay such Holder \$1,000. The Holder shall provide the Corporation written notice indicating the amounts payable to such Holder in respect of the Buy-In and, upon request of the Corporation, evidence of the amount of such loss. Nothing herein shall limit a Holder's right to pursue any other remedies available to it hereunder, at law or in equity including, without limitation, a decree of specific performance and/or injunctive relief with respect to the Corporation's failure to timely deliver the Conversion Shares upon conversion of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock as required pursuant to the terms hereof.

(v) *Reservation of Shares Issuable Upon Conversion.* Until no shares of Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding, the Corporation covenants that it will at all times reserve and keep available out of its authorized and unissued shares of Common Stock for the sole purpose of issuance upon conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock as herein provided, free from preemptive rights or any other actual contingent purchase rights of Persons other than the Holder (and the other holders of the Series C Preferred Stock), not less than the aggregate number of shares of the Common Stock as shall (subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement) be issuable (taking into account any adjustments under Section 7) upon the conversion of the then outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock. The Corporation covenants that all shares of Common Stock that shall be so issuable shall, upon issue, be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

(vi) *Fractional Shares*. No fractional shares or scrip representing fractional shares shall be issued upon the conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock. As to any fraction of a share which the Holder would otherwise be entitled to purchase upon such conversion, the Corporation shall at its election, either pay a cash adjustment in respect of such final fraction in an amount equal to such fraction multiplied by the Conversion Price or round up to the next whole share. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, but consistent with the provisions of this subsection with respect to fractional Conversion Shares, nothing shall prevent any Holder from converting fractional shares of Series C Preferred Stock.

(vii) Transfer Taxes and Expenses. The issuance of Conversion Shares on conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock shall be made without charge to any Holder for any documentary stamp or similar taxes that may be payable in respect of the issue or delivery of such Conversion Shares, provided that the Corporation shall not be required to pay any tax that may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issuance and delivery of any such Conversion Shares upon conversion in a name other than that of the Holders of such shares of Series C Preferred Stock and the Corporation shall not be required to issue or deliver such Conversion Shares unless or until the Person or Persons requesting the issuance thereof shall have paid to the Corporation the amount of such tax or shall have established to the satisfaction of the Corporation that such tax has been paid. The Corporation shall pay all Transfer Agent fees required for same-day processing of any Notice of Conversion and all fees to the Depository Trust Company (or another established clearing corporation performing similar functions) required for same-day electronic delivery of the Conversion Shares.

Section 7. Certain Adjustments.

(a) <u>Stock Dividends and Stock Splits</u>. If the Corporation, at any time while the Series C Preferred Stock is outstanding: (i) pays a stock dividend or otherwise makes a distribution or distributions that is payable in shares of Common Stock on shares of Common Stock or any other Common Stock Equivalents (which, for avoidance of doubt, shall not include any shares of Common Stock into a larger number of shares, (iii) combines (including by way of a reverse stock split) outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares, or (iv) issues, in the event of a reclassification of shares of the Corporation, then the Conversion Price shall be multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event. Any adjustment made pursuant to this Section 7(a) shall become effective immediately after the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive such dividend or distribution and shall become effective immediately after the effective date in the case of a subdivision, combination or re-classification. Notwithstanding the foregoing in no event shall the Conversion Price be less than the Floor Price.

(b) <u>Subsequent Rights Offerings</u>. In addition to any adjustments pursuant to Section 7(a) above, if at any time the Corporation grants, issues or sells any Common Stock Equivalents or rights to purchase stock, warrants, securities or other property pro rata to the record holders of Common Stock or any class thereof (the "**Purchase Rights**"), then the Holder will be entitled to acquire, upon the terms applicable to such Purchase Rights, the aggregate Purchase Rights which the Holder could have acquired if the Holder had held the number of shares of Common Stock acquirable upon complete conversion of such Holder's Series C Preferred Stock immediately before the date on which a record is taken for the grant, issuance or sale of such Purchase Rights, or, if no such record is taken, the date as of which the record holders of shares of Common Stock are to be determined for the grant, issue or sale of such Purchase Rights.

(c) <u>Distributions</u>. During such time as the Series C Preferred Stock is outstanding, if the Corporation declares or makes any dividend or other distribution of its assets (or rights to acquire its assets) to holders of Common Stock, by way of return of capital or otherwise (including, without limitation, any distribution of cash, stock or other securities, property or options by way of a dividend, spin off, reclassification, corporate rearrangement, scheme of arrangement or other similar transaction) (a "**Distribution**"), then, in each such case, the Holder shall be entitled to participate in such Distribution to the same extent that the Holder would have participated therein if the Holder had held the number of shares of Common Stock acquirable upon complete conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock immediately before the date of which a record is taken for such Distribution, or, if no such record is taken, the date as of which the record holders of shares of Common Stock are to be determined for the participation in such Distribution.

Fundamental Transaction. If, at any time while the Series C Preferred Stock is outstanding, (i) the Corporation, directly or indirectly, in (d) one or more related transactions effects any merger or consolidation of the Corporation with or into another Person (other than for a transaction the sole purpose of which is changing the name or the domicile of the Corporation), (ii) the Corporation (and all of its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole), directly or indirectly, effects any sale, lease, license, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of its assets in one or a series of related transactions, (iii) any, direct or indirect, purchase offer, tender offer or exchange offer (whether by the Corporation or another Person) is completed pursuant to which holders of Common Stock are permitted to sell, tender or exchange their shares for other securities, cash or property and has been accepted by the holders of at least 50% of the outstanding Common Stock, or (iv) the Corporation, directly or indirectly, in one or more related transactions effects any reclassification, reorganization or recapitalization of the Common Stock or any compulsory share exchange pursuant to which the Common Stock is effectively converted into or exchanged for other securities, cash or property, (each a "Fundamental Transaction"), then, upon any subsequent conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock, the Holder shall have the right to receive, for each Conversion Share that would have been issuable upon such conversion immediately prior to the occurrence of such Fundamental Transaction, the number of shares of Common Stock of the successor or acquiring corporation or of the Corporation, if it is the surviving corporation, and any additional consideration (the "Alternate Consideration") receivable as a result of such Fundamental Transaction by a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock for which the Series C Preferred Stock is convertible immediately prior to such Fundamental Transaction. For purposes of any such conversion, the determination of the Conversion Price shall be appropriately adjusted to apply to such Alternate Consideration based on the amount of Alternate Consideration issuable in respect of one share of Common Stock in such Fundamental Transaction, and the Corporation shall apportion the Conversion Price among the Alternate Consideration in a reasonable manner reflecting the relative value of any different components of the Alternate Consideration. If holders of Common Stock are given any choice as to the securities, cash or property to be received in a Fundamental Transaction, then the Holder shall be given the same choice as to the Alternate Consideration it receives upon any conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock following such Fundamental Transaction. To the extent necessary to effectuate the foregoing provisions, any successor to the Corporation or surviving entity in such Fundamental Transaction shall file a new Certificate of Designation with the same terms and conditions and issue to the Holders new preferred stock consistent with the foregoing provisions and evidencing the Holders' right to convert such preferred stock into Alternate Consideration. The Corporation shall cause any successor entity in a Fundamental Transaction in which the Corporation is not the survivor (the "Successor Entity") to assume in writing all of the obligations of the Corporation under this Certificate of Designation and the other Transaction Documents in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7(d) pursuant to written agreements in customary form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Holder and approved by the Holder (without unreasonable delay) prior to such Fundamental Transaction and shall, at the option of the Holder, deliver to the Holder in exchange for the Series C Preferred Stock a security of the Successor Entity evidenced by a written instrument substantially similar in form and substance to the Series C Preferred Stock which is convertible for a corresponding number of shares of capital stock of such Successor Entity (or its parent entity) equivalent to the shares of Common Stock acquirable and receivable upon conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock (without regard to any limitations on the conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock) prior to such Fundamental Transaction, and with a conversion price which applies the conversion price hereunder to such shares of capital stock (but taking into account the relative value of the shares of Common Stock pursuant to such Fundamental Transaction and the value of such shares of capital stock, such number of shares of capital stock and such conversion price being for the purpose of protecting the economic value of the Series C Preferred Stock immediately prior to the consummation of such Fundamental Transaction), and which is reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Holder. Upon the occurrence of any such Fundamental Transaction, the Successor Entity shall succeed to, and be substituted for (so that from and after the date of such Fundamental Transaction, the provisions of this Certificate of Designation and the other Transaction Documents referring to the "Corporation" shall refer instead to the Successor Entity), and may exercise every right and power of the Corporation and shall assume all of the obligations of the Corporation under this Certificate of Designation and the other Transaction Documents with the same effect as if such Successor Entity had been named as the Corporation herein.

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Subsequent Equity Sales. If, at any time while shares of Series C Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Corporation or any subsidiary, as (e) applicable, sells or grants any option to purchase or sells or grants any right to reprice outstanding securities, or otherwise disposes of or issues (or announces any sale, grant or any option to purchase or other disposition), any Common Stock or any Common Stock Equivalent, entitling any Person to acquire shares of Common Stock at an effective price per share that is lower than the then Conversion Price (such lower price, the "Base Conversion Price" and such issuances, collectively, a "Dilutive Issuance") (if the holder of the Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents so issued shall at any time, whether by operation of purchase price adjustments, reset provisions, floating conversion, exercise or exchange prices or otherwise, or due to warrants, options or rights per share which are issued in connection with such issuance, be entitled to receive shares of Common Stock at an effective price per share that is lower than the Conversion Price, such issuance shall be deemed to have occurred for less than the Conversion Price on such date of the Dilutive Issuance), then the Conversion Price shall be reduced to equal the Base Conversion Price. Such adjustment shall be made whenever such Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents are issued. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no adjustment will be made under this Section 7 in respect of an Exempt Issuance (as hereafter defined). The Corporation shall notify the Holder in writing, no later than the Trading Day following the issuance of any Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents subject to this Section 7, indicating therein the applicable issuance price, or applicable reset price, exchange price, conversion price and other pricing terms (such notice, the "Dilutive Issuance Notice"). For purposes of clarification, whether or not the Corporation provides a Dilutive Issuance Notice, upon the occurrence of any Dilutive Issuance, the Holder is entitled to receive a number of Conversion Shares based upon the Base Conversion Price on or after the date of such Dilutive Issuance, regardless of whether the Holder accurately refers to the Base Conversion Price in the Notice of Conversion.

For the purposes hereof, an "Exempt Issuance" shall mean the issuance of (i) shares of Common Stock, restricted stock units or stock options (and Common Stock issued upon exercise of such securities) to employees, officers, consultants, advisors or directors of the Corporation in consideration of services to the Corporation pursuant to any stock or option plan duly adopted for such purpose by a majority of the members of the Board or a majority of the members of a committee of directors established for such purpose, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on the Effective Date (as defined in the Purchase Agreement), (ii) the Securities (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) issued hereunder and any Common Stock or other securities issued upon the conversion, exercise, or exchange of any Securities issued hereunder and/or other securities exercisable or exchangeable for or convertible into shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on the date of the Purchase Agreement, provided that such securities have not been amended since the date of the Purchase Agreement to increase the number of such securities or to decrease the exercise, exchange or conversion price of such securities; (iii) shares of Common Stock issued upon any anti-dilution adjustment to Common Stock and Common Stock Equivalents held by current unaffiliated security holders as of the date of the Purchase Agreement; (iv) securities issued to any underwriter, placement agent or other registered broker-dealer as reasonable commissions or fees in connection with any financing transactions; (v) securities issued pursuant to any merger, acquisition, asset purchase or similar transaction approved by the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof, provided that any such issuance shall only be to a Person or Persons (or to the equity holders of a Person or Persons) which is, itself or through its subsidiaries, an operating company or an owner of an asset in a business synergistic with the business of the Corporation and shall have received the express prior written consent of the Purchaser, but shall not include a transaction in which the Corporation is issuing securities primarily for the purpose of raising capital or to an entity whose primary business is investing in securities; and (vi) securities issued pursuant to any purchase money equipment loan, capital leasing arrangement or debt financing from a commercial bank or similar financial institution.

(f) <u>Calculations</u>. All calculations under this Section 7 shall be made to the nearest cent or the nearest 1/100th of a share, as the case may be. For purposes of this Section 7, the number of shares of Common Stock deemed to be issued and outstanding as of a given date shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock (excluding any treasury shares of the Corporation) issued and outstanding.

(g) <u>Notice to Holders</u>.

(i) Adjustment to Conversion Price. Whenever the Conversion Price is adjusted pursuant to any provision of this Section 7, the Corporation shall promptly deliver to each Holder by facsimile or email a notice setting forth the Conversion Price after such adjustment and setting forth a brief statement of the facts requiring such adjustment.

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(ii) Notice to Allow Conversion by Holder. If (A) the Corporation shall declare a dividend (or any other distribution in whatever form) on the Common Stock, (B) the Corporation shall declare a special nonrecurring cash dividend on or a redemption of the Common Stock, (C) the Corporation shall authorize the granting to all holders of the Common Stock of rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase any shares of capital stock of any class or of any rights, (D) the approval of any stockholders of the Corporation shall be required in connection with any reclassification of the Common Stock, any consolidation or merger to which the Corporation is a party, any sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation (and all of its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole), or any compulsory share exchange whereby the Common Stock is converted into other securities, cash or property or (E) the Corporation shall authorize the voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, then, in each case, the Corporation shall cause to be filed at each office or agency maintained for the purpose of conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock, and shall cause to be delivered by email to each Holder at its last email address as it shall appear upon the stock books of the Corporation, at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the applicable record or effective date hereinafter specified, a notice stating (x) the date on which a record is to be taken for the purpose of such dividend, distribution, redemption, rights or warrants, or if a record is not to be taken, the date as of which the holders of the Common Stock of record to be entitled to such dividend, distributions, redemption, rights or warrants are to be determined or (y) the date on which such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer or share exchange is expected to become effective or close, and the date as of which it is expected that holders of the Common Stock of record shall be entitled to exchange their shares of the Common Stock for securities, cash or other property deliverable upon such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer or share exchange, provided that the failure to deliver such notice or any defect therein or in the delivery thereof shall not affect the validity of the corporate action required to be specified in such notice. To the extent that any notice provided hereunder constitutes, or contains, material, non-public information regarding the Corporation or any of the Subsidiaries, the Corporation shall simultaneously file such notice with the Commission pursuant to a Current Report on Form 8-K. The Holder shall remain entitled to convert the Conversion Amount of the Series C Preferred Stock (or any part hereof) during the 10-day period commencing on the date of such notice through the effective date of the event triggering such notice except as may otherwise be expressly set forth herein.

Section 8. Ranking. The shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall rank senior to the Corporation's classes of preferred stock, including the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, the Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, the Series D Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, the Series E Preferred Stock, the Series F Preferred Stock and the Series G Preferred Stock with respect to the preferences as to dividends, redemption, or distribution of assets and payments upon the liquidation, dissolution and winding up of the Corporation.

Section 9. Miscellaneous.

(a) Notices. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries to be provided by the Holders hereunder including, without limitation, any Notice of Conversion, shall be in writing and delivered personally, by facsimile or email attachment, or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service, addressed to the Corporation, at11411 Southern Highlands Parkway, Suite 240, Las Vegas, NV 89141, Attention: William B. Horne, Chief Executive Officer, email address: Will@ault.com, or such other email address or address as the Corporation may specify for such purposes by notice to the Holders delivered personally, by email attachment, or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service addressed to each Holder at the email address or address of such Holder appearing on the books of the Corporation, or if no such email address or address appears on the books of the Corporation, at the principal place of business of such Holder, as set forth in the Purchase Agreement. Any notice or other communication or deliveries hereunder shall be deemed given and effective on the earliest of (i) the time of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via email attachment at the email address set forth in this Section prior to 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any date, (ii) the next Trading Day after the time of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via email attachment at the email address set forth in this Section prior to 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any date, (ii) the second Trading Day following the date of mailing, if sent by U.S. nationally recognized overnight courier service, or (iv) upon actual receipt by the party to whom such notice is required to be given.

(b) Lost or Mutilated Preferred Stock Certificate. If a Holder's Series C Preferred Stock certificate shall be mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed, the Corporation shall execute and deliver, in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of a mutilated certificate, or in lieu of or in substitution for a lost, stolen or destroyed certificate, a new certificate for the shares of Series C Preferred Stock so mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed, but only upon receipt of evidence of such loss, theft or destruction of such certificate, and of the ownership hereof reasonably satisfactory to the Corporation (which shall not include the posting of any bond).

(c) <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Certificate of Designation is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the balance of this Certificate of Designation shall remain in effect, and if any provision is inapplicable to any Person or circumstance, it shall nevertheless remain applicable to all other Persons and circumstances.

(d) <u>Next Business Day</u>. Whenever any payment or other obligation hereunder shall be due on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day.

(e) <u>Headings</u>. The headings contained herein are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Certificate of Designation and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.

(f) <u>Status of Converted Preferred Stock</u>. Shares of Series C Preferred Stock may only be issued pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. If any shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall be converted or reacquired by the Corporation, such shares may not be reissued and shall automatically be retired and cancelled and shall resume the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate this ____ day of November, 2023.

By: <u>William B. Horne</u> Name: William B. Horne Title: Chief Executive Officer

NOTICE OF CONVERSION

The undersigned hereby elects to convert the number of shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock indicated below into shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "**Common Stock**"), of Ault Alliance, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "**Corporation**"), according to the conditions hereof, as of the date written below. If shares of Common Stock are to be issued in the name of a Person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay all transfer taxes payable with respect thereto. No fee will be charged to the Holders for any conversion, except for any such transfer taxes.

Conversion calculations:

Date to Effect Conversion:
Number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock owned prior to Conversion:
Number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock to be Converted:
Stated Value of shares of Series C Preferred Stock to be Converted:
Number of shares of Common Stock to be Issued:
Applicable Conversion Price:
Number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock subsequent to Conversion:
Address for Delivery:
Or
DWAC Instructions:
Broker no:
Account no:

HOLDER By:

Name: Title:

SECURITIES PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Securities Purchase Agreement (this "Agreement") is dated as of November 6, 2023 (the "Effective Date"), between Ault Alliance, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Ault & Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Purchaser").

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the Company desires to issue and sell to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser, severally and not jointly, desires to purchase from the Company, securities of the Company as more fully described in this Agreement (the "Transaction").

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Transaction will be conducted in reliance upon Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Purchaser agree as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

1.1 Definitions. In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, for all purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings set forth in this Section 1.1:

"Acquiring Person" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.21.

