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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2008

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 000-15495



Mesa Air Group, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Nevada

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

85-0302351

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

410 North 44th Street, Suite 100

Phoenix, Arizona 85008

(Address of Principal Executive Offices including Zip Code)

(602) 685-4000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

On February 18, 2009, the registrant had outstanding 106,147,977 shares of Common Stock.

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## Item 1. Financial Statements

**MESA AIR GROUP, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	
	(In thousands, except per share data)	
Operating revenues:		
Passenger	\$ 261,496	\$ 323,203
Freight and other	3,627	3,389
	265,123	326,592
Operating expenses:		
Flight operations	85,492	93,571
Fuel	78,535	115,919
Maintenance	49,162	72,010
Aircraft and traffic servicing	16,489	19,655
Promotion and sales	1,120	781
General and administrative	11,508	14,992
Depreciation and amortization	8,718	9,587
	251,024	326,515
Operating income	14,099	77
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense	(8,186)	(9,681)
Interest income	1,109	2,600
Gain on extinguishment of debt	8,107	-
Gain (loss) from equity method investments	1,235	(1,052)
Other income (expense)	(477)	3,903
	1,788	(4,230)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before taxes	15,887	(4,153)
Income tax provision (benefit)	399	(1,395)
	15,488	(2,758)
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	15,488	(2,758)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	(186)	(1,448)
	15,302	(4,206)
Net income (loss)	\$ 15,302	\$ (4,206)
Basic income (loss) per common share:		
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.56	\$ (0.10)
Loss from discontinued operations	(0.01)	(0.05)
	\$ 0.55	\$ (0.15)
Net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.55	\$ (0.15)
Diluted income (loss) per common share:		
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.46	\$ (0.10)
Loss from discontinued operations	(0.01)	(0.05)
	\$ 0.45	\$ (0.15)
Net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.45	\$ (0.15)

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**MESA AIR GROUP, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>December 31, 2008</b>	<b>September 30, 2008</b>
<b>(Unaudited)</b>		
<b>(In thousands, except share amounts)</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 50,118	\$ 50,763
Marketable securities	310	224
Restricted cash	13,618	13,947
Receivables, net	26,511	32,429
Income tax receivable	1,959	734
Expendable parts and supplies, net	30,600	31,067
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	157,268	162,701
Deferred income taxes	18,379	18,379
Assets of discontinued operations	24,805	24,805
Total current assets	323,568	335,049
Property and equipment, net	579,390	577,183
Lease and equipment deposits	11,646	11,957
Equity method investments	18,890	13,697
Other assets	20,712	21,319
Total assets	\$ 954,206	\$ 959,205
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 92,899	\$ 137,990
Accounts payable	34,063	28,898
Air traffic liability	4,828	7,861
Accrued compensation	3,932	7,394
Income taxes payable	400	-
Other accrued expenses	48,366	50,646
Liabilities of discontinued operations	38,412	39,620
Total current liabilities	222,900	272,409
Long-term debt, excluding current portion	450,655	420,878
Deferred credits	114,459	116,849
Deferred income taxes	15,734	15,734
Other noncurrent liabilities	24,486	23,678
Total liabilities	828,234	849,548
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock of no par value and additional paid-in capital, 75,000,000 shares authorized; 29,466,279 and 26,773,479 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	106,882	105,869
Retained earnings	19,090	3,788
Total stockholders' equity	125,972	109,657
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 954,206	\$ 959,205

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

MESA AIR GROUP, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	
	(In thousands)	
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 15,488	\$ (2,758)
Net loss from discontinued operations	(186)	(1,448)
	15,302	(4,206)
Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) to net cash flows provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	8,718	9,573
Deferred income taxes	-	(5,353)
Gain on investment securities	-	(3,503)
(Gain) loss from equity method investment	(1,235)	1,052
Amortization of deferred credits	(4,347)	(3,948)
Amortization of restricted stock awards	191	-
Amortization of contract incentive payments	82	82
Loss on sale of assets	170	1,694
Stock option benefit	(13)	-
Provision for obsolete expendable parts and supplies	45	2,071
Provision (benefit) for doubtful accounts	599	93
Gain on extinguishment of debt	(8,107)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Net sales (purchases) of investment securities	(86)	104,402
Receivables	1,361	(11,461)
Income tax receivables	(1,254)	154
Expendable parts and supplies	422	(744)
Prepaid expenses	5,433	8,294
Other current assets	186	125
Accounts payable	1,580	(5,251)
Income taxes payable	1,388	(1,231)
Other accrued expenses	(8,339)	1,904
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>\$ 12,096</b>	<b>\$ 93,744</b>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>		
Capital expenditures	\$ (8,184)	\$ (9,902)
Proceeds from sale of flight equipment and expendable inventory	3	5,760
Change in restricted cash	329	(85,131)
Change in other assets	78	(31)
Net returns (payments) of lease and equipment deposits	311	425
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(7,463)</b>	<b>(88,879)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>		
Principal payments on short and long-term debt	(11,026)	(8,798)
Proceeds from financing of rotatable spare parts	2,957	-
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	835	10
Common stock purchased and retired	-	(4,873)
Proceeds from receipt of deferred credits	1,956	4,166
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(5,278)</b>	<b>(9,495)</b>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(645)	(4,630)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</b>	<b>50,763</b>	<b>72,377</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 50,118</b>	<b>\$ 67,747</b>
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 8,862	\$ 10,243
Cash paid for income taxes, net	265	1,257
SUPPLEMENTAL NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Conversion of accrued interest into equity investment	\$ 3,959	\$ -
Accrued purchase of property and equipment	2,884	-
Receivable for credits related to aircraft financing	-	1,956

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

MESA AIR GROUP, INC.  
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(UNAUDITED)

**1. Business and Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited, condensed consolidated financial statements of Mesa Air Group, Inc. have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for a complete set of financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the periods presented have been made. Operating results for the three months ended December 31, 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Mesa Air Group, Inc. and the following wholly-owned operating subsidiaries (collectively "Mesa" or the "Company"): Mesa Airlines, Inc. ("Mesa Airlines"), a Nevada corporation and certificated air carrier; Freedom Airlines, Inc. ("Freedom"), a Nevada corporation and certificated air carrier; Air Midwest, Inc. ("Air Midwest"), a Kansas corporation and certificated air carrier; Air Midwest, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, MPD, Inc., a Nevada corporation, doing business as Mesa Pilot Development; Regional Aircraft Services, Inc. ("RAS"), a California corporation; Mesa Air Group - Airline Inventory Management, LLC ("MAG-AIM"), an Arizona limited liability company; Ritz Hotel Management Corp., a Nevada corporation; Mesa Air New York, Inc., a New York Corporation; Nilchii, Inc. ("Nilchii"), a Nevada corporation; MAGI Insurance, Ltd. ("MAGI"), a Barbados, West Indies based captive insurance company; and Ping Shan SRL ("Ping Shan"), a Barbados company with restricted liability. Air Midwest LLC was formed for the purpose of a contemplated conversion of Air Midwest from a corporation to a limited liability company (which has not occurred). MPD, Inc. provides pilot training in coordination with a community college in Farmington, New Mexico and with Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. RAS performs ground handling services. MAG-AIM purchases, distributes and manages the Company's inventory of rotatable and expendable spare parts. Ritz Hotel Management is a Phoenix area hotel property that is used for crew-in-training accommodations. MAGI is a captive insurance company established for the purpose of obtaining more favorable aircraft liability insurance rates. Nilchii was established to invest in certain airline related businesses. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

The Company adopted FIN 48 in the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Under FIN No. 48, the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position may be recognized only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities. The determination is based on the technical merits of the position and presumes that each uncertain tax position will be examined by the relevant taxing authority that has full knowledge of all relevant information. As a result of implementing FIN 48 in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the only effect on the Company was to reclassify a \$2.7 million tax reserve from long-term deferred income tax liability to other noncurrent liabilities at December 31, 2007 under FIN 48. No other changes resulting from implementing FIN 48 were necessary. The Company does not expect a significant change with its uncertain tax positions through the first quarter of fiscal 2010.

The tax law is subject to varied interpretations, and we have taken positions related to certain matters where the law is subject to interpretation and where substantial amounts of income tax benefits have been recorded in our financial statements. As we become aware of new interpretations of the relevant tax laws and as we discuss our interpretations with taxing authorities, we may in the future change our assessments of the likelihood of sustainability or of the amounts that may or may not be sustained upon audit. And as our assessments change, the impact to our financial statements could be material. We believe that the estimates, judgments and assumptions made when accounting for these matters are reasonable, based on information available at the time they are made. However, there can be no assurance that actual results will not differ from those estimates.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements." This standard defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. This pronouncement applies to other accounting standards that require or permit fair value measurements. Accordingly, this statement does not require any new fair value measurement. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company was required to adopt SFAS No. 157 in the first quarter of fiscal 2009. The Company has cash and cash equivalents that include money market securities that are considered to be highly liquid and easily tradeable and marketable securities. These securities are valued using inputs observable in active markets for identical securities and are therefore classified as level 1 within the fair value

hierarchy. See Note 5 for more information regarding our marketable securities. The fair value of our jet fuel swap is determined based on inputs that are readily available in public markets or can be derived from information available in publicly quoted markets. Therefore, the Company has categorized this swap contract as level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. See Note 7 for more information regarding our jet fuel swap.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115". Under SFAS No. 159, companies have an opportunity to use fair value measurements in financial reporting and permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. SFAS 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company was required to adopt SFAS No. 159 in the first quarter of fiscal 2009. The Company has not elected the fair value option for any assets or liabilities as allowed by SFAS No. 159.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R) "Business Combinations". This Statement replaces SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations" however it retains the fundamental requirements in SFAS 141 that the acquisition method of accounting (which Statement 141 called the purchase method) be used for all business combinations and for an acquirer to be identified for each business combination. This Statement defines the acquirer as the entity that obtains control of one or more businesses and establishes the acquisition date as the date the acquirer achieves control. Statement 141 did not define the acquirer, although it included guidance on identifying the acquirer, as does this Statement. This Statement's scope is broader than that of SFAS 141, which applied only to business combinations in which control was obtained by transferring consideration. By applying the same method of accounting-the acquisition method-to all transaction and other events in which one entity obtains control over one or more other businesses, this Statement improves the comparability of the information about business combinations provided in financial reports. This Statement applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company will be required to apply SFAS No.141(R) beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2010. Management believes that it will not have a significant impact on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160 an amendment of ARB No. 51, "Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements". A non-controlling interest, sometimes called a minority interest, is the portion of equity in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to a parent. The objective of this statement is to improve the relevance, comparability, and transparency of the financial information that a reporting entity provides in its consolidated financial statements by establishing accounting and reporting standards. This statement applies to all entities that prepare consolidated financial statements, except not-for-profit organizations, but will affect only those entities that have an outstanding non-controlling interest in one or more subsidiaries or that deconsolidate a subsidiary. This Statement is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company will be required to adopt SFAS No. 160 in the first quarter of fiscal 2010. Management believes that it will not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On October 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157-3, "Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset Is Not Active," This standard expands upon the implementation guidance in SFAS No. 157 for estimating the present value of future cash flows for some hard-to-value financial statement, such as collateralized debt obligations. This statement became effective upon issuance. Management believes that SFAS No. 157-3 will not a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") APB 14-1, "Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May be Settled in Cash Upon conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)". FSP APB 14-1 clarifies that convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion (including partial cash settlement) are not addressed by paragraph 12 of APB Opinion No. 14, "Accounting for Convertible Debt and Debt Issued with Stock Purchase Warrants". Additionally, this FSP specifies that issuers of such instruments should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that will reflect the entity's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate when interest cost is recognized in subsequent periods. The company will be required to adopt FSP APB 14-1 in the first quarter of fiscal 2010. Management has not evaluated the impact that this FSP will have on the Company's consolidated financial statements.