"Action" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(m).

"Affiliate" means any Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with a Person, as such terms are used in and construed under Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

"BHCA" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(00).

"Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company.

"Business Day" means any day except any Saturday, any Sunday, any day which is a federal legal holiday in the United States or any day on which banking institutions in the State of New York are authorized or required by law or other governmental action to close.

"Closing" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.1.

"Closing Date" shall mean each Trading Day on which a particular Closing is held, and shall mean the Trading Day on which all of the Transaction Documents have been executed and delivered by the applicable parties thereto related to such Closing Date, and all conditions precedent to (i) the Purchaser's obligations to pay the Subscription Amount at such Closing and (ii) the Company's obligations to deliver the Securities to be issued and sold at such Closing, in each case, have been satisfied or waived.

"Commission" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share, and any other class of securities into which such securities may hereafter be reclassified or changed.

"Common Stock Equivalents" means any securities of the Company or the Subsidiaries which would entitle the holder thereof to acquire at any time Common Stock, including, without limitation, any debt, preferred stock, right, option, warrant or other instrument that is at any time convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or otherwise entitles the holder thereof to receive, Common Stock.

"Contingent Obligation" means, as to any Person, any direct or indirect liability, contingent or otherwise, of that Person with respect to any indebtedness, lease, dividend or other obligation of another Person if the primary purpose or intent of the Person incurring such liability, or the primary effect thereof, is to provide assurance to the obligee of such liability that such liability will be paid or discharged, or that any agreements relating thereto will be complied with, or that the holders of such liability will be protected (in whole or in part) against loss with respect thereto.

"Conversion Price" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Series C Certificate of Designation.

"Copyrights" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(y).

"Conversion Shares" means the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock.

"COVID-19" means the disease known as coronavirus or COVID-19.

"COVID-19 Measures" means any quarantine, "shelter in place," "stay at home," workforce reduction, social distancing, shut down, closure, sequester or any other Law, order, or directive by any Governmental Entity.

"Disclosure Schedules" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1.

"Disqualification Event" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(t).

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Exchange Approval" means approval of the issuance of Common Stock contemplated by this Agreement by the Principal Market, which approval shall be obtained (i) in the case of the Conversion Shares in an amount of up to 11,305,373 shares of Common Stock and (ii) in the case of the remaining Conversion Shares, no later than five (5) calendar days after the Company shall have obtained Stockholder Approval to issue such Conversion Shares.

"Exchange Cap" shall mean that number of shares of Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents pursuant to this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to the extent that after giving effect thereto, the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that would be issued as well as permitted to vote pursuant to this Agreement and such Transaction Documents would not exceed 19.99% of the Company's outstanding shares of Common Stock as of the date hereof.

"Exempt Issuance" means the issuance of (i) shares of Common Stock, restricted stock units or stock options (and Common Stock issued upon exercise of such securities) to employees, officers, consultants, advisors or directors of the Company in consideration of services to the Company pursuant to any stock or option plan duly adopted for such purpose by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors or a majority of the members of a committee of directors established for such purpose, not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on the Effective Date, (ii) the Securities issued hereunder and any Common Stock or other securities issued upon the conversion, exercise, or exchange of any Securities issued hereunder and/or other securities exercisable or exchangeable for or convertible into shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on the date of this Agreement, provided that such securities have not been amended since the date of this Agreement to increase the number of such securities or to decrease the exercise, exchange or conversion price of such securities; (iii) shares of Common Stock issued upon any anti-dilution adjustment to Common Stock and Common Stock Equivalents held by current unaffiliated security holders as of the date of this Agreement; (iv) securities issued to any underwriter, placement agent or other registered broker-dealer as reasonable commissions or fees in connection with any financing transactions; (v) securities issued pursuant to any merger, acquisition, asset purchase or similar transaction approved by the Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee thereof, provided that any such issuance shall only be to a Person or Persons (or to the equity holders of a Person or Persons) which is, itself or through its subsidiaries, an operating company or an owner of an asset in a business synergistic with the business of the Company, but shall not include a transaction in which the Company is issuing securities primarily for the purpose of raising capital or to an entity whose primary business is investing in securities; and (vi) securities issued pursuant to any purchase money equipment loan, capital leasing arrangement or debt financing from a commercial bank or similar financial institution.

"FCPA" means the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended.

"Federal Reserve" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(00).

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"GAAP" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(p).

"Governmental Entity" means any nation, state, county, city, town, village, district, or other political jurisdiction of any nature, federal, state, local, municipal, foreign, or other government, governmental or quasi-governmental authority of any nature (including any governmental agency, branch, department, official, or entity and any court or other tribunal), multi-national organization or body; or body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory, or taxing authority or power of any nature or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, including any entity or enterprise owned or controlled by a government or a public international organization or any of the foregoing

"Indebtedness" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(q).

"Indemnitee" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(g).

"Indemnified Liabilities" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(g).

"Intellectual Property Rights" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(y).

"Issuable Shares" means the Conversion Share and the Warrant Shares.

"Issuer Covered Person" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(t).

"Knowledge" means, with respect to any Person, (x) such Person is actually aware of such fact or matter or (y) such Person should reasonably have been expected to discover or otherwise become aware of such fact or matter after reasonable investigation, and for purposes hereof it shall be assumed that such Person has conducted a reasonable investigation of the accuracy of the representations and warranties set forth herein.

"Law" means any federal, state, local, municipal, foreign, multi-national or other law, common law, statute, constitutions, ordinances, rules, regulations, codes, Orders, or legally enforceable requirements enacted, issued, adopted, promulgated, enforced, ordered, or applied by any Governmental Entity

"Legend Removal Date" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.1(c).

"Liens" means any security or other property interest or right, claim, lien, pledge, option, charge, security interest, contingent or conditional sale, or other title claim or retention agreement, interest or other right or claim of third parties, whether perfected or not perfected, voluntarily incurred or arising by operation of law, and including any agreement (other than this Agreement) to grant or submit to any of the foregoing in the future.

"Listing Default" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.13.

"Marks" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(y).

"Material Adverse Effect" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.1(n).

"Material Agreement" means any material loan agreement, financing agreement, equity investment agreement or securities instrument to which Company is a party, any agreement or instrument to which Company and Purchaser or any Affiliate of Purchaser is a party, and any other material agreement listed, or required to be listed, on any of Company's reports filed or required to be filed with the SEC, including without limitation Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K.

"Material Permits" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(w).

"Money Laundering Laws" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(bb).

"Note" shall mean that certain senior secured convertible promissory note in the principal face amount of \$17,519,832.00 issued by the Company to the Purchaser on October 13, 2023.

"OFAC" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(aa).

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"Officer's Certificate" has the meaning set forth in the Section 2.3(b)(i) hereof.

"Order" means any order, writ, assessment, decision, injunction, decree, ruling, or judgment of a Governmental Entity or arbitrator, whether temporary, preliminary, or permanent.

"Patents" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(y).

"Per Share Purchase Price" shall mean \$1,000.00.

"**Permitted Liens**" means the individual and collective reference to the following: (a) Liens for taxes, assessments and other governmental charges or levies being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings for which adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of the management of the Company) have been established in accordance with GAAP; (b) Liens imposed by law which were incurred in the ordinary course of the Company's business, such as carriers', warehousemen's and mechanics' Liens, statutory landlords' Liens, and other similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of the Company's business, and which (x) do not individually or in the aggregate materially detract from the value of such property or assets or materially impair the use thereof in the operation of the business of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries or (y) are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, which proceedings have the effect of preventing for the foreseeable future the forfeiture or sale of the property or asset subject to such Lien; (c) pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws or regulations; and (d) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature that are not past due, in each case in the ordinary course of business, but excluding any contract for the payment of money.

"Person" means an individual or corporation, partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability company, joint stock company, government (or an agency or subdivision thereof) or other entity of any kind.

"Preferred Shares" means the shares of Series C Preferred Stock issuable to the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement.

"Principal Market" shall mean the NYSE American, LLC.

"Principal Market Rules" means the rules and regulations of the Principal Market.

"Proceeding" means an action, claim, suit, investigation or proceeding (including, without limitation, an informal investigation or partial proceeding, such as a deposition), whether commenced or threatened.

"Proxy Failure" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.2(b).

"Proxy Information Failure Payments" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.2(b).

"**Removal Date**" means the date that all of the issued Issuable Shares have been sold pursuant to Rule 144 or may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without the requirement for the Company to be in compliance with the current public information requirements under Rule 144 and without volume or manner-of-sale restrictions.

"Required Approvals" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(e).

"Required Minimum" means, as of any date, the maximum aggregate number of shares of Common Stock then issued or potentially issuable in the future pursuant to the conversion of the Shares or exercise of the Warrants, ignoring any conversion or exercise limits set forth therein, and assuming that the Conversion Price and Exercise Price is at all times on and after the date of determination 200% of the then Conversion Price on the Trading Day immediately prior to the date of determination.

"Rights in Mask Works" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(y).

"**Rule 144**" means Rule 144 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended or interpreted from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same purpose and effect as such Rule.

"Rule 424" means Rule 424 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such rule may be amended or interpreted from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same purpose and effect as such rule.

"SBA" means the United States Small Business Administration.

"SEC Reports" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(p).

"Securities" means the Preferred Shares, the Conversion Shares, the Warrant and the Warrant Shares.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Series C Preferred Stock" means the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share, to be issued and sold by the Company to the Purchaser hereunder.

"Stockholder Approval" means such approval as may be required by the applicable rules and regulations of the Principal Market Rules (or the applicable rules and regulations of any successor entity) from the stockholders of the Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, including the issuance of all of the Issuable Shares in excess of 19.99% of the issued and outstanding Common Stock on the Closing Date.

"Short Sales" means all "short sales" as defined in Rule 200 of Regulation SHO under the Exchange Act (but shall not be deemed to include the location and/or reservation of borrowable shares of Common Stock).

"Subscription Amount" means up to \$50,000,000, some of which may consist of the surrender for cancellation of the Note.

"Subsidiary" means any subsidiary of the Company as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(a)</u> and shall, where applicable and with regard to future events, also include any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company formed or acquired after the date hereof.

"Termination Date" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.1.

"Trade Secrets" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(y).

"Trading Day" means a day on which the Principal Market is open for trading; provided, that in the event that the Common Stock is not listed or quoted for trading on a Trading Market on the date in question, then Trading Day shall mean a Business Day.

"Trading Market" means any of the following markets or exchanges on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted for trading on the date in question: the NYSE American, the NASDAQ Capital Market, the NASDAQ Global Market, the NASDAQ Global Select Market, the New York Stock Exchange, OTCQB, OTCQX, or the OTC Pink (or any successors to any of the foregoing). Notwithstanding the foregoing, term "Trading Market" shall only include the OTC Pink for any interim period of time required upon the Company's delisting from any other Trading Market provided that the Company shall be required to list its Common Stock for trading or quotation on another Trading Market (excluding the OTC Pink) promptly upon such delisting and the failure to do so shall constitute a default under the terms of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents.

"Transaction" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

"Transaction Documents" means this Agreement all exhibits and schedules thereto and hereto, the Certificate of Designation of Rights, Preferences and Limitations of the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series C Certificate of Designation") in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, the Warrant in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>, the Transfer Agent Instruction Letter in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u> and any other documents or agreements executed in connection with the transactions contemplated hereunder. "Transfer Agent" means Computershare, N.A., and any successor transfer agent of the Company or, if the Company has not appointed a Transfer Agent, the Company.

"**Transfer Agent Instruction Letter**" means the letter from the Company to the Transfer Agent which instructs the Transfer Agent to reserve the Issuable Shares pursuant to the Transaction Documents in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>.

"VWAP" means, for any date, the price determined by the first of the following clauses that applies: (a) if the Common Stock is then listed or quoted on a Trading Market, the daily volume weighted average price of the Common Stock for such date (or the nearest preceding date) on the Trading Market on which the Common Stock is then listed or quoted as reported by Bloomberg L.P. (based on a Trading Day from 9:30 a.m. (New York City time) to 4:02 p.m. (New York City time)), (b) if the Common Stock is not then listed or quoted for trading on a Trading Market and if prices for the Common Stock are then reported on the OTC Pink Marketplace maintained by OTC Markets Group Inc. (or a similar organization or agency succeeding to its functions of reporting prices), the most recent closing price per share of the Common Stock so reported, or (c) in all other cases, the fair market value of a share of Common Stock as determined by an independent appraiser selected in good faith by the Purchaser of a majority in interest of the Securities then outstanding and reasonably acceptable to the Company, the fees and expenses of which shall be paid by the Company.

"Warrant" means the Warrant in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

"Warrant Shares" means the shares of Common Stock issued or issuable upon exercise of the Warrant.

ARTICLE II PURCHASE AND SALE

2.1 Closing. On each Closing Date, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Company agrees to sell, and the Purchaser agrees to purchase, the Securities for the Subscription Amount (such purchase and sale being a "Closing"). At each such Closing, the Subscription Amount may consist of (i) solely cash, (ii) a portion of the Note, or (iii) a combination of the foregoing. Contemporaneously with or promptly following a Closing, the Purchaser shall deliver to the Company the Purchaser's Subscription Amount as set forth on the signature page hereto executed by the Purchaser: (i) if the Subscription Amount consists solely of cash, then by a wire transfer of immediately available funds, (ii) if the Subscription Amount consists solely of a portion of the Note, then the surrender for cancellation such portion of the Note, and (iii) if the Subscription Amount consists of a combination of cash and the Note, then a combination of the foregoing, and the Company shall, on the Closing Date, deliver to the Purchaser a certificate representing the number of Preferred Shares and the Warrant purchased by the Purchaser at the particular Closing as determined pursuant to Section 2.2(a). The Company and the Purchaser shall also deliver the other items set forth in Section 2.2 deliverable at the particular Closing. Upon satisfaction of the Company or such other location as the parties shall mutually agree. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, each Closing Date shall occur on or before December 29, 2023, provided, however, that the Purchaser may extend such the Closing Date for an additional ninety (90) days, by notice to the Company (such outside date, the "Termination Date").

2.2 Deliveries.

- (a) On or prior to each Closing Date, the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Purchaser the following:
 - (i) this Agreement duly executed by the Company;

(ii) a certificate evidencing a number of Preferred Shares equal to the Subscription Amount divided by the Per Share Purchase Price, registered in the name of the Purchaser;

- (iii) the Series C Certificate of Designation;
- (iv) the Warrant;
- (v) the Transfer Agent Instruction Letter;



(vi) a Certificate of Good Standing of the Company and its Subsidiaries from each of their jurisdictions of incorporation or formation dated no later than two Business Days prior to the Closing Date;

(vii) an Officer's Certificate (as hereinafter defined), executed by an officer of the Company;

(viii) all documents, instruments and other writings required to be delivered by the Company to the Purchaser on or before the applicable Closing Date pursuant to any provision of this Agreement or in order to implement and effect the transactions contemplated hereby.

- (b) On or prior to each Closing Date, the Purchaser shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Company the following:
 - (i) this Agreement duly executed by the Purchaser; and
 - (ii) the Subscription Amount by wire transfer to the account specified by the Company on <u>Schedule 1</u> hereto (subject to Section

2.1).

2.3 Closing Conditions.

(a) The obligations of the Company hereunder in connection with the Closing are subject to the following conditions being met:

(i) the accuracy in all material respects on the Closing Date of the representations and warranties of the Purchaser contained herein (unless as of a specific date therein in which case they shall be accurate as of such date);

(ii) all obligations, covenants and agreements of the Purchaser under this Agreement required to be performed at or prior to the applicable Closing Date shall have been performed in all material respects;

(iii) the delivery by the Purchaser of the items set forth in Section 2.2(b) of this Agreement; and

(iv) the Company shall have received the executed signature page to this Agreement from the Purchaser and the Company shall have received payment of immediately available funds representing the Subscription Amount from the Purchaser in cash.

(b) The obligations of the Purchaser hereunder in connection with the Closing are subject to the following conditions being met:

(i) each and every representation and warranty of the Company shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the date when made and as of the applicable Closing Date as though originally made at that time (except for representations and warranties that speak as of a specific date, which shall be true and correct as of such date) and the Company shall have performed, satisfied and complied in all material respects with the covenants, agreements and conditions required to be performed, satisfied or complied with by the Company at or prior to the applicable Closing Date, including, without limitation the issuance of all Securities on the Closing Date as required by the Transaction Documents and the Company has a sufficient number of duly authorized shares of preferred stock and Common Stock reserved for issuance as may be required to fulfill its obligations pursuant to the Transaction Documents and the Purchaser shall have received a certificate, executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, dated as of the Closing Date, to the foregoing effect and as to such other matters as may be reasonably requested by the Purchaser in the form acceptable to Purchaser (the "**Officer's Certificate**");

(ii) the delivery by the Company of the items set forth in Section 2.2(a) of this Agreement;

(iii) All necessary actions to be taken by the Company in connection with the Transaction and all documents incident thereto shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser shall have received all such counterpart originals or certified or other copies of such documents as it or they may request;

(iv) there is no breach of any obligations, covenants and agreements under the Transaction Documents and no existing event which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice, would constitute a breach under the Transaction Documents;



(v) there shall have been no Material Adverse Effect with respect to the Company since the date hereof;

(v) All consents, authorizations, orders and approvals of, and filings and registrations with, any Governmental Authority which are required for or in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation by each Party hereto of the Transactions shall have been obtained or made;

(vii) from the date hereof to the applicable Closing Date, trading in securities generally as reported by Bloomberg L.P. shall not have been suspended or limited, or minimum prices shall not have been established on securities whose trades are reported by such service, or on any Trading Market, nor shall a banking moratorium have been declared either by the United States or New York State authorities nor shall there have occurred any material outbreak or escalation of hostilities or other national or international calamity of such magnitude in its effect on, or any material adverse change in, any financial market which, in each case, in the reasonable judgment of the Purchaser, makes it impracticable or inadvisable to purchase the Securities at the Closing; and

(viii) the Company shall have received the executed signature page to this Agreement from the Purchaser and the Company shall have received payment in immediately available funds representing the Subscription Amount from the Purchaser in cash.

ARTICLE III <u>REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES</u>

3.1 Representations and Warranties of the Company. Except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedules, which Disclosure Schedules shall be deemed a part hereof and shall qualify any representation or warranty made herein only to the extent of the disclosure contained in the corresponding section of the Disclosure Schedules, the Company hereby represents and warrants to the Purchaser that the following representations and warranties are true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date:

Organization and Qualification. The Company and each of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company listed on Schedule (a) 3.1(a) (the "Subsidiaries") is an entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation or formation. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries is duly qualified to do business, and is in good standing in the states required due to (i) the ownership or lease of real or personal property for use in the operation of the Company's business or (ii) the nature of the business conducted by the Company, except where the failure to so qualify would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries has all requisite power, right and authority to own, operate and lease its properties and assets, to carry on its business as now conducted, to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, and to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, subject to the Required Approvals. All actions on the part of the Company and its officers and directors necessary for the authorization, execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and the performance of all of the Company's obligations under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents have been taken or will be taken prior to the Closing. This Agreement has been, and the other Transaction Documents to which the Company is a party on the Closing will be, duly executed and delivered by the Company, and this Agreement is, and each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party on the Closing will be, a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium and similar laws of general application relating to or affecting the enforcement of rights of creditors, and except as enforceability of the obligations hereunder are subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or law). All of the Subsidiaries and the Company's ownership interests therein are set forth on Schedule 3.1(a). The Company owns, directly or indirectly, all of the capital stock or other equity interests of each Subsidiary free and clear of any Liens except Permitted Liens, and subject to the Required Approvals, and all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of each Subsidiary are validly issued and are fully paid, non-assessable and free of preemptive and similar rights to subscribe for or purchase securities.

(b) <u>Issuance of Securities</u>. The issuance of each of the Preferred Shares, Warrant, Conversion Shares and Warrant Shares have been duly authorized and, upon issuance in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Certification of Designations and the Warrant, as applicable, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and free and clear of all liens, Encumbrances and rights of refusal of any kind and, if applicable at the time, subject to the Required Approvals. The issuance of the Warrant is duly authorized by the Company and, when executed and delivered by the Company, will be a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors or by general equitable principles.



(c) <u>Authorization; Enforcement</u>. The Company has the requisite corporate power and authority to enter into and to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents and otherwise to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder, subject to the Required Approvals. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents by the Company and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Company and no further action is required by the Company, the Board of Directors or the Company's stockholders in connection herewith or therewith other than in connection with the Required Approvals, a Form 8-K and the applicable stockholder approval and notification regarding the listing of additional shares. This Agreement and each other Transaction Documents to which it is a party has been (or upon delivery will have been) duly executed by the Company and, when delivered in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof, will constitute the valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except: (i) as limited by general equitable principles and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws of general application affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally; (ii) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies; and (iii) insofar as indemnification and contribution provisions may be limited by applicable law.

(d) <u>No Conflicts</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, the issuance and sale of the Securities and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby do not and will not, except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(d)</u>: (i) conflict with or violate any provision of the Company's or any Subsidiary's certificate or articles of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational or charter documents; (ii) conflict with, or constitute a default (or an event that with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the properties or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation (with or without notice, lapse of time or both) of, any agreement, credit facility, debt or other instrument (evidencing a Company or Subsidiary debt or otherwise) or other understanding to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party or by which any property or asset of the Company or any Subsidiary is bound or affected; or (iii) subject to the Required Approvals, conflict with or result in a violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment, injunction, decree or other restriction of any court or governmental authority to which the Company or a Subsidiary is subject (including federal and state securities laws and regulations), or by which any property or asset of the Company or affected; except in the case of each of clauses (ii) and (iii), such as could not have or reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) <u>Filings, Consents and Approvals</u>. The Company is not required to obtain any consent, waiver, authorization or order of, give any notice to, or make any filing or registration with, any court or other federal, state, local or other governmental authority or other Person in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Transaction Documents, other than: (i) the filings required pursuant to Sections 4.2, 4.8 and 4.20 of this Agreement; (ii) the notice and/or application(s) to the Principal Market, and the receipt of Stockholder Approval required for the issuance and sale of the Preferred Shares and the listing of the Issuable Shares for trading thereon in the time and manner required thereby; and (iii) the filing of Form D with the Commission and such filings as are required to be made under applicable state securities laws (collectively, the "**Required Approvals**").

(f) <u>No Financial Advisor</u>. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Purchaser is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length purchaser with respect to the Securities and the transactions contemplated hereby. The Company further acknowledges that Purchaser is not acting as a financial advisor or fiduciary of the Company (or in any similar capacity) with respect to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and any advice given by the Purchaser or any of its representatives or agents in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby is merely incidental to the Purchaser's purchase of the Securities. The Company further represents to the Purchaser that the Company's decision to enter into this Agreement has been based solely on the independent evaluation of the transactions contemplated hereby by the Company and its representatives.

(g) <u>Reserved</u>.

(h) <u>Capitalization and Additional Issuances</u>. The capitalization of the Company is as set forth in <u>Schedule 3.1(h)</u>. Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.1(h)</u>, no Person has any right of first refusal, preemptive right, right of participation, or any similar right to participate in the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents. Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.1(h)</u>, there are no outstanding options, warrants, scrip rights to subscribe to, calls or commitments of any character whatsoever relating to, or securities, rights or obligations convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or giving any Person any right to subscribe for or acquire any shares of Common Stock, or contracts, commitments, understandings or arrangements by which the Company or any Subsidiary is or may become bound to issue additional shares of Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(h)</u>, the issuance and sale of the Securities will not obligate the Company to issue shares of Common Stock or other securities to any Person (other than the Purchaser) and will not result in a right of any holder of Company securities to adjust the exercise, conversion, exchange or reset price under any of such securities. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, have been issued in material compliance with all federal and state securities laws, and none of such outstanding shares was issued in violation of any preemptive rights or similar rights to subscribe for or purchase securities. No further approval or authorization of any stockholder, the Board of Directors or others is required for the issuance and sale of the Securities. There are no stockholders agreements, voting agreements or other similar agreements with respect to the Company's capital stock to which the Company is a party or, to the Knowledge of the Company, between or among any of the Company's stockholders.

(i) <u>Private Placements</u>. Assuming the accuracy of the Purchaser's representations and warranties set forth in Section 3.2, no registration under the Securities Act is required for the offer and sale of the Securities by the Company to the Purchaser as contemplated hereby.

(j) <u>Investment Company</u>. The Company is not, and is not an affiliate of, and immediately after receipt of payment for the Preferred Shares will neither be nor be an affiliate of, an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Company shall conduct its business in a manner so that it will not become subject to the Investment Company Act.

(k) Listing and Maintenance Requirements; Principal Market Regulation.

(i) The Common Stock is registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, and the Company has taken no action designed to, or which to its Knowledge is likely to have the effect of, terminating the registration of the Common Stock under the Exchange Act nor has the Company received any notification that the Commission is contemplating terminating such registration. Except as disclosed in the SEC Reports, the Company has not, in the twelve (12) months preceding the date hereof, received notice from any Principal Market on which the Common Stock is or has been listed or quoted to the effect that the Company is not in compliance with the listing or maintenance requirements of such Principal Market. Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.1(k)</u>, the Company is, and has no reason to believe that it will not in the foreseeable future continue to be, in compliance with all such listing and maintenance requirements.

The Company shall not issue or sell any shares of Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents pursuant to this Agreement (ii) and the other Transaction Documents to the extent that after giving effect thereto, the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that would be issued pursuant to this Agreement and such Transaction Documents would exceed the Exchange Cap, unless and until the Company obtains Stockholder Approval of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and such Transaction Documents and the stockholders of the Company as well as, subsequently, the Principal Market have in fact approved the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and such Transaction Documents in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the applicable Principal Market, and the Certificate of Incorporation and bylaws of the Company. The Company agrees to submit the application to the Principal Market to obtain Exchange Approval within three (3) days of the Closing Date. The Company shall file a preliminary proxy statement on Schedule 14A (the "PRE 14A") with the Commission no later than fifteen (15) days following the initial Closing Date for a special meeting of its stockholders (or its annual meeting of its stockholders) in order to obtain all necessary approvals of the sale and issuance of the remaining Conversion Shares not subject to the Exchange Cap and the Warrant Shares (it being acknowledged and agreed that the Preferred Shares shall be issued immediately upon receipt of Exchange Approval therefor) consistent with the rules and regulations of the Principal Market, including but not limited to Section 713(a) and (b) of the NYSE American LLC Company Guide. In addition, the PRE 14A shall include the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Directors that such proposal be approved, and the Company shall solicit proxies from its stockholders in connection therewith in the same manner as all other management proposals in such proxy statement and all management-appointed proxyholders shall vote their proxies in favor of such proposal including, if requested by the Purchaser, the retention and utilization of a nationally known proxy solicitation firm. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to: (i) promptly clear any comments received by the Commission on the PRE 14A and thereafter file a definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A related to the meeting of its stockholders, and (ii) obtain such Stockholder Approval. If the Company does not obtain Stockholder Approval at the first such meeting, and in any event within 75 days of the Closing Date, the Company shall call a meeting every two (2) months thereafter to seek Stockholder Approval until the earlier of the date on which Stockholder Approval is obtained or the Securities are no longer outstanding. In the event that the Company has not been able to clear comments with the Commission on the PRE 14A within 60 days of the Closing Date, unless waived by the Purchaser (a "Proxy Failure"), the Company will provide prompt written notification to the Purchaser regarding the status of the comments with the Commission and the parties will, in good faith, attempt to achieve a mutually satisfactory plan to address such comments, and the Company shall make Proxy Failure Payments until it has cleared such comments. In the event of a Proxy Failure, in addition to the Purchaser's other available remedies, the Company shall pay to the Purchaser, in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, by reason of any such delay, an amount in cash equal to one percent (1.0%) of the Subscription Amount of the Purchaser's Securities held by the Purchaser on the day of a Proxy Failure and on every thirtieth (30th) day (pro-rated for periods totaling less than thirty (30) days) thereafter until the date such Proxy Failure is cured by the clearing Commission comments. The payments to which the Purchaser shall be entitled pursuant to this Section 3.1(k)(ii) are referred to herein as "Proxy Failure Payments." Proxy Failure Payments shall be paid on the earlier of (i) the last day of the calendar month during which such Proxy Failure Payments are incurred and (ii) the third (3rd) Business Day after the event or failure giving rise to the Proxy Failure Payments is cured. In the event the Company fails to make Proxy Failure Payments in a timely manner, such Proxy Failure Payments shall bear interest at the rate of 1.5% per month (pro-rated for partial months) until paid in full.



(1) <u>Shell Company Status</u>. The Company is not and has not been a "shell company," as such term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act, since January 1, 2021.

(m) Litigation. There is no action, suit, inquiry, notice of violation, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company, any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties except as set forth in <u>Schedule 3.1(m)</u>, or against or affecting the Company's current or former officers or directors in their capacity as such, before or by any court, arbitrator, governmental or administrative agency or regulatory authority (federal, state, county, local or foreign) (collectively, an "Action") which (i) adversely affects or challenges the legality, validity or enforceability of any of the Transaction Documents or the Securities or (ii) could, if there were an unfavorable decision, have or reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary, nor any director or officer thereof, is or has been the subject of any Action involving a claim of violation of or liability under federal or state securities laws or a claim of breach of fiduciary duty. There has not been, and to the Knowledge of the Company that is likely to lead to action that can reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or or officer of the Company, there is not pending or contemplated, any investigation by the Commission involving the Company or any current or former director or officer of the Company, there is not pending or contemplated, any investigation by the Commission involving the Company or any current or former director or officer of the Company. The Commission has not issued any stop order or other order suspending the effectiveness of any registration statement filed by the Company or any Subsidiary under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act.

(n) <u>Employee Relations</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any collective bargaining agreement or employs any member of a union. The Company believes that its and its Subsidiaries' relations with their respective employees are good. The Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with all federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations respecting labor, employment and employment practices and benefits, terms and conditions of employment and wages and hours, except as disclosed in <u>Schedule 3.1(n)</u> or where failure to be in compliance would not, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. "Material Adverse Effect" means any material adverse effect on (i) the business, properties, assets, liabilities, operations (including results thereof), condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of the Company or any Subsidiary, taken as a whole, (ii) the transactions contemplated hereby or in any of the other Transaction Documents or (iii) the authority or ability of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to perform any of their respective obligations under any of the Transaction Documents.

(o) <u>Tax Status</u>. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries (i) has timely made or filed all foreign, federal and state income and all other tax returns, reports and declarations required by any jurisdiction to which it is subject, (ii) has timely paid all taxes and other governmental assessments and charges that are material in amount, shown or determined to be due on such returns, reports and declarations, except those being contested in good faith and (iii) has set aside on its books provision reasonably adequate for the payment of all taxes for periods subsequent to the periods to which such returns, reports or declarations apply. There are no unpaid taxes in any material amount claimed to be due by the taxing authority of any jurisdiction, and the officers of the Company and its Subsidiaries know of no basis for any such claim. The Company is not operated in such a manner as to qualify as a passive foreign investment company, as defined in Section 1297 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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(p) <u>SEC Reports; Financial Statements</u>. The Company has filed all reports, schedules, forms, statements and other documents required to be filed by the Company under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, including pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) thereof, for the two (2) years preceding the date hereof (the foregoing materials, including the exhibits thereto and documents incorporated by reference therein, being collectively referred to herein as the "SEC Reports"). Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.1(p)</u>, as of their respective dates, the SEC Reports complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as applicable, and none of the SEC Reports, when filed, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The financial statements of the Company included in the SEC Reports comply in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the rules and regulations of the Commission with respect thereto as in effect at the time of filing. Such financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved ("GAAP"), except as may be otherwise specified in such financial statements or the notes thereto and except that unaudited financial statements may not contain all footnotes required by GAAP, and fairly present in all material respects the financial statements, to normal, immaterial, year-end audit adjustments.

(q) Indebtedness and Other Contracts. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.1(q), neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) has any outstanding Indebtedness (as defined below), (ii) is a party to any contract, agreement or instrument, the violation of which, or default under which, by the other party(ies) to such contract, agreement or instrument could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (iii) is in violation of any term of, or in default under, any contract, agreement or instrument relating to any Indebtedness, except where such violations and defaults would not result, individually or in the aggregate, in a Material Adverse Effect, or (iv) is a party to any contract, agreement or instrument relating to any Indebtedness, the performance of which, in the judgment of the Company's officers, has or is expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this Agreement: (x) "Indebtedness" of any Person means, without duplication (A) all indebtedness for borrowed money, (B) all obligations issued, undertaken or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services (including, without limitation, "capital leases" in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) (other than trade payables entered into in the ordinary course of business), (C) all reimbursement or payment obligations with respect to letters of credit, surety bonds and other similar instruments, (D) all obligations evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures or similar instruments, including obligations so evidenced incurred in connection with the acquisition of property, assets or businesses, (E) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, or incurred as financing, in either case with respect to any property or assets acquired with the proceeds of such indebtedness (even though the rights and remedies of the seller or bank under such agreement in the event of default are limited to repossession or sale of such property), (F) all monetary obligations under any leasing or similar arrangement which, in connection with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied for the periods covered thereby, is classified as a capital lease, (G) all indebtedness referred to in clauses (A) through (F) above secured by (or for which the holder of such indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any mortgage, claim, lien, tax, right of first refusal, pledge, charge, security interest or other encumbrance upon or in any property or assets (including accounts and contract rights) owned by any Person, even though the Person which owns such assets or property has not assumed or become liable for the payment of such indebtedness, and (H) all Contingent Obligations in respect of indebtedness or obligations of others of the kinds referred to in clauses (A) through (G) above.

(r) <u>No Undisclosed Events, Liabilities, Developments or Circumstances</u>. Since January 1, 2021, except as set forth in the SEC Reports: (i) there has been no event, occurrence or development that has had or that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) the Company has not incurred any material liabilities (contingent or otherwise) other than (A) trade payables and accrued expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and (B) liabilities not required to be reflected in the Company's financial statements pursuant to GAAP or disclosed in the SEC Reports, (iii) the Company has not altered its method of accounting, (iv) the Company has not declared or made any dividend or distribution of cash or other property to its stockholders or purchased, redeemed or made any agreements to purchase or redeem any shares of its capital stock and (v) except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(r)</u>, the Company has not issued any equity securities to any officer, director or Affiliate. The Company does not have pending before the Commission any request for confidential treatment of information. Except for the issuance of the Securities contemplated by this Agreement or as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(r)</u>, no event, liability, fact, circumstance, occurrence or development has occurred or exists or is reasonably expected to occur or exist with respect to the Company or its Subsidiaries or their respective businesses, properties, operations, assets or financial condition, that would be required to be disclosed by the Company under applicable securities laws at the time this representation is made or deemed made that has not been publicly disclosed at least two Trading Days prior to the date that this representation is made.

(s) <u>No Additional Agreements</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has any agreement or understanding with the Purchaser with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents other than pursuant to documents substantially identical to the Transaction Documents.

(t) <u>No Disqualification Events</u>. None of the Company, any of its predecessors, any affiliated issuer, any director, executive officer, other officer of the Company participating in the Transaction contemplated hereby, any beneficial owner of 20% or more of the Company's outstanding voting equity securities, calculated on the basis of voting power, nor any promoter (as that term is defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) connected with the Company in any capacity at the time of sale (each, an "Issuer Covered Person") is subject to any of the "Bad Actor" disqualifications described in Rule 506(d)(1)(i) to (viii) under the Securities Act (a "Disqualification Event"), except for a Disqualification Event covered by Rule 506(d)(2) or (d)(3). The Company has exercised reasonable care to determine whether any Issuer Covered Person is subject to a Disqualification Event.

(u) <u>General Solicitation</u>. None of the Company, any of its Affiliates or any person acting on behalf of the Company or such Affiliate will solicit any offer to buy or offer or sell the Securities by means of any form of general solicitation or general advertising within the meaning of Regulation D, including: (i) any advertisement, article, notice or other communication published in any newspaper, magazine or similar medium or broadcast over television or radio; and (ii) any seminar or meeting whose attendees have been invited by any general solicitation or general advertising.

(v) <u>Compliance</u>. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary: (i) is in default under or in violation of (and no event has occurred that has not been waived that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would result in a default by the Company or any Subsidiary under), nor has the Company or any Subsidiary received notice of a claim that it is in default under or that it is in violation of, any indenture, loan or credit agreement or any other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties is bound (whether or not such default or violation has been waived), (ii) is in violation of any judgment, decree or order of any court, arbitrator or other governmental authority or (iii) is or has been in violation of any statute, rule, ordinance or regulation of any governmental authority, including without limitation all foreign, federal, state and local laws relating to taxes, environmental protection, occupational health and safety, product quality and safety and employment and labor matters, except in each case as could not have or reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(w) <u>Regulatory Permits</u>. The Company and the Subsidiaries possess all certificates, authorizations and permits issued by the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign regulatory authorities necessary to conduct their respective businesses as described in the SEC Reports, except where the failure to possess such permits could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect ("**Material Permits**"), and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Material Permit.