In June 2008, the FASB issued Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") 07-5 "Determining whether an Instrument (or Embedded Feature) is indexed to an Entity's Own Stock". EITF 07-5 clarifies how to determine whether certain instruments or features were indexed to an entity's own stock under EITF Issue No. 01-6, *The Meaning of "Indexed to a Company's Own Stock,"* ("EITF 01-6") and provides guidance to determine what accounting literature may apply to a particular equity linked instrument or feature. EITF 07-5 will become effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years, and must be applied to all instruments outstanding on the date of adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of EITF 07-5, and has not yet determined the effect of its adoption on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2008, the FASB issued EITF 08-3, "Accounting by Lessees for Maintenance Deposits", on the accounting for maintenance deposits that may not be refunded. EITF 08-3 requires that lessees continually evaluate whether it is probable that an amount on deposit with a lessor will be returned to reimburse the costs of the maintenance activities incurred by the lessee. When an amount on deposit is less than probable of being returned, it shall be recognized as additional expense. When the underlying maintenance is performed, the maintenance costs shall be expensed or capitalized in accordance with the lessee's maintenance accounting policy. EITF 08-3 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Earlier application by an entity that has previously adopted an alternative accounting policy is not permitted. The Company currently accounts for its maintenance deposits in accordance with EITF 08-3, and therefore, the adoption of EITF 08-3 will not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In November 2008, the FASB issued EITF 08-6 "Equity Method Investment Accounting Considerations", on how the initial carrying value of an equity method investment should be determined, how an impairment assessment of an underlying indefinite-lived intangible asset of an equity method investment should be performed, and how an equity method investee's issuance of shares should be accounted for. The Company will be required to adopt EITF 08-6 in the first quarter of fiscal 2010. Management has not evaluated the impact of this issue on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## 2. Discontinued Operations

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, the Company committed to a plan to sell Air Midwest or certain assets thereof. Air Midwest consists of Beechcraft 1900D turboprop operations, which includes our independent Mesa operations, Midwest Airlines and Beechcraft 1900D US Airways code-share operations. In connection with this decision, the Company began soliciting bids for the sale of the twenty Beechcraft 1900D aircraft in operation and exited all of its Essential Air Service ("EAS") markets effective June 30, 2008.

All assets and liabilities, results of operations, and other financial and operational data associated with these assets have been presented in the condensed consolidated financial statements as discontinued operations separate from continuing operations in accordance with SFAS No. 144 "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets".

During the three months ended December 31, 2008, the Company recorded a loss from discontinued operations before income taxes of \$186,000.

Revenues, loss before taxes, income tax benefit and net losses generated by discontinued operations were as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	(In thousands)	
Revenue	\$ 120	\$ 10,470
Loss before income taxes	\$ (186)	\$ (2,351)
Income tax benefit	-	(903)
Net loss from discontinued operations	\$ (186)	\$ (1,448)

Only interest expense directly associated with the debt outstanding in connection with the owned aircraft is included in discontinued operations. No general overhead or interest expense not directly related to the Air Midwest turboprop operation has been included within discontinued operations. The remaining carrying value of all assets and liabilities of the discontinued operations approximated fair market value, therefore no adjustment related thereto have been recorded.

Assets, including assets held for sale, and liabilities associated with the Air Midwest turboprop operation have been segregated from continuing operations and presented as assets and liabilities of discontinued operations in the consolidated balance sheets for all periods presented. In accordance with SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets" ("SFAS 144"), depreciation and amortization related to assets held for sale ceased as of September 30, 2007. Assets and liabilities of the discontinued operations were as follows:

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008
	(In thousands)	
Current assets	\$ 3,656	\$ 3,654
Property and equipment, net	20,800	20,800
Other assets	347	351
Current liabilities	(1,355)	(1,467)
Current portion of long-term debt	(5,425)	(5,206)
Long-term debt excluding current portion	(31,632)	(32,947)
Net liabilities of discontinued operations	\$ (13,609)	\$ (14,815)

### 3. Management's Plans Regarding Going Concern

#### Liquidity and Going Concern Matters:

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming the Company will continue as a going concern. This assumes continuing operations and the realization of assets and liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The Company expects to continue its *go!* operations in Hawaii, to continue to serve its three code-share partners (see Delta discussion below) and to satisfy any convertible debt repayments without the use of significant amounts of cash (see Convertible Notes discussion below). Accordingly, the Company believes that its projected cash flows from operations and working capital to be sufficient to meet its current operating expenses, lease obligations and debt service requirements for at least the next 12 months. The Company's business plan also focuses on further reducing costs and enhancing liquidity by instituting plans for all or some of the following: the sale of aircraft, sales or financing transactions for aircraft related parts, and renegotiation of credit terms from certain of the Company's key vendors.

#### Delta:

On March 28, 2008, Delta notified the Company of its intent to terminate the Delta Connection Agreement among Delta, the Company and the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Freedom Airlines, Inc. alleging failure to maintain a specified completion rate with respect to its ERJ-145 Delta Connection flights during three months of the six-month period ended February 2008. Following Delta's termination notification, the Company filed a Complaint on April 7, 2008 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia ("the Court") seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. An evidentiary hearing was conducted on May 27 through May 29, 2008. Following the hearing, the Court ruled in the Company's favor and issued a preliminary injunction against Delta.

The effect of this ruling is to prohibit Delta from terminating the Delta Connection Agreement covering the ERJ-145 aircraft operated by Freedom, based on Freedom's completion rate prior to April 2008, pending a final trial at a date to be determined by the court. On June 27, 2008, Delta filed a Notice of Appeal and on July 15, 2008, Delta filed a motion requesting that the appeal be heard on an expedited basis. Delta and the Company have fully briefed the issue on appeal and oral arguments in the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals were held on January 30, 2009.

If the District Court or Court of Appeals ultimately rules in favor of Delta and allows the termination of the Connection Agreement management believes they will be unable to redeploy the ERJ-145s in a timely manner, or at the lease rates the Company receives under the Delta Connection Agreement in the event of any re-deployment of such aircraft. As a result, if the Company is not successful in its litigation with Delta, the Company's cash flows from operations and available working capital will be insufficient to meet these cash requirements. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from an unfavorable outcome in this matter.

#### Convertible Notes:

As of December 31, 2008, there were approximately \$21.2 million in Senior Convertible Notes due 2023 and approximately \$70.2 million in Senior Convertible Notes due 2024 outstanding, collectively, the "Convertible Notes". See Note 10 for further information regarding subsequent events affecting the Convertible Notes.

On January 6, 2009, the Company's shareholders approved the increase in the number of authorized shares of common stock to 900,000,000 shares.

With the issuance of a significant number of shares in the second quarter of fiscal 2009, it is probable that this will trigger a Section 382 limitation on the utilization of the Company's NOLs. This will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements, as the Company will be limited to an annual limitation on the use of its NOL's. Management is evaluating the impact this will have on the Company's financial statements. Internal Revenue Code Section 382 rules apply to limit a corporation's ability to utilize existing net operating loss carry forwards once the corporation experiences an ownership change as defined in the rules of Section 382. Generally, an ownership change occurs when within a span of 36 months, there is an increase in the stock ownership by one or more shareholders of more than 50 percentage points.

#### 4. Segment Reporting

SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," requires disclosures related to components of a company for which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by a company's chief operating decision maker in deciding the allocation of resources and assessing performance. The Company has two airline operating subsidiaries, Mesa Airlines and Freedom Airlines, as well as, various other subsidiaries organized to provide support for the Company's airline operations. The Company has aggregated these subsidiaries into two reportable segments: Mesa Airlines/Freedom and **go!**. Operating revenues in the Other category are primarily sales of rotatable and expendable parts to the Company's operating subsidiaries and ground handling services performed by employees of RAS for Mesa Airlines. The assets and liabilities and results of operations associated with Air Midwest are not included within the segment information table below as they are classified as discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Mesa Airlines and Freedom Airlines provide passenger service under revenue-guarantee contracts with United Airlines, Inc. ("United"), Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") and US Airways, Inc. ("US Airways"). As of December 31, 2008, Mesa Airlines and Freedom Airlines operated a fleet of 146 aircraft - 96 CRJs, 34 ERJs and 16 Dash-8's.

**go!** provides independent inter-island Hawaiian passenger service where revenue is derived from ticket sales. As of December 31, 2008, **go!** operated a fleet of 5 CRJ-200 aircraft.

The Other segment includes Mesa Air Group (the holding company), RAS, MPD, MAG-AIM, MAGI, Mesa New York, Nilchii, Ping Shan and Ritz Hotel Management Corp., all of which support Mesa's operating subsidiaries. Activity in the Other category consists primarily of sales of rotatable and expendable parts and ground handling services to the Company's operating subsidiaries, but also includes all administrative functions not directly attributable to any specific operating company. These administrative costs are allocated to the operating companies based upon specific criteria including headcount, available seat miles ("ASM's") and other operating statistics.