(x) <u>Title to Assets</u>. The Company and the Subsidiaries have good and marketable title in fee simple to all real property (if any) owned by them and good and marketable title in all personal property owned by them that is material to the business of the Company and the Subsidiaries, in each case free and clear of all Liens, except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(x)</u> and except for (i) Liens as do not materially affect the value of such property and do not materially interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and the Subsidiaries and (ii) Liens for the payment of federal, state or other taxes, for which appropriate reserves have been made in accordance with GAAP and the payment of which is neither delinquent nor subject to penalties. Any real property and facilities held under lease by the Company and the Subsidiaries is held by them under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases with which the Company and the Subsidiaries are in compliance, or where the failure of a lease to be enforceable would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

- (y) <u>Intellectual Property</u>.
 - (i) The term "Intellectual Property Rights" includes:

(A) the name of the Company and each Subsidiary, all fictional business names, trading names, registered and unregistered trademarks, service marks, and applications of the Company and each Subsidiary (collectively, "**Marks**");

(B) all patents, patent applications, and inventions and discoveries that may be patentable of the Company and each Subsidiary (collectively, "**Patents**");

(C) all copyrights in both unpublished works and published works of the Company and each Subsidiary (collectively, "Copyrights");

(D) all rights in mask works of the Company and each Subsidiary (collectively, "Rights in Mask Works"); and



(E) all know-how, trade secrets, confidential information, customer lists, software, technical information, data, process technology, plans, drawings, and blue prints (collectively, "**Trade Secrets**"); owned, used, or licensed by the Company and each Subsidiary as licensee or licensor.

(ii) <u>Agreements</u>. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(y)</u>, there are no outstanding and, to the Company's Knowledge, no threatened disputes or disagreements with respect to any agreements relating to any Intellectual Property Rights to which the Company is a party or by which the Company is bound.

(iii) <u>Know-How Necessary for the Business</u>. The Intellectual Property Rights are all those necessary for the operation of the Company's businesses as it is currently conducted. The Company is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to each of the Intellectual Property Rights, except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(y)</u>, free and clear of all liens, security interests, charges, encumbrances, equities, and other adverse claims, and has the right to use all of the Intellectual Property Rights. To the Company's Knowledge, no employee of the Company has entered into any contract that restricts or limits in any way the scope or type of work in which the employee may be engaged or requires the employee to transfer, assign, or disclose information concerning his work to anyone other than of the Company.

(iv) <u>Patents</u>. The Company is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to each of the Patents, free and clear of all Liens and other adverse claims. All of the issued Patents are currently in compliance with formal legal requirements (including payment of filing, examination, and maintenance fees and proofs of working or use), are valid and enforceable, and are not subject to any maintenance fees or taxes or actions falling due within ninety days after the Closing Date. No Patent has been or is now involved in any interference, reissue, reexamination, or opposition proceeding. To the Company's Knowledge except as set forth in <u>Schedule 3.1(y)</u>: (1) there is no potentially interfering patent or patent application of any third party, and (2) no Patent is infringed or has been challenged or threatened in any way. To the Company's Knowledge, none of the products manufactured and sold, nor any process or know-how used, by the Company infringes or is alleged to infringe any patent or other proprietary right of any other Person.

(v) <u>Trademarks</u>. The Company is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to each of the Marks, free and clear of all Liens and other adverse claims. All Marks that have been registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office are currently in compliance with all formal legal requirements (including the timely post-registration filing of affidavits of use and incontestability and renewal applications), are valid and enforceable, and except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(y)</u> are not subject to any maintenance fees or taxes or actions falling due within ninety days after the Closing Date. Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 3.1(y)</u>, no Mark has been or is now involved in any opposition, invalidation, or cancellation and, to the Company's Knowledge, no such action is threatened with respect to any of the Marks. To the Company's Knowledge: (1) there is no potentially interfering trademark or trademark application of any third party, and (2) no Mark is infringed or has been challenged or threatened in any way. To the Company's Knowledge, none of the Marks used by the Company infringes or is alleged to infringe any trade name, trademark, or service mark of any third party.

(vi) <u>Copyrights</u>. The Company is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to each of the Copyrights, free and clear of all Liens and other adverse claims. All the Copyrights have been registered and are currently in compliance with formal requirements, are valid and enforceable, and are not subject to any maintenance fees or taxes or actions falling due within ninety days after the date of the Closing. To the Company's Knowledge, no Copyright is infringed or has been challenged or threatened in any way. To the Company's Knowledge, none of the subject matter of any of the Copyrights infringes or is alleged to infringe any copyright of any third party or is a derivative work based on the work of a third party. All works encompassed by the Copyrights have been marked with the proper copyright notice.

(vii) <u>Trade Secrets</u>. With respect to each Trade Secret, the documentation relating to such Trade Secret is current, accurate, and sufficient in detail and content to identify and explain it and to allow its full and proper use without reliance on the Knowledge or memory of any individual. The Company has taken all reasonable precautions to protect the secrecy, confidentiality, and value of its Trade Secrets. The Company has good title and an absolute and exclusive right to use the Trade Secrets. The Trade Secrets are not part of the public knowledge or literature, and, to the Company's Knowledge, have not been used, divulged, or appropriated either for the benefit of any Person (other the Company) or to the detriment of the Company, except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.1(y)</u>. No Trade Secret is subject to any adverse claim or has been challenged or threatened in any way.

(z) <u>Stock Option Plans</u>. Each stock option granted by the Company under the stock option plan was granted (i) in accordance with the terms of such stock option plan and (ii) with an exercise price at least equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date such stock option would be considered granted under GAAP and applicable law. No stock option granted under any stock option plan has been backdated. The Company has not knowingly granted, and there is no and has been no Company policy or practice to knowingly grant, stock options prior to, or otherwise knowingly coordinate the grant of stock options with, the release or other public announcement of material information regarding the Company or its Subsidiaries or their financial results or prospects.

(aa) <u>Office of Foreign Assets Control</u>. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary nor, to the Company's Knowledge, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department ("**OFAC**").

(bb) <u>Money Laundering.</u> The operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance in all material respects with applicable financial record-keeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, applicable money laundering statutes and applicable rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "**Money Laundering Laws**"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any Subsidiary with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company or any Subsidiary, threatened.

(cc) <u>RESERVED</u>.

(dd) <u>Acknowledgment Regarding Purchaser's Purchase of Securities</u>. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Purchaser is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length purchaser with respect to the Transaction Documents and the transactions contemplated thereby. The Company further represents to the Purchaser that the Company's decision to enter into this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents has been based solely on the independent evaluation of the transactions contemplated hereby by the Company and its representatives.

(ee) <u>No Integrated Transaction</u>. Assuming the accuracy of the Purchaser's representations and warranties set forth in Section 3.2, neither the Company, nor any of its Affiliates, nor any Person acting on its or their behalf has, directly or indirectly, made any offers or sales of any security or solicited any offers to buy any security, under circumstances that would cause this offering of the Securities to be integrated with prior offerings by the Company for purposes of: (i) the Securities Act which would require the registration of any such securities under the Securities Act, or (ii) any applicable stockholder approval provisions of the Principal Market on which any of the securities of the Company are listed or designated.

(ff) <u>Application of Takeover Protections</u>. The Company and the Board of Directors will, no later than five (5) Business Days prior to the Closing Date, have taken all necessary action, if any, in order to render inapplicable any control share acquisition, business combination, poison pill (including any distribution under a rights agreement) or other similar anti-takeover provision under the Company's Certificate of Incorporation (or similar charter documents) or the laws of its state of incorporation that is or could become applicable to the Purchaser as a result of the Purchaser and the Company fulfilling their obligations or exercising their rights under the Transaction Documents, including without limitation as a result of the Company's issuance of the Securities and the Purchaser's ownership of the Securities.

(gg) <u>Registration Rights</u>. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(gg)</u>, no Person has any right to cause the Company or any Subsidiary to effect the registration under the Securities Act of any securities of the Company or any Subsidiary.

(hh) <u>Certain Fees</u>. Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.1(hh)</u>, no brokerage, finder's fees, commissions or due diligence fees are or will be payable by the Company or any Subsidiary to any broker, financial advisor or consultant, finder, placement agent, investment banker, bank or other Person with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents. The Purchaser shall have no obligation with respect to any claims made by or on behalf of other Persons for fees of a type contemplated in this Section 3.1(hh) that may be due in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

(ii) <u>Sarbanes-Oxley; Internal Accounting Controls</u>. The Company and the Subsidiaries are in material compliance with any and all applicable requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that are effective as of the date hereof, and any and all applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission thereunder that are effective as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date. The Company and the Subsidiaries maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that, except as set forth in the SEC Reports: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain asset accountability, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The Company and the Subsidiaries have established disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the Company and the Subsidiaries and designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.



(jj) <u>Transactions With Affiliates and Employees</u>. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(jj)</u>, none of the officers or directors of the Company or any Subsidiary and, to the Knowledge of the Company, none of the employees of the Company or any Subsidiary is presently a party to any transaction with the Company or any Subsidiary (other than for services as employees, officers and directors), including any contract, agreement or other arrangement providing for the furnishing of services to or by, providing for rental of real or personal property to or from, providing for the borrowing of money from or lending of money to or otherwise requiring payments to or from any officer, director or such employee or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any entity in which any officer, director, or any such employee has a substantial interest or is an officer, director, trustee, stockholder, member or partner, in each case in excess of \$100,000 other than for: (i) payment of salary or consulting fees for services rendered, (ii) reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Company and (iii) other employee benefits, including stock option agreements under any stock option plan of the Company except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.1(jj)</u>.

(kk) <u>Insurance</u>. The Company and the Subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which the Company and the Subsidiaries are engaged, including, but not limited to, directors and officers insurance coverage at least equal to the Subscription Amount, except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(kk)</u>. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business without a significant increase in cost.

(ll) <u>Disclosure</u>. All of the disclosure furnished by or on behalf of the Company to the Purchaser regarding the Company and its Subsidiaries, their respective businesses and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Disclosure Schedules to this Agreement, when taken together as a whole, is true and correct and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The press releases disseminated by the Company during the twelve months preceding the date of this Agreement taken as a whole do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made and when made, not misleading. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Purchaser neither makes nor has made any representations or warranties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby other than those specifically set forth herein.

(mm) Solvency. Based on the consolidated financial condition of the Company as of the Closing Date, and the Company's good faith estimate of the fair market value of its assets, after giving effect to the receipt by the Company of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities hereunder: (i) the fair saleable value of the Company's assets exceeds the amount that will be required to be paid on or in respect of the Company's existing debts and other liabilities (including known contingent liabilities) as they mature, (ii) the Company's assets do not constitute unreasonably small capital to carry on its business as now conducted and as proposed to be conducted including its capital needs taking into account the particular capital requirements of the business conducted by the Company, consolidated and projected capital requirements and capital availability thereof, and (iii) the current cash flow of the Company, together with the proceeds the Company would receive, were it to liquidate all of its assets, after taking into account all anticipated uses of the cash, would be sufficient to pay all amounts on or in respect of its liabilities when such amounts are required to be paid. The Company does not intend to incur debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature (taking into account the timing and amounts of cash to be payable on or in respect of its debt). The Company has no Knowledge of any facts or circumstances which lead it to believe that it will file for reorganization or liquidation under the bankruptcy or reorganization laws of any jurisdiction within one year from the Closing Date. <u>Schedule 3.1(mm)</u> sets forth as of the date hereof all outstanding liens and secured and unsecured Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary is in default with respect to any Indebtedness.

(nn) <u>Foreign Corrupt Practices</u>. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary, nor to the Knowledge of the Company or any Subsidiary, any agent or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary, has: (i) directly or indirectly, used any funds for unlawful contributions, gifts, entertainment or other unlawful expenses related to foreign or domestic political activity, (ii) made any unlawful payment to foreign or domestic government officials or employees or to any foreign or domestic political parties or campaigns from corporate funds, (iii) failed to disclose fully any contribution made by the Company or any Subsidiary (or made by any person acting on its behalf of which the Company is aware) which is in violation of law or (iv) violated in any material respect any provision of FCPA.

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(oo) <u>Bank Holding Company Act</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is subject to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "**BHCA**") and to regulation by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "**Federal Reserve**"). Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates owns or controls, directly or indirectly, five percent (5%) or more of the outstanding shares of any class of voting securities or twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the total equity of a bank or any entity that is subject to the BHCA and to regulation by the Federal Reserve. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates exercises a controlling influence over the management or policies of a bank or any entity that is subject to the BHCA and to regulation by the Federal Reserve.

(pp) <u>Reserved</u>.

(qq) <u>Accountants and Lawyers</u>. The Company's independent registered public accounting firm is set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(qq)</u>. To the Knowledge and belief of the Company, such accounting firm: (i) is an independent registered public accounting firm and (ii) has expressed its opinion with respect to the financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. There are no disagreements of any kind presently existing, or reasonably anticipated by the Company to arise, between the Company and the accountants and lawyers formerly or presently employed by the Company and the Company is current with respect to any fees owed to its accountants and lawyers which could affect the Company's ability to perform any of its obligations under any of the Transaction Documents.

(pp) <u>Material Agreements</u>. Except for the Transaction Documents (with respect to clause (i) only) or as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(pp)</u> hereto, or as would not be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect, (i) the Company and each of its Subsidiaries have performed all obligations required to be performed by them to date under any Material Agreement, (ii) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice of default under any Material Agreement and, (iii) to the best of the Company's Knowledge, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in default under any Material Agreement now in effect.

(qq) <u>Promotional Stock Activities</u>. Neither the Company, its officers, its directors, nor any Affiliates or agents of the Company have engaged in any stock promotional activity that could give rise to a complaint, inquiry, or trading suspension by the Commission alleging (i) a violation of the anti-fraud provisions of the federal securities laws, (ii) violations of the anti-touting provisions, (iii) improper "gun-jumping; or (iv) promotion without proper disclosure of compensation.

(rr) No "Off-balance Sheet Arrangements." Other than as set forth in <u>Schedule 3.1(rr</u>), neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates is involved in any "Off-balance Sheet Arrangements". For purposes hereof an "Off-balance Sheet Arrangement" means any transaction or contract to which an entity unconsolidated with the Company or any of its Affiliates is a party and under which either the Company or any such Affiliate has: (i) any obligation under a guarantee contract pursuant to which the Company or any of its Affiliates could be required to make payments to the guaranteed party, including any standby letter of credit, market value guarantee, performance guarantee, indemnification agreement, keep-well or other support agreement; (ii) any retained or contingent interest in assets transferred to such unconsolidated entity that serves as credit, liquidity or market risk support to the entity in respect of such assets; (iii) any variable interest held in such unconsolidated entity where such entity provides financing, liquidity, market risk or credit risk support to, or engages in leasing, hedging or research and development services with the Company of any of its Affiliates; and (iv) any liability or obligation of the same nature as those described in clauses (i) through (iii) of this sentence even if of a different name (whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise) that would not be required to be reflected in the Company or any of its Affiliates' financial statements.

(ss) <u>Transfer Taxes</u>. On each date the Company issues Securities to the Purchaser, all share transfer or other taxes (other than income or similar taxes) which are required to be paid in connection with the issuance of the Securities hereunder on such date will be, or will have been, fully paid or provided for by the Company, and all laws imposing such taxes will be or will have been complied with.

Cybersecurity. The Company and its Subsidiaries' information technology assets and equipment, computers, systems, networks, (tt) hardware, software, websites, applications, and databases (collectively, "IT Systems") are adequate for, and operate and perform in all material respects as required in connection with the operation of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries as currently conducted, free and clear of all material bugs, errors, defects, Trojan horses, time bombs, malware and other corruptants. The Company and its Subsidiaries have implemented and maintained commercially reasonable physical, technical and administrative controls, policies, procedures, and safeguards to maintain and protect their material confidential information and the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of all IT Systems and data, including "Personal Data," used in connection with their businesses. "Personal Data" means (i) a natural person's name, street address, telephone number, e-mail address, photograph, social security number or tax identification number, driver's license number, passport number, credit card number, bank information, or customer or account number; (ii) any information which would qualify as "personally identifying information" under the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended; (iii) any information which would qualify as "protected health information" under HIPAA; and (iv) any other piece of information that allows the identification of such natural person, or his or her family, or permits the collection or analysis of any data related to an identified person's health or sexual orientation. There have been no breaches, violations, outages or unauthorized uses of or accesses to same, except for those that have been remedied without material cost or liability or the duty to notify any other person, nor any incidents under internal review or investigations relating to the same. The Company and its Subsidiaries are presently in material compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Personal Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Personal Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification.

(uu) <u>Compliance with Data Privacy Laws</u>. To the Knowledge of the Company, the Company and its Subsidiaries are, and at all prior times were, in material compliance with all applicable state and federal data privacy and security laws and regulations (collectively, the "**Privacy Laws**"). To ensure compliance with the Privacy Laws, the Company and its Subsidiaries have in place, comply with, and take appropriate steps reasonably designed to ensure compliance in all material respects with their policies and procedures relating to data privacy and security and the collection, storage, use, disclosure, handling, and analysis of Personal Data (the "**Policies**"), if applicable. To the Company's Knowledge, the Company and its Subsidiaries have at all times made all disclosures to users or customers required by applicable laws and regulatory rules or requirements in all material respects, and none of such disclosures made or contained in any Policy have, to the Knowledge of the Company, been inaccurate or in violation of any applicable laws and regulatory rules or requirements in any material respect. The Company further certifies that neither it nor any Subsidiary: (i) has received notice of any actual or potential liability under or relating to, or actual or potential violation of, any of the Privacy Laws, and has no Knowledge of any event or condition that would reasonably be expected to result in any such notice to the extent that it would result in a Material Adverse Effect; (ii) is currently conducting or paying for, in whole or in part, any investigation, remediation, or other corrective action pursuant to any Privacy Law; or (iii) is a party to any order, decree, or agreement that imposes any obligation or liability under any Privacy Law.

(vv) COVID-19; COVID-19 Measures.

(i) the Company is not subject to (or has received an exclusion from the applicable Governmental Entity) COVID-19 Measures, such that the Company may not continue to operate in the ordinary course of business as of the Effective Date and the reasonably foreseeable future.

(ii) <u>Schedule 3.1(vv)</u> sets forth a list of each loan or other financial grant for which the Company has applied or which it has received pursuant to any COVID-19 Measure, including any "Paycheck Protection Program" loan, "Economic Stabilization Fund" loan, or other SBA loan.

(iii) the Company has in place and maintains in effect business continuity, risk management, emergency and disaster plans, procedures, protocols and facilities appropriate for the nature of the risks associated with the business of the Company.

(iv) the Company has taken reasonable actions to (i) reduce the potentially adverse effects of COVID-19 and COVID-19 Measures on the Company, and (ii) assess and monitor risks which may arise from the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(v) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(vv</u>), as of the date hereof, the Company has not had, nor to the Knowledge of the Company are there any facts that would give rise to, any workforce changes resulting from disruptions due to COVID-19 or COVID-19 Measures, whether directly or indirectly, including any actual or expected terminations, layoffs, furlough, shutdowns (whether voluntary or by Order), or any changes to benefit or compensation programs, nor are any such changes currently contemplated.

(vi) The Company has no Knowledge that any of the Company's personnel has any plans to terminate his, her or its status as an employee or independent contractor of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, including upon or in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or as a result of COVID-19 or COVID-19 Measures.

(xx) <u>Reporting Requirements</u>. The Company is subject to and in compliance in all material respects with the reporting requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d), as applicable, of the Exchange Act.

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(yy) <u>Full Disclosure</u>. No representation or warranty by the Company in this Agreement and no statement contained in the Disclosure Schedules to this Agreement or any certificate or other document furnished or to be furnished to the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement contains any untrue statement of a material fact, or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances in which they are made, not misleading.

(zz) <u>Survival</u>. The foregoing representations and warranties shall not survive the Closing Date.

3.2 Representations and Warranties of the Purchaser. The Purchaser hereby represents and warrants to the Company that the following representations and warranties are true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date:

(a) The Purchaser has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement, the execution and delivery of which has been duly authorized, if applicable, and this Agreement constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Purchaser, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium and similar laws of general application relating to or affecting the enforcement of rights of creditors, and except as enforceability of the obligations hereunder are subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or law).

(b) The Purchaser acknowledges its understanding that the Transaction and sale of the Securities is intended to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act, by virtue of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. In furtherance thereof, the Purchaser represents and warrants to the Company as follows:

(i) The Purchaser realizes that the basis for the exemption from registration may not be available if, notwithstanding the Purchaser's representations contained herein, the Purchaser is merely acquiring the Securities for a fixed or determinable period in the future, or for a market rise, or for sale if the market does not rise. The Purchaser does not have any such intention.

(ii) The Purchaser realizes that the basis for exemption would not be available if the Transaction is part of a plan or scheme to evade registration provisions of the Securities Act or any applicable state or federal securities laws, except sales pursuant to a registration statement or sales that are exempted under the Securities Act.

(iii) The Purchaser is acquiring the Securities solely for the Purchaser's own beneficial account, for investment purposes, and not with a view towards, or resale in connection with, any distribution of the Securities.

(iv) The Purchaser has the financial ability to bear the economic risk of the Purchaser's investment, has adequate means for providing for its current needs and contingencies, and has no need for liquidity with respect to an investment in the Company.

(v) The Purchaser and the Purchaser's attorney, accountant, purchaser representative and/or tax advisor, if any (collectively, the "Advisors") has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of a prospective investment in the Securities. The Purchaser has not been organized solely for the purpose of acquiring the Securities.

(vi) The Purchaser (together with its Advisors, if any) has received all documents requested by the Purchaser, if any, and has carefully reviewed them and understands the information contained therein, prior to the execution of this Agreement.

(c) The Purchaser is not relying on the Company or any of its employees, agents, sub-agents or advisors with respect to the legal, tax, economic and related considerations involved in this investment. The Purchaser has relied on the advice of, or has consulted with, only its Advisors.

(d) The Purchaser has carefully considered the potential risks relating to the Company and a purchase of the Securities, and fully understands that the Securities are a speculative investment that involves a high degree of risk of loss of the Purchaser's entire investment.

(e) The Purchaser will not sell or otherwise transfer any Securities without registration under the Securities Act or an exemption therefrom, and fully understands and agrees that the Purchaser must bear the economic risk of its purchase because, among other reasons, the Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act or under the securities laws of any state and, therefore, cannot be resold, pledged, assigned or otherwise disposed of unless they are subsequently registered under the Securities Act and under the applicable securities laws of such states, or an exemption from such registration is available. In particular, the Purchaser is aware that the Securities are "restricted securities," as such term is defined in Rule 144, and may not be sold pursuant to Rule 144 unless all of the conditions of Rule 144 are met. The Purchaser understands that any sales or transfers of the Securities are further restricted by state securities laws and the provisions of this Agreement.

(f) No oral or written representations or warranties have been made, or information furnished, to the Purchaser or its Advisors, if any, by the Company or any of its officers, employees, agents, sub-agents, affiliates, advisors or subsidiaries in connection with the Transaction, other than any representations of the Company contained herein, and in subscribing for the Securities, the Purchaser is not relying upon any representations other than those contained herein.

(g) The Purchaser's overall commitment to investments that are not readily marketable is not disproportionate to the Purchaser's net worth, and an investment in the Securities will not cause such overall commitment to become excessive.

(h) The Purchaser understands and agrees that the certificates for the Securities shall bear substantially the following legend:

"NEITHER THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE NOR THE SECURITIES INTO WHICH THESE SECURITIES ARE CONVERTIBLE OR EXERCISABLE HAVE BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS. THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED (I) IN THE ABSENCE OF (A) AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR THE SECURITIES UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR (B) AN OPINION OF COUNSEL TO THE HOLDER (IF REQUESTED BY THE COMPANY), IN A FORM REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMPANY, THAT REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER SAID ACT OR (II) UNLESS SOLD OR ELIGIBLE TO BE SOLD PURSUANT TO RULE 144 OR RULE 144A UNDER SAID ACT. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, THE SECURITIES MAY BE PLEDGED IN CONNECTION WITH A BONA FIDE MARGIN ACCOUNT OR OTHER LOAN OR FINANCING ARRANGEMENT SECURED BY THE SECURITIES."

Certificates evidencing Securities shall not be required to contain the legend set forth in Section 3.2 (h) above or any other legend (i) while a (i) registration statement covering the resale of such Securities is effective under the Securities Act, (ii) following any sale of such Securities pursuant to Rule 144 (assuming the transferor is not an affiliate of the Company), (iii) if such Securities are eligible to be sold, assigned or transferred under Rule 144 (provided that the Purchaser provides the Company with reasonable assurances that such Securities are eligible for sale, assignment or transfer under Rule 144 which shall not include an opinion of the Purchaser's counsel), (iv) in connection with a sale, assignment or other transfer (other than under Rule 144), provided that the Purchaser provides the Company with an opinion of counsel, in a generally acceptable form, to the effect that such sale, assignment or transfer of the Securities may be made without registration under the applicable requirements of the Securities Act or (v) if such legend is not required under applicable requirements of the Securities Act (including, without limitation, controlling judicial interpretations and pronouncements issued by the Commission). If a legend is not required pursuant to the foregoing, the Company shall no later than three (3) business days following the delivery by the Purchaser to the Company or the transfer agent (with notice to the Company) of a legended certificate representing such Securities (endorsed or with stock powers attached, signatures guaranteed, and otherwise in form necessary to affect the reissuance and/or transfer, if applicable), together with any other deliveries from the Purchaser as may be required above in this Section 3.2 (i), as directed by the Purchaser, either: (A) provided that the Company's transfer agent is participating in the DTC Fast Automated Securities Transfer Program and the Securities are Conversion Shares or Warrant Shares, credit the aggregate number of Conversion Shares or Warrant Shares to which the Purchaser shall be entitled to the Purchaser's or its designee's balance account with DTC through its Deposit and Withdrawal at Custodian system or (B) if the Company's transfer agent is not participating in the DTC Fast Automated Securities Transfer Program, issue and deliver (via reputable overnight courier) to the Purchaser, a certificate representing such Securities that is free from all restrictive and other legends, registered in the name of the Purchaser or its designee. The Company shall be responsible for any transfer agent fees, fees of legal counsel to the Company or DTC fees with respect to any issuance of Securities or the removal of any legends with respect to any Securities in accordance herewith.

(j) Neither the Commission nor any state securities commission has approved the Securities or passed upon or endorsed the merits of the Transaction. There is no government or other insurance covering any of the Securities.

(k) The Purchaser has taken no action that would give rise to any claim by any person for brokerage commissions, finders' fees or the like relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

(1) The Purchaser is not relying on the Company or any of its employees, agents, or advisors with respect to the legal, tax, economic and related considerations of an investment in the Securities, and the Purchaser has relied on the advice of, or has consulted with, only its own Advisors.

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(m) No oral or written representations have been made, or oral or written information furnished, to the Purchaser or its Advisors, if any, in connection with the Transaction that are in any way inconsistent with the information contained herein.

(n) The Purchaser, either alone or together with its representatives, has such knowledge, sophistication and experience in business and financial matters so as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the Transaction, and has so evaluated the merits and risks of such investment. The Purchaser has not authorized any person or entity to act as its Purchaser Representative (as that term is defined in Regulation D of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act) in connection with the Transaction. The Purchaser is able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Securities and, at the present time, is able to afford a complete loss of such investment.

ARTICLE IV <u>OTHER AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES</u>

4.1 Transfer Restrictions.

(a) The Securities may only be disposed of in compliance with state and federal securities laws. In connection with any transfer of Securities other than pursuant to an effective registration statement or Rule 144, to the Company or to an Affiliate of the Purchaser or in connection with a pledge as contemplated in Section 4.1(b), the Company may require the transferor thereof to provide to the Company an opinion of counsel selected by the transferor and reasonably acceptable to the Company, the form and substance of which opinion shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Company, to the effect that such transfer does not require registration of such transferred Securities under the Securities Act. As a condition of such transfer, any such transferee shall agree in writing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and the other applicable Transaction Documents and shall have the rights and obligations of the Purchaser under this Agreement.

(b) The Purchaser agrees to the imprinting, so long as is required by this Section 4.1, of a legend on the Securities in the following form:

"NEITHER THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE NOR THE SECURITIES INTO WHICH THESE SECURITIES ARE CONVERTIBLE OR EXERCISABLE HAVE BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS. THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED (I) IN THE ABSENCE OF (A) AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR THE SECURITIES UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR (B) AN OPINION OF COUNSEL TO THE HOLDER (IF REQUESTED BY THE COMPANY), IN A FORM REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMPANY, THAT REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER SAID ACT OR (II) UNLESS SOLD OR ELIGIBLE TO BE SOLD PURSUANT TO RULE 144 OR RULE 144A UNDER SAID ACT. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, THE SECURITIES MAY BE PLEDGED IN CONNECTION WITH A BONA FIDE MARGIN ACCOUNT OR OTHER LOAN OR FINANCING ARRANGEMENT SECURED BY THE SECURITIES."

The Company acknowledges and agrees that, the Purchaser may from time to time pledge pursuant to a bona fide margin agreement with a registered broker-dealer or grant a security interest in some or all of the Securities to a financial institution that is an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a) under the Securities Act and who agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Agreement and the other applicable Transaction Documents and, if required under the terms of such arrangement, the Purchaser may transfer pledged or secured Securities into the name of the pledgees or secured parties, in their respective capacities as such. Such a pledge or transfer would not be subject to approval of the Company and no legal opinion of legal counsel of the pledgee, secured party or pledgor shall be required in connection therewith. Further, no notice shall be required of such pledge. At the appropriate Purchaser's expense, the Company will execute and deliver such reasonable documentation as a pledge or secured party of Securities may reasonably request in connection with a pledge or transfer of the Securities.



(c) Certificates evidencing the Conversion Shares and Warrant Shares shall not contain any legend (including the legend set forth in Section 4.1(b) hereof): (i) while a registration statement covering the resale of any such securities are effective under the Securities Act; (ii) following any sale of such Conversion Shares or Warrant Shares pursuant to Rule 144; if such legend is not required under applicable requirements of the Securities Act (including judicial interpretations and pronouncements issued by the staff of the Commission). The Company shall upon request of the Purchaser and at the Company's sole expense cause its counsel (or at the Purchaser's option, counsel selected by the Purchaser) to issue a legal opinion reasonably satisfactory to the Company to the Transfer Agent promptly after any of the events described in (i)-(ii) in the preceding sentence if required by the Transfer Agent to effect the removal of the legend hereunder (with a copy to the applicable Purchaser and its broker). If all or any portion of any Preferred Shares or Warrant is converted or exercised, respectively, at a time when there is an effective registration statement to cover the resale of the Conversion Shares or Warrant Shares, or if such Conversion Shares or Warrant Shares may be sold under Rule 144 or if such legend is not otherwise required under applicable requirements of the Securities Act (including judicial interpretations and pronouncements issued by the staff of the Commission) then such Conversion Shares or Warrant Shares shall be issued free of all legends. The Company agrees that following such time as such legend is no longer required under this Section 4.1(c), it will, no later than 9:00 AM the next Trading Day following the delivery by a Purchaser to the Company or the Transfer Agent of a certificate representing Conversion Shares or Warrant Shares issued with a restrictive legend (such Trading Day, the "Legend Removal Date"), instruct the Transfer Agent to deliver or cause to be delivered to the Purchaser a certificate representing such shares of Common Stock that is free from all restrictive and other legends. The Company may not make any notation on its records or give instructions to the Transfer Agent that enlarge the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Section 4. Certificates for the Conversion Shares and Warrant Shares that are subject to legend removal hereunder shall be transmitted by the Transfer Agent to the Purchaser by crediting the account of the Purchaser's prime broker with the Depository Trust Company System as directed by the Purchaser.

(d) In lieu of delivering physical certificates representing the unlegended shares, upon request of the Purchaser, so long as the certificates therefor do not bear a legend and the Purchaser is not obligated to return such certificate for the placement of a legend thereon and provided it is commercially reasonable for the Company to do so, the Company shall cause its transfer agent to electronically transmit the unlegended shares by crediting the account of Purchaser's prime broker with the Depository Trust Company through its DWAC system, provided that the Company's Common Stock is DTC eligible and the Company's transfer agent participates in the Deposit Withdrawal at Custodian system and such Securities are Conversion Shares or Warrant Shares. Such delivery must be made on or before the Legend Removal Date.

(e) In the event the Purchaser shall request delivery of unlegended shares as described in this Section 4.1 and the Company is required to deliver such unlegended shares, the Company may not refuse to deliver unlegended shares based on any claim that the Purchaser or anyone associated or affiliated with the Purchaser has not complied with Purchaser's obligations under the Transaction Documents, or for any other reason, unless, an injunction or temporary restraining order from a court, on notice, restraining and or enjoining delivery of such unlegended shares shall have been sought and obtained by the Company and the Company has posted a surety bond for the benefit of the Purchaser in the amount of the greater of (i) 120% of the amount of the aggregate stated value of the Conversion Shares or the Warrant Shares which is subject to the injunction or temporary restraining order, or (ii) the VWAP of the Common Stock on the trading day before the issue date of the injunction multiplied by the number of unlegended shares to be subject to the injunction, which bond shall remain in effect until the completion of arbitration/litigation of the dispute and the proceeds of which shall be payable to the Purchaser to the extent Purchaser obtains judgment in Purchaser's favor.

4.2 Furnishing of Information; Public Information.

(a) From the Closing Date until no Purchaser holds any Securities, the Company covenants to maintain the registration of the Common Stock under Section 12(b) or 12(g) of the Exchange Act and to timely file (or obtain extensions in respect thereof and file within the applicable grace period) all reports required to be filed by the Company after the date hereof pursuant to the Exchange Act even if the Company is not then subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act.

At any time commencing on the Closing Date and ending at such time that all of the Securities may be sold without the requirement for (b) the Company to be in compliance with Rule 144(c)(1) and otherwise without restriction or limitation pursuant to Rule 144, if the Company shall fail for any reason to satisfy the current public information requirement under Rule 144(c) (a "Public Information Failure") then, in addition to the Purchaser's other available remedies, the Company shall pay to the Purchaser, in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, by reason of any such delay in or reduction of its ability to sell the Securities, an amount in cash equal to one percent (1.0%) of the Subscription Amount of the Purchaser's Securities held by the Purchaser on the day of a Public Information Failure and on every thirtieth (30th) day (pro-rated for periods totaling less than thirty days) thereafter until the earlier of (a) the date such Public Information Failure is cured and (b) such time that such public information is no longer required for the Purchaser to transfer the Conversion Shares or Warrant Shares pursuant to Rule 144. The payments to which the Purchaser shall be entitled pursuant to this Section 4.2(b) are referred to herein as "Public Information Failure Payments." Public Information Failure Payments shall be paid on the earlier of (i) the last day of the calendar month during which such Public Information Failure Payments are incurred and (ii) the third (3rd) Business Day after the event or failure giving rise to the Public Information Failure Payments is cured. In the event the Company fails to make Public Information Failure Payments in a timely manner, such Public Information Failure Payments shall bear interest at the rate of 1.5% per month (pro-rated for partial months) until paid in full. Nothing herein shall limit the Purchaser's right to pursue actual damages for the Public Information Failure, and the Purchaser shall have the right to pursue all remedies available to it at law or in equity including, without limitation, a decree of specific performance and/or injunctive relief.

4.3 Integration. The Company shall not sell, offer for sale or solicit offers to buy or otherwise negotiate in respect of any security (as defined in Section 2 of the Securities Act) that would be integrated with the offer or sale of the Securities by the Company in a manner that would require the registration under the Securities Act of the sale of the Securities or that would be integrated with the offer or sale of the Securities for purposes of the rules and regulations of any Trading Market such that it would require stockholder approval prior to the closing of such other transaction unless stockholder approval is obtained before the closing of such subsequent transaction.

4.4 **Publicity**. The Company and the Purchaser shall consult with each other in issuing any other press releases with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby, and neither the Company nor the Purchaser shall issue any such press release nor otherwise make any such public statement without the prior consent of the Company, with respect to any press release of the Purchaser, or without the prior consent of the Purchaser, with respect to any press release of the Company, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld, delayed, denied or conditioned, except if such disclosure is required by law, in which case the disclosing party shall promptly provide the other party with prior notice of such public statement or communication. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not publicly disclose the name of the Purchaser, or include the name of the Purchaser in any filing with the Commission or any regulatory agency or Trading Market unless the name of the Purchaser is already included in the body of the Transaction Documents, without the prior written consent of the Purchaser, except: (a) as required by law or Principal Market regulations, in which case the Company shall provide the Purchaser with prior notice of such disclosure is required by law or Principal Market regulations, in which case the Company shall provide the Purchaser with prior notice of such disclosure permitted under this clause (b).