<b>Three Months Ended December 31, 2008 (000's)</b>	<b>Mesa/ Freedom</b>	<b>go!</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total net operating revenues	\$ 253,958	\$ 11,596	\$ 49,738	\$ (50,169)	\$ 265,123
Depreciation and amortization	8,025	265	428	-	8,718
Operating income (loss)	18,704	893	1,754	(7,252)	14,099
Interest expense	(7,171)	-	(1,159)	144	(8,186)
Interest income	331	17	906	(145)	1,109
Income (loss) before income tax	11,589	684	10,866	(7,252)	15,887
Income tax provision (benefit)	283	221	(105)	-	399
Total assets	1,270,138	15,944	526,951	(883,632)	929,401
Capital expenditures (including non-cash)	7,622	8	3,438	-	11,068

<b>Three Months Ended December 31, 2007 (000's)</b>	<b>Mesa/ Freedom</b>	<b>go!</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total net operating revenues	\$ 320,789	\$ 6,167	\$ 56,957	\$ (57,322)	\$ 326,592
Depreciation and amortization	8,217	526	844	-	9,587
Operating income (loss)	5,416	(6,582)	9,180	(7,937)	77
Interest expense	(7,465)	-	(2,366)	150	(9,681)
Interest income	1,452	32	899	217	2,600
Income (loss) before income tax	3,086	(6,547)	6,878	(7,570)	(4,153)
Income tax provision (benefit)	636	(894)	(110)	(1,027)	(1,395)
Total assets	1,389,942	14,407	610,758	(860,720)	1,154,387
Capital expenditures (including non-cash)	6,823	-	3,079	-	9,902

### 5. Marketable Securities

The Company has a cash management program that provides for the investment of excess cash balances primarily in short-term money market instruments, US treasury securities, intermediate-term debt instruments, and common equity securities of companies operating in the airline industry.

SFAS No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities," requires that all applicable investments be classified as trading securities, available for sale securities or held-to-maturity securities. As of December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2008, the Company had \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million in marketable securities that include US Treasury notes, government bonds and corporate bonds. These investments are classified as trading securities during the periods presented and accordingly, are carried at market value with changes in value reflected in the current period operations. Unrealized losses relating to trading securities held at December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2008 were \$41,000 and \$12,000, respectively. During the quarter ended December 31, 2008, the Company didn't record any net realized gains on marketable securities.

### 6. Restricted Cash

At December 31, 2008, the Company had \$13.6 million in restricted cash. The Company has an agreement with a financial institution for a \$15.0 million letter of credit facility and to issue letters of credit for landing fees, workers compensation insurance and other business needs. Pursuant to the agreement, \$11.6 million of outstanding letters of credit are required to be collateralized by amounts on deposit. Approximately \$2.0 million relates to maintenance deposits and reserves associated with aircraft leased to Kunpeng Airlines.

### 7. Jet Fuel Swap

*go!* is significantly impacted by changes in jet fuel prices. Jet fuel consumed for the three months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 represented approximately 28.8 % and 26.0% of *go!*'s operating expenses, respectively. Over the past several years, fuel expense has become an increasingly larger portion of *go!*'s operating expenses due to the dramatic increases in all energy prices over this period. The Company's goal is to acquire jet fuel at the lowest possible costs. Approximately 5.2% of our total fuel costs are not reimbursed by our code-share partners.

As a result, on October 24, 2008, the Company paid a deposit and entered into a fixed price swap agreement for the purchase of jet fuel not reimbursed by code-share partners. We do not account for our fixed price swap agreement as a hedge instrument as defined by SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". Therefore, any changes in the fair value of the swap agreement since the last period are recorded to "Other income (expense)" in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations of the period. All cash flows associated with the purchasing of fuel are classified as operating cash flows in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2008, we recognized a loss of \$180,860, related to the change in the fair value of our fixed price swap agreement in our "Other income (expense)" in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$319,140 remaining on deposit to cover the jet fuel swap.

## 8. Equity Method Investments

	<b>December 31, 2008</b>	<b>September 30, 2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Investment in airline company	\$ 14,437	\$ 9,244
Investment in Kunpeng Airlines Co., Ltd.	4,453	4,453
Total equity method investments	<u>\$ 18,890</u>	<u>\$ 13,697</u>

Gain (loss) from equity method investments:

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Equity method gain (loss) from airline investment	\$ 1,235	\$ (1,590)
Equity method (loss) from payment processing company	-	(164)
Equity method gain (loss) from Kunpeng Airlines Co., Ltd.	-	702
Gain (loss) from equity method investments	<u>\$ 1,235</u>	<u>\$ (1,052)</u>

The Company accounts for its investment in the Kunpeng Airlines ("Kunpeng") joint venture with Shenzhen Airlines ("Shenzhen") using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method, the Company adjusts the carrying amount of its investment for its share of the earnings or losses. The Company's beneficial ownership percentage is 44%, after taking into consideration the 5% interest held for the exclusive benefit of an unaffiliated third party. In general, the Company would record 44% of the income or loss of Kunpeng, except that the parties have agreed to share losses according to their respective percentage ownership, with Mesa's exposure capped at a percentage of the gross revenues of Kunpeng that is materially below its percentage ownership interest. During the third quarter of 2008, the Company entered into a Letter of Intent ("LOI") to sell its interest in Kunpeng to Shenzhen. As a result of the negotiated valuation of the interest by the parties set forth in the LOI, the Company recorded a loss on its investment in the third quarter of 2008 and no additional losses have been recorded in 2009.

The Company also subleases five regional jets to Kunpeng. Total sublease revenue for the quarter ended December 31, 2008, was \$1.3 million. At December 31, 2008, the Company had gross receivables from Kunpeng of approximately \$4.5 million.

In fiscal 2007, we participated with a private equity fund in making an investment, through a limited liability limited partnership, in the preferred shares of a closely held emerging markets payment processing related business. In the second quarter of fiscal 2008, due to the improbability of recovering our investment, the company wrote-off the remaining balance of the investment.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2008, approximately \$4.0 million was added to the investment in the airline company related to the conversion of interest to principal. All interest on a 17% note with the airline company that has been accrued, but not paid on each annual payment date of December 31, at the option of the investee, shall be added to the principal amount of the note and shall no longer be deemed to be accrued and unpaid.

## 9. Concentrations

The Company has code-share agreements with Delta, US Airways and United. Approximately 95.9% of the Company's consolidated passenger revenue for the three month period ended December 31, 2008 was derived from these agreements. Accounts receivable from the Company's code-share partners were 32.2% and 34.3% of total gross accounts receivable at December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2008, respectively.

Amounts billed by the Company under revenue guarantee arrangements are subject to our interpretation of the applicable code-share agreement, and are subject to audit by our code-share partners. Periodically our code-share partners dispute amounts billed and pay amounts less than the amount billed. Ultimate collection of the remaining amounts not only depends upon Mesa prevailing under audit, but also upon the financial well-being of the code-share partner. As such, the Company periodically reviews amounts past due and records a reserve for amounts estimated to be uncollectible. The Company's allowance for doubtful accounts was \$10.7 million and \$10.3 million at December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2008, respectively.

US Airways accounted for approximately 47.6% of the Company's total passenger revenue in the three month period ended December 31, 2008. A termination of the US Airways revenue-guarantee code-share agreements would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

United accounted for approximately 30.7% of the Company's total passenger revenue in the three month period ended December 31, 2008. In most cases under our code share arrangements, the Company is contractually responsible for procuring the fuel necessary to conduct its operations, and fuel costs are then passed through to code-share partners via weekly invoicing. The United code-share agreement contains an option that allows United to assume the contractual responsibility for procuring and providing the fuel necessary to operate the flights that Mesa operates for United. United exercised this option at 15 of the stations we operate, and as a result we no longer incur fuel expense or recognize related fuel pass-through revenue for these United stations. A termination of the United agreement would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Delta accounted for approximately 17.6% of the Company's total passenger revenue in the three month period ended December 31, 2008. During the quarter ended December 31, 2008, we returned all CRJ 900 aircraft that had been operated under the CRJ-900 Delta code share agreement. A termination of the ERJ-145 Delta Connection agreement would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. For further information see Note 3.

## 10. Notes Payable and Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008
	(In thousands)	
Notes payable to bank, principal and interest due monthly, interest at LIBOR plus 3%, (4.2% at December 31, 2008), collateralized by the underlying aircraft, due 2019	\$ 283,621	\$ 288,956
Senior convertible notes due June 2023 (1)	21,232	23,241
Senior convertible notes due February 2024 (1)	70,235	77,802
Note payable to financial institution due 2013, principal and interest due monthly at 7% per annum through 2008 converting to 12.5% thereafter, collateralized by the underlying aircraft	19,411	19,826
Notes payable to financial institution, principal and interest due monthly through 2022, interest at LIBOR plus 2.25% (4.9% at December 31, 2008), collateralized by the underlying aircraft	111,342	112,643
Notes payable to financial institution, principal and interest due monthly through 2012, interest at 8.3% per annum, collateralized by the underlying aircraft	12,145	12,566
Unsecured note payable to supplier, principal due semi-annually, interest at LIBOR plus 6% (7.2% at December 31, 2008) due quarterly through 2012	20,165	21,333
Notes payable to supplier, principal of \$82,057 due monthly starting with the 21st month, interest at 3.2%, collateralized by rotatable spare parts (2)	2,957	-
Unsecured note payable to supplier, principal and interest at 9.5% due monthly through 2015	1,582	1,624
Mortgage note payable to bank, principal and interest at 7.5% due monthly through 2009, collateralized by Del Rio Hotel	777	790
Other	87	87
Total debt	543,555	558,868
Less current portion	(92,899)	(137,990)
Long-term debt	\$ 450,655	\$ 420,878

(1) On May 20, 2008, the Company's board of directors approved separate agreements reached by the Company with certain of the holders of its Senior Convertible Notes due 2023 (the "2023 Notes"). As previously disclosed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, holders of the 2023 Notes had the right to require the Company to repurchase the 2023 Notes on June 16, 2008 (the "Put") at a price of \$397.27 per \$1,000 note (the "Put Price") plus any accrued and unpaid cash interest. If all of the holders of the Notes had exercised this right, the Company would have been required to repurchase the Notes for approximately \$37.8 million in cash, common stock, or a combination thereof.

During the three months ended December 31, 2008, the Company paid \$1.4 million to purchase approximately 9.5% of their outstanding Senior Convertible Notes due in 2023 and 2024 in the amount of \$2.0 million and \$7.6 million, respectively. The transaction after the payment of accrued interest, commissions and the write off of deferred debt issuance costs, resulted in a gain of \$8.1 million which has been recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations in Gain on extinguishment of debt.