4.5 Reserved.

4.6 Use of Proceeds. The Company will use the net proceeds to the Company from the sale of the Preferred Shares hereunder as set forth on <u>Schedule 4.6</u>. Absent consent of the Purchaser, the Company shall not use such proceeds: (a) for the satisfaction of any portion of the Company's debt (other than payment of trade payables in the ordinary course of the Company's business and prior practices), (b) for the redemption of any Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents, (c) for the settlement of any outstanding litigation or (d) in violation of the law, including FCPA or OFAC.

4.7 Right of Participation. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the right set forth in this Section 4.7 is a right granted by the Company, separately, to the Purchaser, provided that the Purchaser owns no fewer than Ten Thousand (10,000) Preferred Shares.

If the Company has delivered to the Purchaser or its assigns a notice (an "MNPI Pre-Notice") and offer to deliver Material Non-(a) Public Information ("MNPI"), and the Purchaser or its assigns has delivered written notice that it will accept such MNPI and only in that event, at least ten (10) trading days prior to any proposed or intended sale by the Company of its Common Stock or other securities or equity linked debt obligations other than an Exempt Issuance other than (v) thereof (each, a "Subsequent Placement"), the Company shall deliver to the Purchaser a written notice of its proposal or intention to effect a Subsequent Placement (each such notice, a "Pre-Notice"), which Pre-Notice shall not contain any information (including, without limitation, material, non-public information) other than: (A) a statement that the Company proposes or intends to effect a Subsequent Placement, (B) a statement that the statement in clause (A) above does not constitute material, non-public information and (C) a statement informing the Purchaser that it is entitled to receive an Offer Notice (as defined below) with respect to such Subsequent Placement upon its written request. Upon the written request of the Purchaser within five (5) Business Days after the Company's delivery to the Purchaser of such Pre-Notice, and only upon a written request by the Purchaser, the Company shall promptly, but no later than one (1) Business Day after such request, deliver to the Purchaser an irrevocable written notice (the "Offer Notice") of any proposed or intended issuance or sale or exchange (the "Offer") of the securities being offered (the "Offered Securities") in a Subsequent Placement, which Offer Notice shall (I) identify and describe the Offered Securities, (II) describe the price and other terms upon which they are to be issued, sold or exchanged, and the number or amount of the Offered Securities to be issued, sold or exchanged, (III) identify the persons (if known) to which or with which the Offered Securities are to be offered, issued, sold or exchanged and (IV) offer to issue and sell to or exchange with the Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the Offer such number of Offered Securities entitling the Purchaser to maintain its percentage beneficial ownership of the Company held prior to the Subsequent Placement (the "Participation Amount"). As used in this Section 4.7, the word "Purchaser" includes its assigns.

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To accept an Offer, in whole or in part, the Purchaser must deliver a written notice to the Company prior to the end of the fifth (5th) (b) Business Day after the Purchaser's receipt of the Offer Notice (the "Offer Period"), setting forth the portion of the Purchaser's Participation Amount that the Purchaser elects to purchase. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company desires to modify or amend the terms and conditions of the Offer prior to the expiration of the Offer Period, the Company may deliver to the Purchaser a new Offer Notice and the Offer Period shall expire on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the Purchaser's receipt of such new Offer Notice. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event that the Subsequent Placement is an "overnight" registered offering ("RDO"), there shall be no Pre-Notice required to be delivered to the Purchaser, provided that the Subsequent Placement is delivered between the time period of 4:00 pm (New York City time) and 6:00 pm (New York City time) on the Trading Day immediately prior to the Trading Day of the expected announcement of the Subsequent Placement (or, if the Trading Day of the expected announcement of the Subsequent Placement is the first Trading Day following a holiday or a weekend (including a holiday weekend), between the time period of 4:00 pm (New York City time) on the Trading Day immediately prior to such holiday or weekend and 2:00 pm (New York City time) on the day immediately prior to the Trading Day of the expected announcement of the Subsequent Placement). The Offer Notice shall describe in reasonable detail the proposed terms of such Subsequent Placement, the amount of proceeds intended to be raised thereunder and the Person or Persons through or with whom such Subsequent Placement is proposed to be effected and shall include a term sheet or similar document relating thereto as an attachment. In addition, in the event of an RDO, any Purchaser desiring to participate in such Subsequent Placement must provide written notice to the Company by 6:30 am (New York City time) on the Trading Day following the date on which the Offer Notice is delivered to such Purchaser (the "Notice Termination Time") that such Purchaser is willing to participate in the Subsequent Placement, the amount of such Purchaser's participation, and representing and warranting that such Purchaser has such funds ready, willing, and available for investment on the terms set forth in the Offer Notice. If the Company receives no such notice from a Purchaser as of such Notice Termination Time, such Purchaser shall be deemed to have notified the Company that it does not elect to participate in such Subsequent Placement.

4.8 Establishment of Reserve Account. The Company shall establish a reserve account to be funded with no less than 12.5% of the Subscription Amount, which account shall be maintained for a period of at least nine (9) months from the Closing Date. Thereafter, any reduction of the Reserve Account shall require the approval of the Board of Directors.

4.9 Dividend Participation. In the event the Company declares or pays any cash dividend or distribution on, the shares of outstanding Common Stock of the Company, the Purchaser shall have the right to participate in such dividend or distribution with respect to the Preferred Shares then held by the Purchaser on an as-converted basis.

4.10 Certain Limitations. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Transaction Document to the contrary, the parties covenant and agree that the Purchaser shall not convert any Preferred Shares or exercise any of the Warrant into shares of Common Stock, or to sell any Conversion Shares or Warrant Shares, unless and until the Company obtains Exchange Approval and, if applicable, Stockholder Approval of the Transaction in accordance with the Principal Market Rules. The Purchaser further covenants and agrees not to vote any of its Securities at the meeting of the stockholders held for the purpose of obtaining such Stockholder Approval.

4.11 **Primary Market Compliance**. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to the contrary, the parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to comply with the Principal Market Rules, including the listing requirements, and as long as the Common Stock remains listed on the Principal Market the parties shall not enforce any provision of any Transaction Document which does not comply with the Principal Market Rules.

4.12 Reservation of Common Stock. The Company shall maintain a reserve from its duly authorized shares of Common Stock for issuance pursuant to the Transaction Documents in amount equal to the Required Minimum. If, on any date including the Effective Date, the number of authorized but unissued (and otherwise unreserved) shares of Common Stock is less than the Required Minimum on such date, then the Board of Directors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to amend the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock to at least the Required Minimum at such time, as soon as possible and in any event not later than the 75th day after such date; provided that the Company will not be required at any time to authorize a number of shares of Common Stock greater than the maximum remaining number of shares of Common Stock that could possibly be issued after such time pursuant to the Transaction Documents.

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4.13 Listing of Common Stock. At all times subsequent to the Closing Date, the Company hereby agrees to maintain the listing of the Common Stock on the Trading Market on which it is listed, and following the Closing, Stockholder and final Exchange Approval, the Company, shall apply to list all of the Conversion Shares and the Warrant Shares on such Trading Market and promptly secure the listing of all of the Conversion Shares and the Warrant Shares on such Trading Market. The Company further agrees, if the Company applies to have the Common Stock traded on any other Trading Market, it will then include in such application all of the Conversion Shares and the Warrant Shares, and will take such other action as is necessary to cause all of the Conversion Shares and Warrant Shares to be listed or quoted on such other Trading Market as promptly as possible. The Company will then take all action necessary to continue the listing or quotation and trading of its Common Stock on a Trading Market until five years after the Closing Date and will comply in all respects with the Company's reporting, filing and other obligations under the bylaws or rules of the Trading Market until at least five years after the Closing Date. In the event the afore-described listing is not continuously maintained for five years after the date of such listing (a "Listing Default"), then in addition to any other rights the Purchaser may have hereunder or under applicable law, on the first day of a Listing Default and on each monthly anniversary of each such Listing Default date (if the applicable Listing Default shall not have been cured by such date) until the applicable Listing Default is cured, the Company shall pay to the Purchaser an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to 2% of the Subscription Amount of the Securities then held by the Purchaser on the day of a Listing Default and on every thirtieth (30th) day (pro-rated for periods less than thirty days) thereafter until the date such Listing Default is cured. If the Company fails to pay any liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in a timely manner, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 1.5% per month (pro-rated for partial months) to the Purchaser.

4.14 Reserved.

4.15 Notice of Disqualification Events. The Company will notify the Purchaser in writing, prior to the Closing Date of (i) any Disqualification Event relating to any Issuer Covered Person and (ii) any event that would, with the passage of time, become a Disqualification Event relating to any Issuer Covered Person not otherwise disclosed herein.

4.16 Acknowledgment of Dilution. The Company acknowledges that the issuance of the Conversion Shares upon conversion of the Preferred Shares and of the Warrant Shares upon exercise of the Warrant may result in dilution of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, which dilution may be substantial. The Company further acknowledges that its obligations under the Transaction Documents, including, without limitation, its obligation to issue the Conversion Shares and the Warrant Shares pursuant to the Transaction Documents, are unconditional and absolute, but subject to the terms and conditions of the Transaction Documents, and not subject to any right of set off, counterclaim, delay or reduction, regardless of the effect of any such dilution or any claim the Company may have against the Purchaser and regardless of the dilutive effect that such issuance may have on the ownership of the other stockholders of the Company.

4.17 Certain Equity Limitations.

(a) <u>Limitations on Issuances and Financings</u>. For a period ending on the earlier of (i) of four (4) years from the final Closing Date, and (ii) the date that Purchaser no longer holds a minimum of Ten Thousand (10,000) Preferred Shares (the "**Prohibition Period**"), the Company shall not, without the consent of the Purchaser ("**Required Consent**") issue any Common Stock or securities convertible into or exercisable for shares of Common Stock to any person or entity solely for capital raising purposes or incur any financing debt other than conventional loans obtained through a commercial bank or enter into other incremental financing arrangements at a price per share that is less than the Conversion Price.

(b) <u>Subsequent Equity Sales; Variable Rate Transactions; Other</u>. During the Prohibition Period:

(i) the Company shall not, directly or indirectly, amend, modify, waive or alter any terms of conditions of any Common Stock Equivalents outstanding as of the date hereof to decrease the exercise, conversion and/or exchange price, as applicable, thereunder or otherwise increase the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock issuable in connection therewith (other than pursuant to anti-dilution terms and conditions applicable to such Common Stock Equivalents in effect as of the date hereof and disclosed in filings of the Company with the Commission prior to the date hereof).

(ii) the Company shall be prohibited from effecting or entering into an agreement to effect any issuance by the Company of Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents (or a combination of units thereof) involving a Variable Rate Transaction. "Variable Rate Transaction" means a transaction in which the Company issues or sells any debt or equity securities that are convertible into, exchangeable or exercisable for, or include the right to receive, additional Common Stock either (A) at a conversion price, exercise price or exchange rate or other price that is based upon, and/or varies with, the trading prices of or quotations for the Common Stock at any time after the initial issuance of such debt or equity security or upon the occurrence of specified or contingent events directly or indirectly related to the business of the Company or the market for the Common Stock (other than pursuant to terms and conditions applicable to such Common Stock Equivalents in effect as of the date hereof and disclosed in filings of the Company with the Commission prior to the date hereof). For purpose of this Section 4.17(b)(ii), an At-the-Market offering shall not be deemed a variable rate transaction.

(iii) the Company shall be prohibited from effecting or entering into an agreement to effect any issuance by the Company of Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents (or a combination of units thereof) involving an equity line of credit, at-the-market offering (as defined in SEC Rule 415) or similarly structured transaction, whereby the Company may issue securities at a future determined price.

(iv) The Purchaser shall be entitled to obtain injunctive relief against the Company to preclude any such issuance in this Section 4.17(b) (without the need for the posting of any bond or similar item, which the Company hereby expressly and irrevocably waives the requirement for), which remedy shall be in addition to any right to collect damages.

(c) <u>Exempt Issuances</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the provisions of this Section 4.17 shall not apply to any Exempt Issuance other than (iv) thereof.

Indemnification of Purchaser. Subject to the provisions of this Section 4.18, the Company will indemnify and hold the Purchaser and its 4.18 officers, managers, members, partners, employees and agents (and any other Persons with a functionally equivalent role of a Person holding such titles notwithstanding a lack of such title or any other title), each Person who controls the Purchaser (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act and Section 20 of the Exchange Act), and the directors, officers, managers, stockholders, agents, members, partners or employees (and any other Persons with a functionally equivalent role of a Person holding such titles notwithstanding a lack of such title or any other title) of such controlling persons (each, a "Purchaser Party") harmless from any and all losses, liabilities, obligations, claims, contingencies, damages, costs and expenses, including all judgments, amounts paid in settlements, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of investigation that any the Purchaser Party may suffer or incur as a result of or relating to (a) any breach of any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made by the Company in this Agreement or in the other Transaction Documents or (b) any action instituted against the Purchaser Parties in any capacity, or any of them or their respective Affiliates, by any stockholder of the Company who is not an Affiliate of the Purchaser Party, with respect to any of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents (unless such action is based upon a breach of the Purchaser Party's representations, warranties or covenants under the Transaction Documents or any agreements or understandings the Purchaser Party may have with any such stockholder or any violations by such Purchaser Party of state or federal securities laws or any conduct by the Purchaser Party which constitutes fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct). If any action shall be brought against any Purchaser Party in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to this Agreement, the Purchaser Party shall promptly notify the Company in writing, and the Company shall have the right to assume the defense thereof with counsel of its own choosing reasonably acceptable to the Purchaser Party. Any Purchaser Party shall have the right to employ separate counsel in any such action and participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of the Purchaser Party except to the extent that (i) the employment thereof has been specifically authorized by the Company in writing, (ii) the Company has failed after a reasonable period of time to assume such defense and to employ counsel or (iii) in such action there is, in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained to represent such Purchaser Party, a material conflict on any material issue between the position of the Company and the position of the Purchaser Party, in which case the Company shall be responsible for the reasonable fees and expenses of no more than one such separate counsel. The Company will not be liable to any Purchaser Party under this Agreement (x) for any settlement by the Purchaser Party effected without the Company's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed; or (y) to the extent, but only to the extent that a loss, claim, damage or liability is attributable to any Purchaser Party's breach of any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made by the Purchaser Party in this Agreement or in the other Transaction Documents or such Purchaser Party's fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct. The indemnification required by this Section 4.16 shall be made by periodic payments of the amount thereof during the course of the investigation or defense, as and when bills are received or are incurred. The indemnification contained herein shall be in addition to any cause of action or similar right of any Purchaser Party against the Company or others and any liabilities the Company may be subject to pursuant to applicable law.

4.19 DTC Program. For a period of two (2) years from the Closing Date, the Company will employ as the transfer agent for the Common Stock a participant in the Depository Trust Company Automated Securities Transfer Program and cause the Common Stock to be transferable pursuant to such program.

4.20 Form D; Blue Sky Filings. The Company agrees to timely file a Form D with respect to the sale of the Securities by the Company under this Agreement as required under Regulation D. The Company shall take such action as the Company shall reasonably determine is necessary in order to obtain an exemption for, or to qualify the Securities for, sale to the Purchaser at the Closing under applicable securities or "Blue Sky" laws of the states of the United States, and shall provide evidence of such actions promptly upon request of the Purchaser.

4.21 Stockholder Rights Plan. No claim will be made or enforced by the Company or, with the consent of the Company, any other Person, that the Purchaser is an "Acquiring Person" under any control share acquisition, business combination, poison pill (including any distribution under a rights agreement) or similar anti-takeover plan or arrangement in effect or hereafter adopted by the Company, or that the Purchaser could be deemed to trigger the provisions of any such plan or arrangement, by virtue of receiving Securities under the Transaction Documents or under any other agreement between the Company and the Purchaser.



4.22 Maintenance of Property. The Company shall keep all of its property, which is necessary or useful to the conduct of its business, in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

4.23 Preservation of Corporate Existence. The Company shall preserve and maintain its corporate existence, rights, privileges and franchises in the jurisdiction of its then-incorporation, and qualify and remain qualified, as a foreign corporation in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is necessary in view of its business or operations and where the failure to qualify or remain qualified might reasonably have a Material Adverse Effect upon the financial condition, business or operations of the Company taken as a whole.

4.24 Restriction on Redemption and Cash Dividends. For as long as the Purchaser holds any Preferred Shares (the "**Obligation Period**"), the Company shall not, directly or indirectly, redeem, or declare or pay any cash dividend or distribution on, any securities of the Company without the written consent of the Purchaser. This Section 4.24 shall not apply to any spin-off by the Company of any securities of any Subsidiary.

4.25 Corporate Existence. During the Obligation Period, the Company shall not be party to any Fundamental Transaction (as defined in the Series C Certificate of Designation) unless the Company is in compliance with the applicable provisions governing Fundamental Transactions set forth in the Series C Certificate of Designation.

4.26 Conversion and Exercise Procedures. Each of the form of Notice of Conversion included in the Series C Certificate of Designation and the Notice of Exercise included in the Warrant sets forth the totality of the procedures required of the Purchaser in order to convert the Preferred Shares and exercise the Warrant. No legal opinion, other information or instructions shall be required of the Purchaser to convert its Preferred Shares or exercise its Warrant. The Company shall promptly honor (i) conversions of the Preferred Shares and shall deliver the Conversion Shares, as well as (ii) exercises of the Warrant and shall deliver the Warrant Shares, in accordance with the terms, conditions and time periods set forth in the Series C Certificate of Designation or the Warrant, as applicable.

4.27 Inspection Rights. A representative of each of the Purchaser shall have the right upon reasonable notice and at its expense, to visit and inspect any of the properties, books and records of the Company and to discuss the Company's affairs, finances and accounts with its directors, officers and employees. All inspection rights and information rights are subject to the confidentiality restrictions contained in any agreement entered into between the Company and the Purchaser.

4.28 Conduct of Business. The business of the Company shall not be conducted in violation of any law, ordinance or regulation of any governmental entity, except where such violations would not result, either individually or in the aggregate, in a Material Adverse Effect.

4.29 Passive Foreign Investment Company. The Company shall conduct its business in such a manner as will ensure that the Company will not be deemed to constitute a passive foreign investment company within the meaning of Section 1297 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

ARTICLE V TERMINATION

5.1 Termination.

(a) The Purchaser may elect to terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(i) if at any time the Company has filed for and/or is subject to any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or liquidation proceedings or other proceedings for relief under any bankruptcy law or any law for the relief of debtors instituted by or against the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company;

(ii) the Company is in breach or default of any Material Agreement, which breach or default could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(iii) the Company is in breach or default of this Agreement, any Transaction Document, or any agreement with any Purchaser or any Affiliate of the Purchaser; or



(iv) upon the occurrence of a Fundamental Transaction.

(b) This Agreement will automatically terminate if the Closing has not occurred prior to the Termination Date, unless extended by the mutual consent of the parties.

5.2 Effect of Termination. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, nothing contained in this Section 5 shall be deemed to release any party from any liability for any breach by such party of the terms and provisions of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents or to impair the right of any party to compel specific performance by any other party of its obligations under this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents.

ARTICLE VI MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 Rescission and Withdrawal Right. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in (and without limiting any similar provisions of) any of the other Transaction Documents, whenever the Purchaser exercises a right, election, demand or option under a Transaction Document and the Company does not timely perform its related obligations within the periods therein provided, then the Purchaser may rescind or withdraw, in its sole discretion from time to time upon written notice to the Company, any relevant notice, demand or election in whole or in part without prejudice to its future actions and rights; provided, however, that in the case of a rescission of a conversion or exercise of any Share or Warrant, respectively, the Purchaser shall be required to return any shares of Common Stock subject to any such rescinded conversion or exercise notice concurrently with the return to the Purchaser of the aggregate exercise price paid to the Company for such shares.

6.2 Fees and Expenses. Except as expressly set forth in the Transaction Documents to the contrary, each party shall pay the fees and expenses of its Advisors, counsel, accountants and other experts, if any, and all other expenses incurred by such party incident to the negotiation, preparation, execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement. The Company shall pay all Transfer Agent fees, DTC fees, stamp taxes and other similar taxes and duties levied in connection with the delivery of any Securities to the Purchaser in addition to paying the cost of any counsel or other expenses incurred in rendering Rule 144 opinions of any the Purchaser upon request.

6.3 Entire Agreement. The Transaction Documents, together with the exhibits and schedules thereto, contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, with respect to such matters, which the parties acknowledge have been merged into such documents, exhibits and schedules.

6.4 Notices. All notices, demands, requests, consents, approvals, and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and, unless otherwise specified herein, shall be (i) personally served, , (ii) delivered by reputable air courier service with charges prepaid, or (iv) transmitted by email, addressed as set forth below or to such other address as such party shall have specified most recently by written notice. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be deemed effective (a) upon hand delivery or delivery by email, at the address or number designated below (if delivered on a business day during normal business hours where such notice is to be received), or the first business day following such delivery (if delivered other than on a business day during normal business hours where such notice is to be received) or (b) on the second business day following the date of express courier service, fully prepaid, addressed to such address, or upon actual receipt of such delivery, whichever shall first occur. The addresses for such communications shall be: (i) if to the Company, to: Ault Alliance, Inc., 11411 Southern Highlands Pkwy Suite 240, Las Vegas, NV 89141, Attn. William B. Horne, CEO, email: Will@ault.com with a copy by e-mail only (which shall not constitute notice) to: Ault Alliance, 100 Park Avenue, Suite 1658 New York, NY 10017, Attn: Henry Nisser, Esq., email: Henry@ault.com, and (ii) if to the Purchaser, to: the addresses and email address indicated on the signature pages hereto.

6.5 Amendments; Waivers. No provision of this Agreement may be waived, modified, supplemented or amended except in a written instrument signed, in the case of an amendment, by the Company and the Purchaser, or, in the case of a waiver, by the party against whom enforcement of any such waived provision is sought. No waiver of any default with respect to any provision, condition or requirement of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a continuing waiver in the future or a waiver of any subsequent default or a waiver of any other provision, condition or requirement hereof, nor shall any delay or omission of any party to exercise any right hereunder in any manner impair the exercise of any such right.

6.6 Headings. The headings herein are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.



6.7 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their successors and permitted assigns. The Company may not assign this Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Purchaser. The Purchaser may assign any or all of its rights under this Agreement to any Person to whom the Purchaser assigns or transfers any Securities, provided that such transferee agrees in writing to be bound, with respect to the transferred Securities, by the provisions of the Transaction Documents that apply to the "Purchasers."

6.8 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is intended for the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns and is not for the benefit of, nor may any provision hereof be enforced by, any other Person, except as otherwise set forth herein.

6.9 Governing Law. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of the Transaction Documents shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. Each party agrees that all legal proceedings concerning the interpretations, enforcement and defense of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and any other Transaction Documents (whether brought against a party hereto or its respective affiliates, directors, officers, stockholders, partners, members, employees or agents) shall be commenced exclusively in the state and federal courts sitting in the City of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein (including with respect to the enforcement of any of the Transaction Documents), and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is improper or is an inconvenient venue for such proceeding. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof via registered or certified mail or overnight delivery (with evidence of delivery) to such party at the address in effect for notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. If either party shall commence an action or proceeding to enforce any provisions of the Transaction Documents, then the prevailing party in such action, suit or proceeding shall be reimbursed by the other party for its reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses incurred with the investigation, preparation and prosecution of such action or proceeding.

6.10 Survival. The representations and warranties contained herein shall survive the Closing and the delivery of the Securities at the Closing for the applicable statute of limitations.

6.11 Execution. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, all of which when taken together shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each party and delivered to each other party, it being understood that the parties need not sign the same counterpart. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or ".pdf" signature page were an original thereof.

6.12 Severability. If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated, and the parties hereto shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to find and employ an alternative means to achieve the same or substantially the same result as that contemplated by such term, provision, covenants and restrictions without including any of such that may be hereafter declared invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable.

6.13 Reserved.

6.14 **Replacement of Securities.** If any certificate or instrument evidencing any of the Securities is mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed, the Company shall issue or cause to be issued in exchange and substitution for and upon surrender and cancellation thereof (in the case of mutilation), or in lieu of and substitution therefor, a new certificate or instrument, but only upon receipt of evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Company of such loss, theft, destruction, or mutilation, and of the ownership of such Security. The applicant for a new certificate or instrument under such circumstances shall also pay any reasonable third-party costs (including customary indemnity and bonds) associated with the issuance of such replacement Securities.



6.15 **Remedies**. In addition to being entitled to exercise all rights provided herein or granted by law, including recovery of damages, each of the Purchaser and the Company will be entitled to specific performance under the Transaction Documents. The parties agree that monetary damages may not be adequate compensation for any loss incurred by reason of any breach of obligations contained in the Transaction Documents and hereby agree to waive and not to assert in any action for specific performance of any such obligation the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate.

6.16 Payment Set Aside. To the extent that the Company makes a payment or payments to the Purchaser pursuant to any Transaction Document or the Purchaser enforces or exercises its rights thereunder, and such payment or payments or the proceeds of such enforcement or exercise or any part thereof are subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside, recovered from, disgorged by or are required to be refunded, repaid or otherwise restored to the Company, a trustee, receiver or any other Person under any law (including, without limitation, any bankruptcy law, state or federal law, common law or equitable cause of action), then to the extent of any such restoration the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such enforcement or setoff had not occurred.

6.17 Liquidated Damages. The Company's obligations to pay any partial liquidated damages or other amounts owing under the Transaction Documents is a continuing obligation of the Company and shall not terminate until all unpaid partial liquidated damages and other amounts due thereunder have been paid notwithstanding the fact that the instrument or security pursuant to which such partial liquidated damages or other amounts are due and payable shall have been canceled.

6.18 Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, etc. If the last or appointed day for the taking of any action or the expiration of any right required or granted herein shall not be a Business Day, then such action may be taken or such right may be exercised on the next succeeding Business Day.

6.19 Construction. The parties agree that each of them and/or their respective counsel have reviewed and had an opportunity to revise the Transaction Documents and, therefore, the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of the Transaction Documents or any amendments thereto. In addition, each and every reference to share prices and shares of Common Stock in any Transaction Document shall be subject to adjustment for reverse and forward stock splits, stock dividends, stock combinations and other similar transactions of the Common Stock that occur after the date of this Agreement.

6.20 <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. IN ANY ACTION, SUIT, OR PROCEEDING IN ANY JURISDICTION BROUGHT BY ANY PARTY AGAINST ANY OTHER PARTY, THE PARTIES EACH KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, HEREBY ABSOLUTELY, UNCONDITIONALLY, IRREVOCABLY AND EXPRESSLY WAIVES FOREVER TRIAL BY JURY.

6.21 Equitable Adjustment. Trading volume amounts, price/volume amounts and similar figures in the Transaction Documents shall be equitably adjusted (but without duplication) to offset the effect of stock splits, similar events and as otherwise described in this Agreement, if such events shall occur between the date of this Agreement and Closing.

(Signature Pages Follow)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized signatories as of the date first indicated above.

AULT ALLIANCE, INC.

By:

Name: William B. Horne Title: Chief Executive Officer

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PURCHASER SIGNATURE PAGE TO AULT ALLIANCE, INC. SECURITIES PURCHASE AGREEMENT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Securities Purchase Agreement to be duly executed by its duly authorized signatory as of the date first indicated above.

Name of Purchaser: Ault & Company, Inc.

Signature of Authorized Signatory of Purchaser: Name of Authorized Signatory: Milton C. Ault, III Title of Authorized Signatory: Chief Executive Officer Email Address of Authorized Signatory: Todd@aultandcompany.com

Address for Notice to Purchaser:

11411 Southern Highlands Pkwy, Suite 240 Las Vegas, NV 89141,

Address for Delivery of Securities to Purchaser (if not same as address for notice):

Subscription Amount: US\$50,000,000

Series C Convertible Preferred Stock: 50,000 Shares

EIN Number, if applicable, will be provided under separate cover:

Certificate of Designation of Rights, Preferences and Limitations of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock

Warrant

Transfer Agent Instruction Letter

NEITHER THIS WARRANT NOR ANY OF THE SECURITIES ISSUABLE HEREUNDER HAVE BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (AS DEFINED BELOW), OR APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED (I) IN THE ABSENCE OF (A) AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR THE SECURITIES UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (B) AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, IN A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE FORM, THAT REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER SAID ACT (II) UNLESS SOLD OR TRANSFERRED TO A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (III) UNLESS SOLD PURSUANT TO RULE 144 OR RULE 144A UNDER SAID ACT.

AULT ALLIANCE, INC.

COMMON STOCK PURCHASE WARRANT

, 2023

THIS CERTIFIES THAT, for value received, the Holder is entitled to purchase, and AULT ALLIANCE, INC.., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), promises and agrees to sell and issue to the Holder, at any time, or from time to time, during the Exercise Period, an aggregate of up to 369,549,150 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company, at the Exercise Price, subject to the provisions and limitations and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth. This Warrant is issued by the Company pursuant to that certain Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of November 6, 2023 (the "Purchase Agreement") pursuant to which the Company has offered and sold to the purchaser named therein shares of its Series C Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Shares").

Definitions of Certain Terms. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Purchase Agreement. In 1. addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Warrant, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (a) "Business Day" means a day on which banks are open for business in the city of New York.
- (b) "Commission" means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. (c)

"Exercise Price" means the price at which the Holder may purchase one share of Common Stock upon exercise of this Warrant as determined (d) from time to time pursuant to the provisions hereof. The initial Exercise Price is \$0.10 per share, subject to adjustment as provided herein.

(e) "Expiration Date" means the 60-month anniversary of the Initial Exercise Date.

"Holder" means a record holder of the Warrant or shares of Common Stock obtained or obtainable upon exercise of the Warrant, as applicable. (f) The initial Holder is Ault & Company, Inc.

- "Initial Exercise Date" means the first Business Day following the six-month anniversary of the Issue Date. (g)
- "Issue Date" means any date on which all or a portion of this Warrant is issued. (h)
- "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. (i)

"Warrant" means this Common Stock Purchase Warrant and any warrant or warrants hereafter issued as a consequence of the exercise or (i) transfer of this warrant in whole or in part.

Exercise of Warrant. 2.

(1)

Manner of Exercise. This Warrant may be exercised, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, during the period commencing as of (a) 9:30:01 a.m., New York time, on the Initial Exercise Date and ending as of 5:30 p.m., New York time, on the Expiration Date (the "Exercise Period"), for up to 369,549,150 fully paid and non-assessable shares of Common Stock (the "Warrant Shares"), for an exercise price per share equal to the Exercise Price, by delivery to the Company at its headquarters, or at such other place as is designated in writing by the Company, of:

herein:

a duly executed Notice of Exercise, substantially in the form of Attachment I attached hereto and incorporated by reference

(2) this Warrant; and

(3) payment of an amount in cash equal to the product of the Exercise Price multiplied by the number of Warrant Shares being purchased upon such exercise, with such payment being in the form of a wire transfer of immediately available U.S. funds to an account designated in writing by the Company.

The date on which the Company receives the Notice of Exercise, this Warrant, and the Exercise Price payable with respect to the Warrant Shares being purchased shall be deemed to be the date of exercise (the "Date of Exercise").

(b) Delivery of Certificates. Certificates for Warrant Shares purchased hereunder shall be transmitted by the transfer agent of the Company to the Holder by crediting the account of the Holder's prime broker with the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") through its Deposit/Withdrawal at Custodian system if the Company is a participant in such system and such Warrant Shares are eligible for delivery in such a manner, and otherwise by physical delivery to the address specified by the Holder in the Notice of Exercise within three Business Days from the delivery to the Company of the Notice of Exercise, surrender of this Warrant and payment of the aggregate Exercise Price as set forth above (the "Delivery Period"). This Warrant shall be deemed to have been exercised on the date on which this Warrant is surrendered and payment of the Exercise Price is received by the Company. The Warrant Shares shall be deemed to have been issued, and Holder or any other person so designated to be named therein shall be deemed to have become a holder of record of such shares for all purposes, as of the date on which all of the criteria described in the immediately preceding sentence have occurred, irrespective of the date of delivery of such certificate or certificates, except that, if the date of such surrender and payment is a date when the stock transfer books of the Company are closed, such person shall be deemed to have become the holder of such shares at the close of business on the next succeeding date on which the stock transfer books are open. If fewer than all of the Warrant Shares purchasable under the Warrant are purchased, the Company will, upon such partial exercise, execute and deliver to the Holder a new Warrant (dated as of the Issue Date), in the same form and tenor as this Warrant, evidencing that portion of the Warrant not exercised.

(c) <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. If a fractional share of Warrant Shares would, but for the provisions of this <u>Section 2(c)</u>, be issuable upon exercise of the rights represented by this Warrant, the Company shall round a fractional share to be delivered to Holder up to the next whole share.

(d) <u>Buy-In</u>. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary contained herein, in addition to any other rights available to the Holder, if the Company fails to cause its transfer agent to transmit to the Holder a certificate or certificates representing the applicable Warrant Shares purchased upon exercise hereof or credit the Holder's balance account with DTC, as applicable (a "**Delivery Failure**"), on or before the end of the Delivery Period (other than a failure caused by any incorrect or incomplete information provided by Holder to the Company hereunder), and if after such date the Holder purchases shares of Common Stock to deliver in satisfaction of a sale by the Holder of Warrant Shares that the Holder anticipated receiving from the Company upon exercise of this Warrant (a "**Buy-In**"), then the Company shall, within three Business Days after the Holder's request, (1) pay cash to the Holder in the amount by which (x) the Holder's total purchase price (including commissions, if any) for the shares of Common Stock so purchased exceeds (y) the amount obtained by multiplying (A) the number of Warrant Shares that the Company was required to deliver to the Holder in connection with the exercise at issue, by (B) the price at which the sell order giving rise to such purchase obligation was executed, and (2) at the option of the Holder, either reinstate the portion of the Warrant and equivalent number of Warrant Shares for which such exercise was not honored, or deliver to the Holder the number of Warrant Shares that would have been issued had the Company timely complied with its exercise and delivery obligations hereunder. The Holder shall provide the Company written notice indicating the amounts payable to the Holder in respect of the Buy-In, together with applicable confirmations and other evidence reasonably requested by the Company. Nothing herein shall limit the Holder's right to pursue any other remedies available to it hereunder, at law or in equity including, without limitation, a decree of specific perform

(e) <u>No Charge to Holder upon Issuance</u>. The issuance of Warrant Shares upon exercise of this Warrant shall be made without charge to Holder for any issuance tax in respect thereof or other cost incurred by the Company in connection with such exercise and the related issuance of Warrant Shares (other than any transfer taxes resulting from the issuance of Warrant Shares to any person other than Holder).

(f) <u>Reservation of Shares</u>. During the Exercise Period, the Company shall reserve and keep available out of its authorized but unissued Common Stock equal to 125% of the number of Warrant Shares issuable upon the full exercise of this Warrant. All Warrant Shares which are so issuable shall, when issued and upon the payment of the applicable Exercise Price, be duly and validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and free from all taxes, liens and charges and not subject to the pre-emptive rights of any holder of Common Stock or any other class or series of stock of the Company. During the Exercise Period, the Company shall not take any action which would cause the number of authorized but unissued Common Stock to be less than the number of such shares required to be reserved hereunder for issuance upon exercise of this Warrant.



3. Adjustments in Certain Events. The number, class, and price of Warrant Shares for which this Warrant may be exercised are subject to adjustment from time to time upon the happening of certain events as follows:

(a) <u>Subdivisions, Combinations and Other Issuances</u>. If the outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock are divided into a greater number of shares, by forward stock split or otherwise, or a dividend in stock is paid on the Common Stock, then the number of shares of Warrant Shares for which the Warrant is then exercisable will be proportionately increased and the Exercise Price will be proportionately reduced. Conversely, if the outstanding shares of Common Stock are combined into a smaller number of shares of Common Stock, by reverse stock split or otherwise, then the number of Warrant Shares for which the Warrant is then exercisable will be proportionately reduced and the Exercise Price will be proportionately increased. The increases and reductions provided for in this Section 3(a) will be made with the intent and, as nearly as practicable, the effect that neither the percentage of the total equity of the Company obtainable on exercise of the Warrants nor the price payable for such percentage upon such exercise will be affected by any event described in this Section 3(a).