During the first two weeks of February 2009, the Company (i) issued 3,434,000 shares of its common stock, no par value (the "Common Stock"), in satisfaction of its obligation to repurchase \$1.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of its Senior Convertible Notes due 2023 ("2023 Notes") from holders of 2023 Notes that had exercised their put rights arising under the indenture governing the 2023 Notes and forbearance agreements between the Company and these holders, and (ii) completed transactions with certain holders of its 2023 Notes to purchase an additional \$29,071,250 face amount of 2023 Notes in exchange for a total of \$1,844,431 in cash, 8,430,457 shares of its common stock, no par value (the "Common Stock") and \$983,937 in aggregate principal amount of the Company's new 8% senior unsecured notes due 2012 (the "2012 Notes").

Also during February 2009, the Company repurchased \$19,278,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity of its Senior Convertible Notes due 2024 ("2024 Notes") from holders of 2024 Notes that had exercised their put rights arising under the indenture governing the 2024 Notes, including \$6,504,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2024 Notes pursuant to certain puts the Company agreed to accept on or about February 19, 2009. In consideration for the \$19,278,000 of the 2024 Notes' face value, the Company issued 94,269,420 shares of its Common Stock. In addition, the Company announced its intent to immediately resume discussions with certain holders of 2024 Notes to enter into agreements with such holders imminently on terms substantially equivalent to previously announced agreements that were rescinded. As described in the immediately following paragraph, certain of these holders have subsequently agreed to enter into agreements with the Company on terms substantially equivalent to the previously announced rescinded exchange agreements.

On or about February 17, 2009, the Company entered into separate agreements with certain holders of its 2024 Notes to (i) exchange \$83.7 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 2024 Notes for an aggregate of \$4.9 million in cash, 10.9 million shares of the Company's Common Stock, and \$16.3 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2012 Notes. The issuance of the Common Stock and 2012 Notes in the exchange is expected to close on or about February 25, 2009.

Prior to the transactions described above and without giving effect to the February 19th exchange agreements, \$52.1 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2023 Notes and \$120.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2024 Notes were outstanding. \$21.7 million of the 2023 Notes' face value was not put to the Company and, as of the date of this report, has not otherwise been repurchased and thus remain outstanding. The outstanding 2023 Notes may be put to the Company no earlier than June 16, 2013. Following the closing of the transactions evidenced by the February 19th exchange agreements described in the preceding paragraph, the put was not recognized for \$17.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 2024 Notes and will remain outstanding. Such outstanding 2024 Notes may be put to the Company no earlier than February 10, 2014. At such time, we may pay the purchase price in cash or shares of our common stock or in a combination of cash and shares of our common stock.

All of the issuances of Common Stock and 2012 Notes noted above were exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Section 3(a)(9) and Section 4(2) thereof.

(2) On November 26, 2008, Mesa Airlines financed certain rotatable spare parts in the amount of \$2.9 million at an annual interest rate of 3.2% for 60 months. The first principal payment of \$82,057 is due and payable on the 21<sup>st</sup> month. Interest will be accrued and added to the principal of the note for the first 20 months of the arrangement.

## 11. Earnings (Loss) Per Share

The Company accounts for earnings (loss) per share in accordance with SFAS No. 128, "Earnings per Share." Basic net income per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented. Diluted net income per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if outstanding stock options and warrants were exercised. In addition, dilutive convertible securities are included in the denominator while interest on convertible debt, net of tax, is added back to the numerator. A reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used in computing net income (loss) per share is as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Share calculation:		
Weighted average shares outstanding — basic	27,652	28,542
Effect of dilutive outstanding stock options and warrants	*	*
Effect of restricted stock	*	*
Effect of dilutive outstanding convertible debt	6,977	*
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Weighted average shares outstanding — diluted	34,629	28,542
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Adjustments to net income (loss):		
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 15,488	\$ (2,758)
Interest expense on convertible debt, net of tax	594	*
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Adjusted net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 16,082	\$ (2,758)
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\* Excluded from the calculation of dilutive earnings per share because the effect would have been antidilutive.



Options to purchase 1,927,022 and 3,418,396 shares of common stock were outstanding during the quarters ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, but were excluded from the calculation of dilutive earnings per share for the quarters ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, because the effect would have been antidilutive.

## 12. Stock Repurchase Program

The Company's Board of Directors has authorized the Company to purchase up to 29.4 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock. As of December 31, 2008, the Company has acquired and retired approximately 17.9 million shares of its outstanding common stock at an aggregate cost of approximately \$113.7 million, leaving approximately 11.5 million shares available for purchase under the current Board authorizations. Purchases are made at management's discretion based on market conditions and the Company's financial resources.

The Company didn't repurchase any shares during the three months ended December 31, 2008.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Cumulative Number of Shares Purchased As Part of Publicly Announced Plan	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plan
October 2008	-	\$ -	17,952,603	11,469,658
November 2008	-	\$ -	17,952,603	11,469,658
December 2008	-	\$ -	17,952,603	11,469,658

## 13. Stock-Based Compensation

Stock based compensation expense is calculated by estimating the fair value of stock options and restricted stock at the time of grant and amortizing the fair value over the vesting period.

The following amounts were recognized for stock-based compensation:

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
General and administrative expenses:		
	(In thousands)	
Stock options expense	\$ (13)	\$ 53
Restricted stock expense	191	235
Total	\$ 178	\$ 288

## 14. Commitments and Contingencies

On January 9, 2007, Aloha Airlines filed suit against Mesa Air Group in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii. The complaint seeks damages and injunctive relief. Aloha alleges that Mesa's inter-island air fares are below cost and that Mesa is, therefore, violating specific provisions of the Sherman Act. Aloha also alleges breach of contract and fraud by Mesa in connection with two confidentiality agreements, one entered into in 2005 and the other in 2006. Mesa denies any attempt at monopolization of the inter-island market and further denies any improper use of the data furnished by Aloha while Mesa was considering a bid for Aloha during its bankruptcy proceedings. On November 28, 2008, we entered into a settlement and release agreement ("Settlement Agreement"), effective as of November 28, 2008, with certain affiliates of The Yucaipa Companies LLC (collectively, "Yucaipa") relating to the action entitled *Aloha Airlines, Inc., et al. v. Mesa Air Group, Inc.* before the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii (Case No. CV 07-00007 DAE/BMK) (the "Action"). The Settlement Agreement fully and finally settles all issues and disputes that were raised, or could have been raised by the partner.

In connection with the Settlement Agreement, Mesa has agreed to issue approximately 2.7 million shares of its common stock to Yucaipa and make a cash payment of \$2 million to Yucaipa, which both occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2008. The Company recorded a charge of approximately \$2.8 million in the consolidated statements of operations in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008.

In connection with a June 2007 agreement modifying certain Canadair Regional Jet purchase obligations, the Company committed to purchase 10 new CRJ-700 NextGen aircraft. In conjunction with this purchase agreement, Mesa has \$500,000 on deposit in accordance with the Bombardier Regional Aircraft Agreement ("BRAD") that was included in lease and equipment deposits at December 31, 2008. The deposit is expected to be returned upon completion of permanent financing on each of the ten aircraft.

The Company adopted FIN 48 in the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Under FIN No. 48, the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position may be recognized only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities. The determination is based on the technical merits of the position and presumes that each uncertain tax position will be examined by the relevant taxing authority that has full knowledge of all relevant information. As a result of implementing FIN 48 in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the only effect on the Company was to reclassify a \$2.7 million tax reserve from long-term deferred income tax liability to other noncurrent liabilities at December 31, 2007 under FIN 48. No other changes resulting from implementing FIN 48 were necessary. The Company does not expect a significant change with its uncertain tax positions through the first quarter of fiscal 2010.

The Company also has long-term contracts for the performance of engine maintenance on some of its aircraft. A description of each of these contracts is as follows:

In April 2000, the Company entered into a 10-year engine maintenance contract with Rolls-Royce Allison ("Rolls-Royce") for its ERJ aircraft. The contract requires Mesa to pay Rolls-Royce for the engine overhaul upon completion of the maintenance based upon a fixed dollar amount per flight hour. The rate per flight hour is based upon certain operational assumptions and may vary if the engines are operated differently than these assumptions. The rate is also subject to escalation based on changes in certain price indices. The agreement with Rolls-Royce also contains a termination clause and look back provision to provide for any shortfall between the cost of maintenance incurred by the provider and the amount paid up to the termination date by the Company and includes a 15% penalty on such amount. The Company does not anticipate an early termination under the contract.

On March 28, 2008, Delta notified the Company of its intent to terminate the Delta Connection Agreement among Delta, the Company and the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Freedom Airlines, Inc. alleging failure to maintain a specified completion rate with respect to its ERJ-145 Delta Connection flights during three months of the six-month period ended February, 2008. Following Delta's termination notification, the Company filed a Complaint on April 7, 2008 seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. An evidentiary hearing was conducted on May 27 through May 29, 2008. Following the hearing, the Court ruled in the Company's favor and issued a preliminary injunction against Delta.

The effect of this ruling is to prohibit Delta from terminating the Delta Connection Agreement covering the ERJ-145 aircraft operated by Freedom, based on Freedom's completion rate prior to April 2008, pending a final trial at a date to be determined by the Court. On June 27, 2008, Delta filed a Notice of Appeal and on July 15, 2008, Delta filed a motion requesting that the appeal be heard on an expedited basis. The Company responded to Delta's motion in accordance with the applicable rules and the Court of Appeals, after reviewing the filings, denied Delta's request. Delta and the Company have fully briefed the issue on appeal and oral argument in the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals were held on January 30, 2009.

On August 6, 2008 Mesa filed a complaint against Delta Air Lines seeking the return of seven aircraft engines that Delta improperly retained possession of following the termination of an engine maintenance memorandum of understanding (the "MOU") executed between Mesa and Delta. Delta has claimed its retention of these engines is justified as a means to secure recovery of certain disputed amounts related to the memorandum of understanding. The memorandum of understanding does not contain provisions regarding Delta's claims and does not permit Delta's retention of the engines. Delta did not have a legal basis upon which to retain continued unauthorized possession of the engines. On or about August 13, 2008, Delta returned possession of the engines at issue. On August 22, 2008, Delta recorded mechanics' liens on the engines and filed a counterclaim seeking to foreclose on the liens as well as seeking certain payments allegedly related to the MOU. Mesa's action filed in the United States District Court sought the immediate return of all engines currently in Delta's possession and/or control, forfeiture of all claimed liens, as well as damages related to Delta's improper retention of the engines. On November 12, 2008, the Court heard oral arguments on Mesa's motion to dismiss Delta's purported liens and Delta's motion to foreclose on the liens. On November 14, 2008, the Court ruled that Delta forfeited its lien claims as a result of its failure to comply with the timelines set out in the Georgia Lien Statute. The parties' competing claims for money damages are still pending before the Court. A judgment in Delta's favor for damages related to its counterclaim could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

On October 20, 2008, Mesa filed a complaint against Mokulele Air Group, Inc. ("Mokulele") alleging claims for breach of contract related to certain amounts owed to the Company by Mokulele under the code-share agreement dated February 7, 2007. Mesa's complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. On November 4, 2008, Mokulele filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii alleging claims for breach of the code-share agreement, attempted monopolization in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and unfair competition under Hawaii statutes. On November 7, 2008, Mesa amended its complaint filed in the District Court of Arizona to add claims for breach of contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, breach of an open account, unjust enrichment, coercion, trademark infringement in violation of the Hawaii and Arizona statutes and the federal Lanham Act, misappropriation of trade secrets, deceptive trade practices and unfair competition. This litigation is in the initial stages and the Company strongly denies having violated any statutory or common law duty owed to Mokulele.

In accordance with the terms our joint venture agreement in China, we are obligated to contribute an additional RMB 196,000,000 or \$28.6 million to Kunpeng in accordance with Kunpeng's operational requirements as determined by Kunpeng's board of directors, but in any event, prior to May 16, 2009.

The Company is also involved in a contractual disagreement with another vendor in connection with an engine maintenance agreement regarding approximately \$1.8 million in unauthorized repairs performed by the vendor. The Company believes it is not obligated to make this payment. In the event the payment was found to be required, the Company will incur an additional \$1.8 million in maintenance expenses.

During the first two weeks of February 2009, the Company (i) issued 3,434,000 shares of its common stock, no par value (the "Common Stock"), in satisfaction of its obligation to repurchase \$1.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of its Senior Convertible Notes due 2023 ("2023 Notes") from holders of 2023 Notes that had exercised their put rights arising under the indenture governing the 2023 Notes and forbearance agreements between the Company and these holders, and (ii) completed transactions with certain holders of its 2023 Notes to purchase an additional \$29,071,250 face amount of 2023 Notes in exchange for a total of \$1,844,431 in cash, 8,430,457 shares of its common stock, no par value (the "Common Stock") and \$983,937 in aggregate principal amount of the Company's new 8% senior unsecured notes due 2012 (the "2012 Notes").

Also during February 2009, the Company repurchased \$19,278,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity of its Senior Convertible Notes due 2024 ("2024 Notes") from holders of 2024 Notes that had exercised their put rights arising under the indenture governing the 2024 Notes, including \$6,504,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2024 Notes pursuant to certain puts the Company agreed to accept on or about February 19, 2009. In consideration for the \$19,278,000 of the 2024 Notes' face value, the Company issued 94,269,420 shares of its Common Stock. In addition, the Company announced its intent to immediately resume discussions with certain holders of 2024 Notes to enter into agreements with such holders imminently on terms substantially equivalent to previously announced agreements that were rescinded. As described in the immediately following paragraph, certain of these holders have subsequently agreed to enter into agreements with the Company on terms substantially equivalent to the previously announced rescinded exchange agreements.

On or about February 17, 2009, the Company entered into separate agreements with certain holders of its 2024 Notes to (i) exchange \$83.7 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 2024 Notes for an aggregate of \$4.9 million in cash, 10.9 million shares of the Company's Common Stock, and \$16.3 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2012 Notes. The issuance of the Common Stock and 2012 Notes in the exchange is expected to close on or about February 25, 2009.

Prior to the transactions described above and without giving effect to the February 19th exchange agreements, \$52.1 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2023 Notes and \$120.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2024 Notes were outstanding. \$21.7 million of the 2023 Notes' face value was not put to the Company and, as of the date of this report, has not otherwise been repurchased and thus remain outstanding. The outstanding 2023 Notes may be put to the Company no earlier than June 16, 2013. Following the closing of the transactions evidenced by the February 19th exchange agreements described in the preceding paragraph, the put was not recognized for \$17.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 2024 Notes and will remain outstanding. Such outstanding 2024 Notes may be put to the Company no earlier than February 10, 2014. At such time, we may pay the purchase price in cash or shares of our common stock or in a combination of cash and shares of our common stock.

All of the issuances of Common Stock and 2012 Notes noted above were exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Section 3(a)(9) and Section 4(2) thereof.

The Company is also involved in various legal proceedings and FAA civil action proceedings that the Company does not believe will have a material adverse effect upon its business, financial condition or results of operations, although no assurance can be given to the ultimate outcome of any such proceedings

## 15. Subsequent Events

On January 6, 2009, the Company's shareholders approved the increase in the number of authorized shares of common stock to 900,000,000 shares.

With the issuance of a significant number of shares in the second quarter of fiscal 2009, it is probable that this will trigger a Section 382 limitation on the utilization of the Company's NOLs. This will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. Management is evaluating the impact this will have on the consolidated financial statements. Internal Revenue Code Section 382 rules apply to limit a corporation's ability to utilize existing net operating loss carryforwards once the corporation experiences an ownership change as defined in the rules of Section 382. Generally, an ownership change occurs when within a span of 36 months, there is an increase in the stock ownership by one or more shareholders of more than 50 percentage points.

During the first two weeks of February 2009, the Company (i) issued 3,434,000 shares of its common stock, no par value (the "Common Stock"), in satisfaction of its obligation to repurchase \$1.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of its Senior Convertible Notes due 2023 ("2023 Notes") from holders of 2023 Notes that had exercised their put rights arising under the indenture governing the 2023 Notes and forbearance agreements between the Company and these holders, and (ii) completed transactions with certain holders of its 2023 Notes to purchase an additional \$29,071,250 face amount of 2023 Notes in exchange for a total of \$1,844,431 in cash, 8,430,457 shares of its common stock, no par value (the "Common Stock") and \$983,937 in aggregate principal amount of the Company's new 8% senior unsecured notes due 2012 (the "2012 Notes").

Also during February 2009, the Company repurchased \$19,278,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity of its Senior Convertible Notes due 2024 ("2024 Notes") from holders of 2024 Notes that had exercised their put rights arising under the indenture governing the 2024 Notes, including \$6,504,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2024 Notes pursuant to certain puts the Company agreed to accept on or about February 19, 2009. In consideration for the \$19,278,000 of the 2024 Notes' face value, the Company issued 94,269,420 shares of its Common Stock. In addition, the Company announced its intent to immediately resume discussions with certain holders of 2024 Notes to enter into agreements with such holders imminently on terms substantially equivalent to previously announced agreements that were rescinded. As described in the immediately following paragraph, certain of these holders have subsequently agreed to enter into agreements with the Company on terms substantially equivalent to the previously announced rescinded exchange agreements.

On or about February 17, 2009, the Company entered into separate agreements with certain holders of its 2024 Notes to (i) exchange \$83.7 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 2024 Notes for an aggregate of \$4.9 million in cash, 10.9 million shares of the Company's Common Stock, and \$16.3 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2012 Notes. The issuance of the Common Stock and 2012 Notes in the exchange is expected to close on or about February 25, 2009.

Prior to the transactions described above and without giving effect to the February 19th exchange agreements, \$52.1 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2023 Notes and \$120.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2024 Notes were outstanding. \$21.7 million of the 2023 Notes' face value was not put to the Company and, as of the date of this report, has not otherwise been repurchased and thus remain outstanding. The outstanding 2023 Notes may be put to the Company no earlier than June 16, 2013. Following the closing of the transactions evidenced by the February 19th exchange agreements described in the preceding paragraph, the put was not recognized for \$17.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 2024 Notes and will remain outstanding. Such outstanding 2024 Notes may be put to the Company no earlier than February 10, 2014. At such time, we may pay the purchase price in cash or shares of our common stock or in a combination of cash and shares of our common stock.

All of the issuances of Common Stock and 2012 Notes noted above were exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Section 3(a)(9) and Section 4(2) thereof.

### **Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

The following discussion and analysis provides information which management believes is relevant to an assessment and understanding of the Company's results of operations and financial condition. The discussion should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes thereto.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

**This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains certain statements including, but not limited to, information regarding the replacement, deployment, and acquisition of certain numbers and types of aircraft, and projected expenses associated therewith; costs of compliance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations and other rules and acts of Congress; the passing of taxes, fuel costs, inflation, and various expenses to our customers; the relocation of certain operations of Mesa; the**

resolution of litigation in a favorable manner and certain projected financial obligations. These statements, in addition to statements made in conjunction with the words "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "believe," "seek," "estimate," and similar expressions, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Safe Harbor provision of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements relate to future events or the future financial performance of Mesa and only reflect management's expectations and estimates. The following is a list of factors, among others, that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements: changing business conditions in certain market segments and industries; changes in Mesa's code-sharing relationships; an increase in competition along the routes Mesa operates or plans to operate; availability and cost of funds for financing new aircraft; changes in general and/or regional economic conditions; changes in fuel prices; Mesa's relationship with its employees and the terms of future collective bargaining agreements; the impact of current and future laws; additional terrorist attacks; Congressional investigations, and governmental regulations affecting the airline industry and Mesa's operations; bureaucratic delays; amendments to existing legislation; consumers unwilling to incur greater costs for flights; our ability to operate our Hawaiian airline service profitably; Mokulele Airlines regarding our Hawaiian operation, and Delta Air Lines regarding our code share agreement; unfavorable resolution of negotiations with municipalities for the leasing of facilities; failure of our joint venture in China or changes in Chinese laws or regulations that have an adverse effect on Kunpeng's operations. One or more of these or other factors may cause Mesa's actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking statement. Mesa is not undertaking any obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-Q.

All references to "we," "our," "us," or "Mesa" refer to Mesa Air Group, Inc. and its predecessors, direct and indirect subsidiaries and affiliates.

## GENERAL

The following discussion and analysis provides information that management believes is relevant to an assessment and understanding of the Company's results of operations and financial condition for the periods presented. The discussion should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes thereto, contained elsewhere in this Form 10-Q.

### *Discontinued Operations*

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, the Company committed to a plan to sell Air Midwest or certain assets thereof. Air Midwest consists of Beechcraft 1900D turboprop operations, which includes our independent Mesa operations and Midwest Airlines and US Airways code-share operations. In connection with this decision, the Company began soliciting bids for the sale of the twenty Beechcraft 1900D aircraft in operation and began to take the necessary steps to exit the Essential Air Service ("EAS") markets that it serves, and exited all EAS market on or before June 30, 2008. All assets and liabilities, results of operations, and other financial and operational data associated with these assets have been presented in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements as discontinued operations separate from continuing operations, unless otherwise noted. For all periods presented, we reclassified operating results of the Air Midwest turboprop operation to loss from discontinued operations.