(b) <u>Merger, Consolidation, Reclassification, Reorganization, Etc.</u> In case of any change in the Common Stock through merger, consolidation, reclassification, reorganization, partial or complete liquidation, purchase of all or substantially all the assets of the Company, or other change in the capital structure of the Company, then, as a condition of such change, lawful and adequate provision will be made so that the Holder will have the right thereafter to receive upon the exercise of the Warrant the kind and amount of shares of stock or other securities or property to which he would have been entitled if, immediately prior to such event, he had held the number of Warrant Shares obtainable upon the exercise of the Warrant. In any such case, appropriate adjustment will be made in the application of the provisions set forth herein with respect to the rights and interest thereafter of the Holder, to the end that the provisions set forth herein will thereafter be applicable, as nearly as reasonably may be, in relation to any shares of stock or other property thereafter deliverable upon the exercise of the Warrant. The Company will not permit any change in its capital structure to occur unless the issuer of the shares of stock or other securities to be received by the Holder, if not the Company, agrees to be bound by and comply with the provisions of this Warrant.

(c) <u>Pro Rata Distributions</u>. If securities of the Company or securities of any subsidiary of the Company are distributed pro rata to holders of Common Stock, such number of securities will be distributed to the Holder or its assignee upon exercise of its rights hereunder as such Holder or assignee would have been entitled to if this Warrant had been exercised prior to the record date for such distribution.

4. No Rights as a Stockholder. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as conferring upon the Holder any rights whatsoever as a stockholder of the Company, either at law or in equity, including without limitation, the right to vote or to consent or to receive notice as a stockholder in respect of any meetings of stockholders for the election of directors, the right to receive dividends or any other matter.

5. Restrictions on Transfer; Legends.

(a) <u>Registration or Exemption Required</u>. Assuming the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Holder contained herein, this Warrant has been issued in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act by virtue of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder and exempt from state registration or qualification under applicable state laws. The Holder acknowledges that it has been advised by the Company that this Warrant and the Warrant Shares issuable upon exercise thereof have not been registered under the Securities Act. Neither this Warrant nor the Warrant Shares may be pledged, transferred, sold or assigned except pursuant to an effective registration statement or an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state laws. If, at the time of the surrender of this Warrant in connection with any transfer of this Warrant, the transfer of this Warrant shall not be registered pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and under applicable state securities or blue sky laws, the Company may require, as a condition of allowing such transfer (i) that the Holder or transferee of this Warrant, as the case may be, furnish to the Company a written opinion of counsel (which opinion shall be in form, substance and scope customary for opinions of counsel in comparable transactions) to the effect that such transfer may be made without registration under the Securities Act and under applicable state securities or blue sky laws, (ii) that the Holder or transferee execute and deliver to the Company an investment letter in form and substance acceptable to the Company and (iii) that the transferee be an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a) promulgated under the Securities Act or a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A(a) under the Securities Act.

(b) <u>Representations of Holder</u>. The Holder represents and warrants that it has acquired this Warrant and will acquire the Warrant Shares for its own account for investment and not with a view to the sale or distribution thereof or the granting of any participation therein, and that it has no present intention of distributing or selling to others any of such interest or granting any participation therein. The Holder acknowledges that the Warrant and Warrant Shares must be held indefinitely unless a subsequent disposition thereof is registered under the Securities Act or registered or qualified under any applicable state securities or "blue-sky" laws or is exempt from registration and/or qualification. The Holder has no need for liquidity in its investment in the Company, and is able to bear the economic risk of such investment for an indefinite period and to afford a complete loss thereof. The Holder is an "accredited investor" as such term is defined in Rule 501 (the provisions of which are known to the Holder) promulgated under the Securities Act.

(c) <u>Restrictive Legend</u>. The Holder understands that until such time as the Warrant Shares have been registered under the Securities Act, or otherwise may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or an exemption from registration under the Securities Act without any restriction as to the number of securities as of a particular date that can then be immediately sold, this Warrant and the Warrant Shares, as applicable, shall bear a restrictive legend in substantially the form set forth on the cover page of this Warrant.

Disposition of Warrant or Warrant Shares. With respect to any offer, sale or other disposition of this Warrant or any Warrant Shares prior to registration of such Warrant Shares, the Holder agrees to give written notice to the Company prior thereto, describing briefly the manner thereof, together with evidence, reasonably satisfactory to the Company (which shall include such representation of the transferee regarding investment intent as the Company may request, to the effect that such offer, sale or other disposition may be effected without registration or qualification (under the Securities Act as then in effect or any federal or state securities law then in effect) of this Warrant or such Warrant Shares and indicating whether or not under the Securities Act certificates for this Warrant or Warrant Shares to be sold or otherwise disposed of require any restrictive legend as to applicable restrictions on transferability in order to ensure compliance with such law. Upon receiving such written notice and reasonably satisfactory evidence, the Company, as promptly as practicable but no later than three (3) days after receipt of the written notice, shall notify the Holder that the Holder may sell or otherwise dispose of this Warrant or Warrant Shares, all in accordance with the terms of the notice delivered to the Company. If the Company determines that the evidence is not reasonably satisfactory to the Company, the Company shall so notify the Holder promptly with details thereof after such determination has been made. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Warrant Shares may be offered, sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Rule 144 under the Act and in compliance with the applicable statutory resale restrictions imposed by state securities laws, provided that the Company shall have been furnished with such information as the Company may reasonably request to provide a reasonable assurance that the provisions of Rule 144 and the applicable resale restrictions imposed by state securities laws have been satisfied. Each certificate representing this Warrant or the Warrant Shares thus transferred shall bear a legend as to the applicable restrictions on transferability in order to ensure compliance with such laws, unless pursuant to an opinion of counsel for the Holder, such legend is not required in order to ensure compliance with such laws. The Company may issue stop transfer instructions to its transfer agent in connection with such restrictions.

(e) <u>Removal of Restrictive Legends</u>. The certificates evidencing the Warrant Shares shall not contain any legend restricting the transfer thereof: (A) while a registration statement covering the sale or resale of the Warrant Shares is effective under the Securities Act and such legend removal is permitted under applicable securities laws (including compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act), or (B) following any sale of such Warrant Shares pursuant to Rule 144, or (C) if such Warrant Shares are eligible for sale under Rule 144(b)(1), or (D) if such legend is not required under applicable requirements of the Securities Act (including judicial interpretations and pronouncements issued by the staff of the Commission) and the Company shall have received an opinion of counsel to the Holder in form reasonably acceptable to the Company to such effect (collectively, the "**Unrestricted Conditions**"). The Company shall cause its counsel to issue a legal opinion to its transfer agent if required by the transfer agent to effect the issuance of the Warrant Shares, as applicable, without a restrictive legend or removal of the legend hereunder. The Company agrees that at such time as the Unrestricted Conditions are met, it will, no later than three (3) Trading Days following the delivery by the Holder to the Company or the transfer agent of a certificate representing Warrant Shares, issued with a restrictive legend, deliver or cause to be delivered to such Holder a certificate (or electronic transfer) representing such Warrant Shares that is free from all restrictive and other legends.

6. Reserved.

7. Notices; Adjustments.

(a) All notices required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed effectively given: (i) upon personal delivery to the party to be notified; (ii) when sent by confirmed electronic mail or facsimile if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and if not, then on the next business day; (iii) two (2) Business Days after having been sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; or (iv) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier, specifying next day delivery, with written verification of receipt. All communications shall be sent to the Company or to Holder, as applicable, at the respective addresses set forth on the signature page to the Purchase Agreement or at such other address(es) as they may designate, respectively, by ten (10) days advance written notice to the other party hereto.

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(b) Upon the occurrence of any adjustments pursuant to Sections 3(a) or 3(b) hereof, the Company at its expense shall, as promptly as reasonably practicable but in any event not later than 10 days thereafter, compute such adjustment in accordance with the terms hereof and furnish to Holder a certificate setting forth such adjustment and showing in detail the facts upon which such adjustment is based. In the event of any taking by the Company of a record of the holders of any class of securities for the purpose of determining the holders thereof who are entitled to receive any dividend or other distribution, the Company shall mail to the Holder, at least ten (10) days prior to the date on which any such record is to be taken for the purpose of such dividend or distribution, a notice specifying such date. In the event of any voluntary dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Company, the Company shall mail to the Holder, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the occurrence of any such event, a notice specifying such date. If the approval of any stockholders of the Company shall be required in connection with any transaction contemplated by Section 3(b) above, then, the Company shall cause to be mailed to the Holder at least 10 calendar days prior to the applicable record or effective date hereinafter specified, a notice stating the date on which such transaction is expected to become effective or close, and the date as of which it is expected that holders of the Common Stock of record shall be entitled to exchange their shares of the Common Stock for securities, cash or other property deliverable upon such transaction. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding sentences, however, if the date on which the Company is obliged to provide notice hereunder to the Holder is prior to a public announcement relating to the events set forth and on such date the Company's securities are traded or quoted on any recognized national securities exchange or quotation system, then such notice shall be provided to each Holder simultaneously with the notice provided to the Company's common stockholders. Failure to give such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, affect the legality or validity of any such action.

8. Non-Circumvention. The Company hereby covenants and agrees that the Company will not, by amendment of its articles of incorporation, bylaws or through any reorganization, transfer of assets, consolidation, merger, scheme of arrangement, dissolution, issue or sale of securities, or any other action, avoid or seek to avoid the observance or performance of any of the terms of this Warrant, and will at all times in good faith carry out all the provisions of this Warrant and take all action as may be reasonably required to protect the rights of the Holder.

9. Governing Law. This Warrant shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to conflict of law principles, and notwithstanding the fact that one or more counterparts hereof may be executed outside of the state, or one or more of the obligations of the parties hereunder are to be performed outside of the state.

10. Loss, Theft, Destruction or Mutilation of Warrant. Upon receipt by the Company of evidence reasonably satisfactory to it of the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of this Warrant, and, in the case of loss, theft, or destruction, of indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it, and, if mutilated, upon surrender and cancellation of this Warrant, the Company will execute and deliver a new Warrant, having terms and conditions identical to this Warrant, in lieu hereof.

11. Modification and Waiver of Warrants. Any term of this Warrant may be amended, waived, discharged or terminated (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively) with the written consent of the Company and the holders of the Warrants representing at least 51% of the number of shares of Common Stock then subject to outstanding Warrants issued pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) this Warrant may be amended and the observance of any term hereunder may be waived without the written consent of the Holder only in a manner which applies to all Warrants issued pursuant to the Purchase Agreement to the Purchase Agreement in the same fashion and (b) other than in connection with a transaction contemplated by <u>Section 3</u> of this Warrant, the number of Warrant Shares subject to this Warrant and the Exercise Price of this Warrant may not be amended, and the right to exercise this Warrant may not be waived, without the written consent of the Holder. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Holder of any amendment hereof or waiver hereunder that was effected without the Holder's written consent. No waivers of any term, condition or provision of this Warrant, in any one or more instances, shall be deemed to be, or construed as, a further or continuing waiver of any such term, condition or provision.

12. Successors. This Warrant shall be binding and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns hereunder; provided that this Warrant may be assigned by Holder only in compliance with the conditions specified in and in accordance with all of the terms of this Warrant. This Warrant does not create and shall not be construed as creating any rights enforceable by any other person or corporation.

13. Headings. The headings used in this Warrant are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Warrant.

14. Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays. If the last or appointed day for the taking of any action or the expiration of any right required or granted herein shall be a Saturday or a Sunday or shall be a legal holiday in the State of New York, then such action may be taken or such right may be exercised on the next succeeding day not a legal holiday.

15. Severability. If any provision of this Warrant shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Warrant.

16. Acceptance. Receipt of this Warrant by the Holder shall constitute acceptance of and agreement to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

Signature page to Common Stock Purchase Warrant follows.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Warrant to be executed and delivered as of the Issue Date by an officer thereunto duly authorized.

AULT ALLIANCE, INC.

By:

Name: William B. Horne Title: Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENT I

NOTICE OF EXERCISE

TO: AULT ALLIANCE, INC. Attention: Chief Financial Officer

The undersigned hereby elects to purchase, pursuant to the provisions of the Common Stock Warrant issued by Ault Alliance, Inc. as of _____, 2023, and held by the undersigned, the original of which is attached hereto, and tenders herewith payment of the Exercise Price in the form of cash, via wire transfer of immediately available funds, in the amount of \$______ for ______ shares of Common Stock.

□ If this box is checked, as long as the Company's transfer agent participates in the DTC Fast Automated Securities Transfer program ("FAST"), and except as otherwise provided in the next following sentence, the Company shall effect delivery of the shares of Common Stock to the Holder by crediting to the account of the Holder or its nominee at DTC (as specified in this Exercise Notice) with the number of shares of Common Stock are not otherwise eligible for delivery through FAST, the Company shall effect delivery of the shares of Common Stock by delivering to Holder or its nominee physical certificates representing such shares.

Information for Delivery of uncertificated Shares by DWAC:

Account Number:	
Account Name:	
DTC Number:	

□ If this box is checked, the Holder requests delivery of physical certificates representing the Warrant Shares and requests that such certificates be delivered to the following address:

Name:

(please typewrite or print in block letters)

Address:

Tax I.D. No. or Social Security No.:

HOLDER:

Name: Title:

Date:

ATTACHMENT II

[FORM OF ASSIGNMENT]

(To be executed by the registered holder if such holder desires to transfer the Warrant Certificate.)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned Holder of this Warrant hereby sells, assigns and transfers the foregoing Warrant and all rights evidenced thereby to

Name:

(Please Print)

Address:

(Please Print)

Tax ID No.:

and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint, Attorney, to transfer the within Warrant Certificate on the books of Ault Alliance, Inc., with full power of substitution.

NOTE: The signature to this Assignment Form must correspond with the name as it appears on the face of the Warrant, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever. Officers of corporations and those acting in a fiduciary or other representative capacity should file proper evidence of authority to assign the foregoing Warrant.

Dated:

Holder:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

STATE OF _____) COUNTY OF _____) ss:

On this __ day of ______, before me personally came ______, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides at _______, that he is the holder of the foregoing instrument and that he executed such instrument and duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Notary Public



Ault Alliance Enters into an Agreement for a Financing of up to \$50 Million

Las Vegas, NV, November 7, 2023 – Ault Alliance, Inc. (NYSE American: AULT), a diversified holding company ("AAI" or the "Company") announced today that it has entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") providing for up to \$50 million of financing (the "Financing") from Ault & Company, Inc., a related party ("A&C"). Pursuant to the Agreement, AAI has agreed to issue and sell to A&C up to \$50 million in shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Shares"). The Preferred Shares will be senior to all other classes of preferred stock the Company has outstanding, as well as senior to the Company's common stock ("Common Stock").

Each Preferred Share shall have a stated value of \$1,000.00 per share and, upon stockholder approval, shall be convertible at the holder's option into shares of Common Stock at a conversion price equal to the greater of (i) \$0.10 per share (the "Floor Price"), which Floor Price shall not, except for voting rights purposes, be adjusted for stock dividends, stock splits, stock combinations and other similar transactions and (ii) the lesser of (A) \$0.2098, or (B) a 5% premium to the closing sale price of the Common stock on the day immediately prior to the date of conversion (the "Conversion Price"). The Conversion Price will be subject to standard anti-dilution provisions in connection with any stock split, stock dividend, subdivision or similar reclassification of the Common Stock. The Preferred Stock also has "full ratchet" price protection in the event the Company should issue securities at a lower price than the Conversion Price. The Preferred Stock shall pay a dividend at an annual rate of 9.5%, which the Company may, during the first two years, pay in shares of Common Stock.

The Agreement entitles A&C to exchange the senior secured convertible promissory note it was issued by the Company on October 13, 2023 for Preferred Shares.

Further, A&C will receive warrants ("Warrants") to purchase up to approximately 370 million shares of Common Stock, presuming that the full amount of the Preferred Shares is sold, exercisable for five years at \$0.1353 per share, subject to adjustment.

The proceeds from the Financing will be used for the repayment of outstanding indebtedness, to complete the expansion of the Company's Bitcoin mining facilities and general working capital purposes.

"The conversion price of the Preferred Shares is nearly a 100% premium over the current market price. That A&C is willing to invest up to \$50 million on those terms should be a clear indicator of our belief that the market has been undervaluing the Company, which I've been highlighting for years. This transaction is more than a number-it's a declaration of my steadfast confidence in our data centers, the crane company, the lending firm, and the exceptional portfolio companies we've nurtured over the past six years. Each is a vital component of our collective success," said Milton "Todd" Ault III, Executive Chairman of Ault Alliance and Chairman & CEO of A&C.

The Agreement provides for several closings through December 29, 2023, though such dates may be extended by A&C as set forth in the Agreement. The consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement, specifically the conversion of the Preferred Shares and the exercise of the Warrants in an aggregate number in excess of 19.99% on the execution date of the Agreement, are subject to various customary closing conditions as well as regulatory and stockholder approval. In addition to customary closing conditions, the closing of the Financing is also conditioned upon the receipt by A&C of financing to consummate the transaction.

Additional information regarding the securities described above and the terms of the Financing will be included in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").



The Preferred Shares and Warrants will be issued in reliance upon the exemption from the securities registration afforded by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") as promulgated by SEC under the Securities Act.

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

For more information on Ault Alliance and its subsidiaries, the Company recommends that stockholders, investors and any other interested parties read the Company's public filings and press releases available under the Investor Relations section at www.Ault.com or available at www.sec.gov.

About Ault Alliance, Inc.

Ault Alliance, Inc. is a diversified holding company pursuing growth by acquiring undervalued businesses and disruptive technologies with a global impact. Through its wholly and majority-owned subsidiaries and strategic investments, Ault Alliance owns and operates a data center at which it mines Bitcoin offers colocation and hosting services for the emerging artificial intelligence ecosystems and other industries, and provides mission-critical products that support a diverse range of industries, including metaverse platform, oil exploration, crane services, defense/aerospace, industrial, automotive, medical/biopharma, consumer electronics, hotel operations and textiles. In addition, Ault Alliance extends credit to select entrepreneurial businesses through a licensed lending subsidiary. Ault Alliance's headquarters are located at 11411 Southern Highlands Parkway, Suite 240, Las Vegas, NV 89141; www.Ault.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements generally include statements that are predictive in nature and depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, and include words such as "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "projects," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "strategy," "future," "opportunity," "may," "will," "should," "could," "potential," or similar expressions. Statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on current beliefs and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any of them publicly in light of new information or future events. Actual results could differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement as a result of various factors. More information, including potential risk factors, that could affect the Company's business and financial results are included in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including, but not limited to, the Company's Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. All filings are available at www.sec.gov and on the Company's website at www.Ault.com.

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