### *Executive Overview*

The first quarter of 2009 marked a number of milestones and challenges for us.

- In the first quarter of fiscal 2009 Mesa continued to expand its Hawaiian inter-island operation, *go!*. Available seat miles increased 15.4% in comparison to the same period in the prior fiscal year. December 2008 generated revenues of \$11.6 million dollars which resulted in a pretax income of approximately \$0.6 million. Fuel prices were reduced significantly in the quarter and *go!* experienced increases in passenger revenue, and load factor. Departures increased 11.4% and passengers carried increased 11.3% over the first quarter of 2008.
- On November 28, 2008 Mesa announced entering into a settlement with the former controlling shareholder of Aloha Airlines concerning the Aloha Airlines lawsuit over Mesa's Hawaiian inter-island flight services operated under the *go!* brand name. Under the terms of the settlement and without admitting any wrongdoing, Mesa agreed to make a \$2.0 million cash payment, issue shares of common stock equal to 10% of its outstanding shares and provide inter-island travel benefits to certain former Aloha Airlines employees. Under the terms of the settlement, if the shareholder is able to purchase the "Aloha" name in the bankruptcy court auction, it will license the "Aloha" name to Mesa.

- Maintenance expense decreased \$22.8 million, or 31.7%, to \$49.2 million in the first quarter, from the same period in fiscal 2008. The decrease in maintenance is primarily due to a decrease in engine repair costs associated with the termination of power by the hour programs, and a decrease in expense associated with component contracts due to contract amendments. On a go forward basis, our maintenance expense will fluctuate based on actual cost incurred due to the termination of power by the hour programs.
- In the first quarter Mesa financed certain rotatable spare parts in the amount of \$2.9 million at an annual interest rate of 3.2% for 60 months. The first principal payment of \$82,057 is due and payable on the 21<sup>st</sup> month. Interest will be accrued and added to the principal of the note for the first 20 months of the arrangement.
- In the first quarter Mesa paid \$1.4 million to purchase approximately 9.5% of their outstanding Senior Convertible Notes due in 2023 and 2024 in the amount of \$2.0 million and \$7.6 million, respectively. The transaction after the payment of accrued interest, commissions and the write off of deferred debt issuance costs, resulted in a gain of \$8.1 million which has been recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations in Gain on extinguishment of debt.

### **Recent Developments**

The following material events occurred following the completion of our first fiscal quarter.

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**Fleet**

Aircraft in Operation at December 31, 2008:

Type of Aircraft	December 31, 2008	Passenger Capacity
CRJ-200 Regional Jet (A)	43	50
CRJ-700 Regional Jet	20	66
CRJ-900 Regional Jet	38	86
ERJ 145 Jet	34	50
Beechcraft 1900D (A)	0	19
Dash-8	16	37
Total	151	

(A) included in the CRJ 200 Regional Jet numbers are two non-revenue generating operational spares.

**Summary of Financial Results**

The Company recorded consolidated net income from continuing operations of \$15.5 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, representing basic and diluted income per share from continuing operations of \$0.56 and \$0.46 respectively. This compares to a consolidated net loss from continuing operations of \$2.8 million or \$0.10 per basic and diluted share in the first quarter of fiscal 2008.

Approximately 95.9% of our passenger revenue in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was associated with revenue-guarantee code-share agreements. Under the terms of our revenue-guarantee agreements, our major carrier partner controls the marketing, scheduling, ticketing, pricing and seat inventories. Our role is simply to operate our fleet in the safest and most reliable manner in exchange for fees paid under a generally fixed payment schedule. We receive a guaranteed payment based upon a fixed minimum monthly amount plus amounts related to departures and block hours flown in addition to direct reimbursement of expenses such as fuel, landing fees and insurance. Among other advantages, revenue-guarantee arrangements reduce our exposure to fluctuations in passenger traffic and fare levels, as well as fuel prices. In the first quarter of fiscal 2009, approximately 94.8% of our fuel purchases were reimbursed under revenue-guarantee code-share agreements. The remaining 5.2% of fuel purchases have been hedged by the Company.

The following tables set forth quarterly comparisons for the periods indicated below (for continuing operations):

**OPERATING DATA**

	Operating Data	
	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Passengers	3,179,668	3,587,044
Available seat miles ("ASM") (000's)	1,730,437	2,120,137
Revenue passenger miles (000's)	1,327,409	1,550,131
Load factor	76.7%	73.1%
Yield per revenue passenger mile (cents)	20.1	21.1
Revenue per ASM (cents)	15.4	15.4
Operating cost per ASM (cents)	14.2	15.4
Average stage length (miles)	373	398
Number of operating aircraft in fleet	151	183
Gallons of fuel consumed	33,411,870	41,455,546
Block hours flown	109,736	128,558
Departures	73,363	84,984

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA**

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2008		Three Months Ended December 31, 2007	
	Costs per ASM (cents)	% of Total Revenues	Costs per ASM (cents)	% of Total Revenues
Flight operations	\$ 4.94	32.2%	\$ 4.41	28.7%
Fuel	\$ 4.54	29.6%	\$ 5.47	35.5%
Maintenance	\$ 2.84	18.5%	\$ 3.38	22.0%
Aircraft and traffic servicing	\$ 0.95	6.2%	\$ 0.93	6.0%
Promotion and sales	\$ 0.06	0.4%	\$ 0.04	0.2%
General and administrative	\$ 0.67	4.3%	\$ 0.71	4.6%
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 0.50	3.3%	\$ 0.45	2.9%
Total operating expenses	\$ 14.51	94.7%	\$ 15.40	100.0%
Interest expense	\$ -0.47	-3.1%	\$ (0.46)	-3.0%
Interest income	\$ 0.06	0.4%	\$ 0.12	0.8%
Gain on extinguishment of debt	\$ 0.47	3.1%	\$ -	0.0%
Loss from equity method investment	\$ 0.07	0.5%	\$ (0.05)	-0.3%
Other income (expense)	\$ -0.03	-0.2%	\$ 0.18	1.2%

Note: numbers in table may not recalculate due to rounding

**FINANCIAL DATA BY OPERATING SEGMENT**

Three Months Ended December 31, 2008 (000's)	Mesa/ Freedom	go!	Other	Elimination	Total
	Total net operating revenues	\$ 253,958	\$ 11,596	\$ 49,738	\$ (50,169)
Total operating expenses	235,254	10,703	47,984	(42,917)	251,024
Operating income (loss)	\$ 18,704	\$ 893	\$ 1,754	\$ (7,252)	\$ 14,099

Three Months Ended December 31, 2007 (000's)	Mesa/ Freedom	go!	Other	Elimination	Total
	Total net operating revenues	\$ 320,789	\$ 6,167	\$ 56,957	\$ (57,321)
Total operating expenses	315,373	12,749	47,777	(49,384)	326,515
Operating income (loss)	\$ 5,416	\$ (6,582)	\$ 9,180	\$ (7,937)	\$ 77

**RESULTS OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

**Quarter Ended December 31, 2008 Versus the Quarter Ended December 31, 2007**

*Operating Revenues*

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, net operating revenue decreased \$61.5 million, or 18.8%, to \$265.1 million from \$326.6 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. Contract revenue decreased \$66.4 million, or 20.9%, driven primarily by a \$38.2 million or 33.9% decrease in fuel reimbursement revenue and a 10.4% reduction in aircraft in service.

Operating revenues for go! increased \$5.4 million as a result of a 65.4% increase in average fares and an 11.3% increase in passengers. Freight and other revenue increased by \$0.5 million primarily due to excess baggage revenue.



**Flight Operations**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, flight operations expense decreased \$8.1 million, or 8.6%, to \$85.5 million from \$93.6 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. On an ASM basis, flight operations expense increased 11.9% to 4.9 cents per ASM in the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from 4.4 cents per ASM in the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The decrease is primarily driven by a \$6.1 million decrease in wages and employee related expenses. Additionally, there was a net \$1.2 million decrease in aircraft and aircraft related lease expense due to a decrease in the number of aircraft leased year-over-year as well as a shift of aircraft types within our fleet. Flight simulator lease decreased \$1.0 million due to a decrease in pilot training.

**Fuel**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, fuel expense decreased by \$37.4 million, or 32.3%, to \$78.5 million from \$115.9 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. On an ASM basis, fuel expense decreased 17.0% to 4.5 cents per ASM in the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from 5.5 cents per ASM in the quarter ended December 31, 2007. Average fuel cost per gallon decreased \$0.44, to an average of \$2.35 per gallon for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from an average of \$2.79 per gallon for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The cost per gallon decrease resulted in a \$14.8 million favorable price variance, of which \$0.6 million was related to *go!*. The reduction in gallons of fuel purchased in the quarter ended December 31, 2008 resulted in a \$22.6 million favorable volume variance. The volume decrease is primarily due to a direct supply agreement with United Airlines that now includes fifteen (including 11 new stations since December 31, 2007) stations. In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, approximately 94.8% of our fuel costs were reimbursed by our code-share partners.

In most cases under our code-share arrangements, the Company is contractually responsible for procuring the fuel necessary to conduct its operations, and fuel costs are then passed through to code-share partners via weekly invoicing. The United code-share agreement contains an option that allows United to assume the contractual responsibility for procuring and providing the fuel necessary to operate the flights that Mesa operates for United. United has now exercised this option at fifteen of the stations we operate, and as a result we no longer incur raw fuel expense but do recognize the related fuel pass-through revenue for the into-plane fees for these fifteen United stations.

**Maintenance**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, maintenance expense decreased \$22.8 million, or 31.7%, to \$49.2 million from \$72.0 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. On an ASM basis, maintenance expense decreased 16.4% to 2.8 cents per ASM in the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from 3.4 cents per ASM in the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The decrease in maintenance is primarily due to a \$16.3 million decrease in engine repair cost associated with the termination of power by the hour programs, a \$3.5 million decrease in component contracts due to a contract amendment, and a decrease of \$1.8 million in wages and overtime due to decreased headcount. Heavy maintenance decreased \$1.3 million due to reduced volume. On a go forward basis our maintenance expense will fluctuate based on actual cost incurred due to the termination of power by the hour programs.

**Aircraft and Traffic Servicing**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, aircraft and traffic servicing expense decreased by \$3.2 million, or 16.1%, to \$16.5 million from \$19.7 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. On an ASM basis, aircraft and traffic servicing expense increased 2.8% to 1.0 cent per ASM in the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from 0.9 cents in the quarter ended December 31, 2007. This decrease is related to a \$3.8 million decrease in our code-share operations, offset by an increase of \$0.7 million related to our *go!* operations.

**Promotion and Sales**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, promotion and sales expense increased by \$0.3 million, or 43.3%, to \$1.1 million from \$0.8 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The increase is primarily due to an increase in advertising expenses, which includes credit card and booking fees and travel agent commissions. This increase was driven by an increase in passengers due to additional capacity. These expenses relate primarily to our *go!* operations. We do not pay promotion and sales expenses under our revenue-guarantee contracts.

### **General and Administrative**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, general and administrative expense decreased \$3.5 million, or 23.2%, to \$11.5 million from \$15.0 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The decrease is primarily due to a \$2.2 million decrease in legal expenses resulting from decreased legal activities in our *go!* operation, and a \$2.1 million decrease in property and sales taxes. Freight and other expenses decreased by \$0.5 million, and utilities expenses decreased by \$0.3 million resulting from improved telephone and data lines contracts. These decreases were partially offset by a \$0.9 million increase in administrative expenses, and a \$0.5 million increase in lease expenses.

### **Depreciation and Amortization**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, depreciation and amortization expense decreased \$0.9 million, or 9.1%, to \$8.7 million from \$9.6 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The decrease was primarily driven by the cessation of depreciation on fully depreciated equipment.

### **Interest Expense**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, interest expense decreased \$1.5 million, or 15.4%, to \$8.2 million from \$9.7 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. This decrease is largely attributable to lower aircraft interest rates and fewer aircraft in the fleet, which significantly reduced the total aircraft interest.

### **Interest Income**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, interest income decreased \$1.5 million, or 57.3%, to \$1.1 million from \$2.6 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The decrease in the Company's interest income was due to a combination of lower interest rates and lower balances of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities. At December 31, 2008, the total balance of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and marketable securities was \$64.0 million, which was \$121.5 million less than the approximate \$188.2 million balance at December 31, 2007.

### **Gain on Extinguishment of Debt**

During the quarter ended December 31, 2008 the Company purchased certain senior convertible notes due in June 2023 and February 2024 at a substantial discount and recorded a gain of approximately \$8.1 million.

### **Income from Equity Method Investments**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, income from equity method investments increased \$2.3 million, to income of \$1.2 million from a loss of \$1.1 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The increase is primarily due to recognizing income for our share of our investment in a closely held airline related business in the quarter ended December 31, 2008 as compared to recognizing our share of losses in the quarter ended December 31, 2007. This positive variance was partially offset by recognizing income for our share of our investment in Kungpeng Airlines in the quarter ended December 31, 2007.

### **Other Income (Expense)**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, other income decreased \$4.4 million to an expense of \$0.5 million from income of \$3.9 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The decrease in income is primarily attributable to: net realized gains from the sales of investment securities decreased \$0.4 million, unrealized gains on investment securities decreased \$3.5 million, and other net gains decreased \$0.3 million.

### **Income Taxes**

In the quarter ended December 31, 2008, our effective tax rate decreased to 2.4% from 33.6% for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The decrease in our effective tax rate is primarily due to the fact that Mesa has fully valued the deferred taxes, the estimated profit this quarter, which would be offset by net operating loss carryforwards, would systematically adjust the amount of valuation allowance recorded against the net operating loss carryforwards. This in turns leaves only the state taxes on stand-alone jurisdictions affecting tax expense.

With the issuance of a significant number of shares in the second quarter of fiscal 2009, it is probable that this will trigger a Section 382 limitation on the utilization of the Company's NOLs. This will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

Internal Revenue Code Section 382 rules apply to limit a corporation's ability to utilize existing net operating loss carryforwards once the corporation experiences an ownership change as defined in the rules of Section 382. Generally, an ownership change occurs when within a span of 36 months, there is an increase in the stock ownership by one or more shareholders of more than 50 percentage points. If the Company should incur an ownership change or significant equity event in the future, the Company may be limited to an annual limitation on the use of its net operating loss carryforwards.

## **RESULTS OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we committed to a plan to sell Air Midwest or certain of Air Midwest's assets. In connection with this decision, the Company began soliciting bids for the sale of the twenty Beechcraft 1900D aircraft in operation and began to take the necessary steps to exit the EAS markets that we serve. As of June 30, 2008 the Company has exited all remaining markets, including EAS. For all periods presented, we reclassified operating results of the Air Midwest turboprop operation to loss from discontinued operations. All assets and liabilities associated with discontinued operations were reclassified to the balance sheet captions "Assets of discontinued operations" and "Liabilities of discontinued operations," respectively.

Net loss from discontinued operations for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 was \$0.2 million, compared to a loss from discontinued operations of \$1.4 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The decrease in net losses from discontinued operations for the comparative year over year periods is primarily attributable to Air Midwest's operations ceasing as of June 30, 2008.

Only interest expense directly associated with the debt outstanding in connection with the owned aircraft is included in discontinued operations. No general overhead or interest expense not directly related to the Air Midwest turboprop operation has been included within discontinued operations.

The Company continued to market the remaining 20 Beechcraft 1900D aircraft during the first quarter of 2009. The Company has concluded that the fair value of the remaining 20 aircraft is equal to or greater than the carrying value at December 31, 2008.

## **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

### ***Sources and Uses of Cash***

At December 31, 2008, the Company had cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities (including current and noncurrent restricted cash) of \$64.0 million (including \$13.6 million of restricted cash), compared to \$64.9 million (including \$13.9 million of restricted cash) at September 30, 2008. Our cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities are intended to be used for working capital and capital expenditures.

Sources of cash included \$12.1 million provided from operations, due primarily to \$15.3 million in income from operations, partially offset by other changes in assets and liabilities

Uses of cash included principal payments on short-term and long term debt of \$8.2 million, capital expenditures of \$8.2 million offset by the financing of rotatable inventory of \$3.0 million and the proceeds from receipt of deferred credits of \$2.0 million.

As of December 31, 2008, we had net receivables of approximately \$26.5 million, compared to net receivables of approximately \$32.4 million as of September 30, 2008. The amounts due consist primarily of receivables from our code-share partners, federal excise tax refunds on fuel, manufacturers credits and passenger ticket receivables due through the Airline Clearing House. Accounts receivable from our code-share partners was 32.2% of total gross accounts receivable at December 31, 2008.

### ***Recent Developments Affecting Our Liquidity***

In November 2007, we posted a \$90.0 million bond in our litigation case with Hawaiian Airlines, which covered the original \$80.0 million judgment, \$4.7 million in legal fees, \$3.4 million in interest and \$1.9 million for additional costs. The bond was funded from cash on hand. See disclosure under "Litigation" for a summary of the Hawaiian Airlines litigation and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court's ruling therein. On April 30, 2008, the Company reached a settlement of its suit with Hawaiian airlines. Under the terms of the settlement and without admitting any wrong doing, Mesa received \$37.5 million from the bond it had previously posted with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Hawaii. Hawaiian airlines retained the remaining collateral of the bond totaling \$52.5 million.

On May 20, 2008, the Company's board of directors approved separate agreements reached by the Company with certain of the holders of its Senior Convertible Notes due 2023 (the "2023 Notes"). As previously disclosed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the holders of the 2023 Notes had the right to require the Company to repurchase the 2023 Notes on June 16, 2008 ("the Put") at a price of \$397.27 per \$1,000 note ("the Put Price") plus any accrued and unpaid cash interest. If all of

the holders of the 2023 Notes had exercised this right the Company would have been required to repurchase the Notes for approximately \$37.8 million in cash, common stock, or a combination thereof.

Under the terms of these arrangements, holders holding approximately \$77.8 million in aggregate face amount of the 2024 Notes (representing approximately 82% of the aggregate face amount of the Note outstanding) have agreed to forbear from exercising their Put Right with respect to the 75% in aggregate face amount of Notes owned by such holders (i.e. \$23.3 million of the \$37.8 million subject to the Put). In consideration for such agreement, the Company agreed to purchase 25% in aggregate face amount of such holder's Notes at a purchase price equal to 75% of the Put Price and the right to require the Company to repurchase such Notes on January 31, 2009. The put price payable on January 31, 2009 will also be payable in cash, common stock, or a combination thereof, at the Company's election. The Company's aggregate payment obligation with respect to such purchased Notes is approximately \$6.0 million, including accrued and unpaid interest, which was paid on May 22, 2008. In consideration for such forbearance agreement, the Company also agreed to issue to such holders two-year warrants to purchase 25,000 shares of common stock for each \$1 million in aggregate face amount of Notes deferred (or an aggregate of approximately 1.46 million shares of common stock.) The warrants have a per share exercise price of \$1.00, contain anti-dilutive protection for major corporate events, such as stock splits and stock dividends, and are not exercisable to the extent the exercise thereof would cause the holder to beneficially own greater than 4.99% of the Company's outstanding capital stock.

In the first quarter Mesa paid \$1.4 million to purchase approximately 9.5% of their outstanding Senior Convertible Notes due in 2023 and 2024 in the amount of \$2.0 million and \$7.6 million respectively. The transaction after the payment of accrued interest, commissions and the write off of deferred debt issuance costs, resulted in a gain of \$8.1 million which has been recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations in Gain on extinguishment of debt.

On March 28, 2008 Delta notified the Company of its intent to terminate the Delta Connection Agreement among Delta, the Company, and the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Freedom Airlines, Inc., alleging failure to maintain a specified completion rate with respect to its ERJ-145 Delta connection flights during three months of the six-month period ended February 2008.

Following Delta's termination notification, the Company filed a Complaint on April 7, 2008 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. An evidentiary hearing was conducted on May 27 through May 29, 2008. Following the hearing, the Court ruled in the Company's favor and issued a preliminary injunction against Delta.

The effect of this ruling is to prohibit Delta from terminating the Delta Connection Agreement covering the ERJ-145 aircraft operated by Freedom, based on Freedom's completion rate prior to April 2008, pending a final trial at a date to be determined by the Court. On June 27, 2008, Delta filed a Notice of Appeal and on July 15, 2008, Delta filed a motion requesting that the appeal be heard on an expedited basis. Delta and the Company have fully briefed the issue on appeal and oral arguments in the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals were held on January 30, 2009.

While the Company's cash flows from operations and its available capital are sufficient to meet its current operating expenses, lease obligations and debt service requirements for at least the next 12 months, the Company's future cash flow from operations and available capital will be negatively impacted by (i) our ability to secure more flexible credit terms from certain of the Company's other key vendors; (ii) reduced cash payments from our code-share partners related to disputed items under our agreements (iii) the Company's ability to restructure certain of its aircraft lease obligations and key vendor obligations, and (iv) the results of the Company's ongoing litigation with Delta. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in effecting amended lease terms for its existing aircraft lease obligations and obtaining flexible credit terms from existing vendors and suppliers. Unfavorable events arising with respect to negotiations with key lessors and vendors and the Delta litigation could give rise to covenant and payment defaults under the terms of the Company's material operating leases and indebtedness. In the absence of obtaining additional capital through asset sales, consensual restructuring of debt and lease terms and/or similar measures, the Company may be unable to remedy such defaults and may experience additional defaults in the future. The Company's operating leases are subject to termination in the event of default, and the Company's indebtedness may be accelerated in the event of continuing default. Certain lenders could foreclose on Company assets securing their indebtedness. Accordingly, the Company's financial condition could require that the Company seek additional protection under applicable reorganization laws in order to avoid or delay actions by its creditors and lessors which could materially adversely affect the Company's operations and ability to operate as a going concern.

During the first two weeks of February 2009, the Company (i) issued 3,434,000 shares of its common stock, no par value (the "Common Stock"), in satisfaction of its obligation to repurchase \$1.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of its Senior Convertible Notes due 2023 ("2023 Notes") from holders of 2023 Notes that had exercised their put rights arising under the indenture governing the 2023 Notes and forbearance agreements between the Company and these holders, and (ii) completed transactions with

certain holders of its 2023 Notes to purchase an additional \$29,071,250 face amount of 2023 Notes in exchange for a total of \$1,844,431 in cash, 8,430,457 shares of its common stock, no par value (the "Common Stock") and \$983,937 in aggregate principal amount of the Company's new 8% senior unsecured notes due 2012 (the "2012 Notes").

Also during February 2009, the Company repurchased \$19,278,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity of its Senior Convertible Notes due 2024 ("2024 Notes") from holders of 2024 Notes that had exercised their put rights arising under the indenture governing the 2024 Notes, including \$6,504,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2024 Notes pursuant to certain puts the Company agreed to accept on or about February 19, 2009. In consideration for the \$19,278,000 of the 2024 Notes' face value, the Company issued 94,269,420 shares of its Common Stock. In addition, the Company announced its intent to immediately resume discussions with certain holders of 2024 Notes to enter into agreements with such holders imminently on terms substantially equivalent to previously announced agreements that were rescinded. As described in the immediately following paragraph, certain of these holders have subsequently agreed to enter into agreements with the Company on terms substantially equivalent to the previously announced rescinded exchange agreements.

On or about February 17, 2009, the Company entered into separate agreements with certain holders of its 2024 Notes to (i) exchange \$83.7 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 2024 Notes for an aggregate of \$4.9 million in cash, 10.9 million shares of the Company's Common Stock, and \$16.3 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2012 Notes. The issuance of the Common Stock and 2012 Notes in the exchange is expected to close on or about February 25, 2009.

Prior to the transactions described above and without giving effect to the February 19th exchange agreements, \$52.1 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2023 Notes and \$120.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 2024 Notes were outstanding. \$21.7 million of the 2023 Notes' face value was not put to the Company and, as of the date of this report, has not otherwise been repurchased and thus remain outstanding. The outstanding 2023 Notes may be put to the Company no earlier than June 16, 2013. Following the closing of the transactions evidenced by the February 19th exchange agreements described in the preceding paragraph, the put was not recognized for \$17.4 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 2024 Notes and will remain outstanding. Such outstanding 2024 Notes may be put to the Company no earlier than February 10, 2014. At such time, we may pay the purchase price in cash or shares of our common stock or in a combination of cash and shares of our common stock.

All of the issuances of Common Stock and 2012 Notes noted above were exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Section 3(a)(9) and Section 4(2) thereof.

#### ***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements of the types described in the categories set forth the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

#### **Contractual Obligations**

There were no significant changes to the cash obligations as set forth in Item 7 of the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 except as set forth below.

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### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

In our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, we identified certain policies and estimates as critical to our business operations and the understanding of our past or present results of operations. These policies and estimates are considered critical because they had a material impact, or they have the potential to have a material impact, on our financial statements and because they require significant judgments, assumptions or estimates. Our preparation of financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. We believe that the estimates, judgment and assumptions made when accounting for these matters are reasonable, based on information available at the time they are made. However, there can be no assurance that actual results will differ from those estimates. We have made no significant change in our critical accounting policies since September 30, 2008.

### AIRCRAFT

The following table lists the aircraft owned and leased by the Company for scheduled operations as of December 31, 2008:

Type of Aircraft	Number of Aircraft			Operating on December 31, 2008	Passenger Capacity
	Owned	Leased	Total		
CRJ-200 Regional Jet (A)(D)	2	48	50	43	50
CRJ-700 Regional Jet	8	12	20	20	66
CRJ-900 Regional Jet	14	24	38	38	86
ERJ 145 Jet (B)	0	36	36	34	50
Beechcraft 1900D (C)	20	0	20	0	19
Dash 8	0	16	16	16	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>151</b>	

(A) Five aircraft sub-leased to Kungpeng Airlines

(B) Two aircraft sub-leased to Trans States Airlines.

(C) These aircraft are associated with Air Midwest and are included within assets of discontinued operations.

(D) One CRJ 200 is parked and held for lease return in the second quarter 2009.

### Fleet Plans

#### CRJ Program

As of December 31, 2008, the Company operated 101 Canadair Regional Jets (43 CRJ-200, 20 CRJ-700 and 38 CRJ-900s).

In January 2004, we exercised options to purchase twenty CRJ-900 aircraft (seven of which can be converted to CRJ-700 aircraft.) As of September 30, 2007, we had taken delivery of thirteen CRJ-900 aircraft and five CRJ-700 aircraft. The obligation to purchase the remaining two CRJ-900's (which can be converted to CRJ-700's) was terminated In June 2007 in connection with our agreement to purchase 10 new CRJ-700 NextGen aircraft.

#### **ERJ Program**

As of December 31, 2008, the Company operated 34 Embraer 145 aircraft and sub-leased two to Trans States Airlines, Inc. We acquired all 36 ERJ-145s through a June 1999 agreement with Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. ("Embraer").

#### **Beechcraft 1900D**

As of December 31, 2008, we owned 20 Beechcraft 1900D aircraft, which are included in discontinued operations.

#### **Dash-8**

As of December 31, 2008, we operated 16 Dash-8 aircraft in operation; 10 with United Express and 6 with US Airways Express.

#### **Item 3. Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosure about Market Risk.**

There were no material changes in the Company's market risk from September 30, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

In accordance with Rule 13a-15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as of the end of the period covered by this *Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q*, the Company's management evaluated, with the participation of the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) or Rule 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Disclosure controls and procedures are defined as those controls and other procedures of an issuer that are designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the issuer 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. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in our disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2008, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

We continue to take steps to remediate the material weakness noted in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008. We began an aggressive recruiting campaign and have hired professional consultants to fill key positions until permanent replacements are hired. We believe these steps will provide adequate short-term solutions as we recruit hire and train the appropriate full time personnel.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

On January 9, 2007, Aloha Airlines filed suit against Mesa Air Group in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii. The complaint seeks damages and injunctive relief. Aloha alleges that Mesa's inter-island air fares are below cost and that Mesa is, therefore, violating specific provisions of the Sherman Act. Aloha also alleges breach of contract and fraud by Mesa in connection with two confidentiality agreements, one entered into in 2005 and the other in 2006. Mesa denies any attempt at monopolization of the inter-island market and further denies any improper use of the data furnished by Aloha while Mesa was considering a bid for Aloha during its bankruptcy proceedings. On November 28, 2008, Mesa Air Group, Inc. ("Mesa") entered into a settlement and release agreement ("Settlement Agreement"), effective as of November 28, 2008, with certain affiliates of the Yucaipa Companies LLC (collectively, "Yucaipa"), which purchased Aloha suit in the bankruptcy case, relating to the action entitled *Aloha Airlines, Inc., et al. v. Mesa Air Group, Inc.* before the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii (Case No. CV 07-00007 DAE/BMK) (the

"Action"). The Settlement Agreement fully and finally settles all issues and disputes that were raised, or could have been raised, by Yucaipa, Mesa, or Aloha Airlines, Inc. and Aloha Air Group Inc. (collectively, "Aloha") in connection with the Action.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Yucaipa will fully and finally released Mesa and its affiliates, and Mesa will fully and finally released Yucaipa and its affiliates, from all past, present or future claims related to the Action, including all claims unknown at the time of execution of the Settlement Agreement, and/or arising out of certain non-disclosure agreements and Mesa's introduction of flight service into the Hawaiian inter-island market. Yucaipa's release, which will be effective February 29, 2009, includes the release of any claims relating to the Action that were or could have been brought by Aloha because Yucaipa previously acquired all of Aloha's interests and rights in the Action.

In consideration for Yucaipa's release, Mesa has agreed to issue approximately 2.7 million shares of its common stock to Yucaipa and make a cash payment of \$2 million to Yucaipa. Mesa has also agreed to register the shares of common stock it issues to Yucaipa with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition, under the Settlement Agreement, Mesa and Yucaipa agreed to establish a licensing and profit sharing arrangement whereby, in the event that Yucaipa is able to acquire from Aloha in an upcoming bankruptcy court auction the rights to the names "Aloha" and "Aloha Airlines," Yucaipa will enter into a license agreement with Mesa to license such names to Mesa for ten years (the "Term") in exchange for royalty payments by Mesa and Mesa will pay to Yucaipa a set percentage of the pre-tax operating profits from Mesa's operations in the Hawaiian inter-island market. Specifically, for each year during the Term, Mesa will pay Yucaipa 1% of the passenger ticket revenue generated from all Hawaiian inter-island flight operations, subject to a minimum annual revenue payment of \$600,000 (the "Revenue Payments"), and will also pay Yucaipa 30% of the pre-tax operating profits from Mesa's operations in the Hawaiian inter-island market less the Revenue Payments.

If Mesa ceases inter-island flight operations in Hawaii, Mesa has the right to terminate the licensing and profit sharing arrangement. Mesa will provide Yucaipa with a \$5 million promissory note payable over five years, at LIBOR +350 basis points interest, reset quarterly, that will become payable if Mesa ceases operations in the Hawaiian inter-island market or breaches the Settlement Agreement. If, at the end of the first five years of the Term, the note has not become payable as a result of Mesa's cessation of operations or breach, the principal owing on the note will decrease automatically on a straight-line basis over the remaining five years of the Term. If Mesa ceases operations in Hawaii or breaches the Settlement Agreement during the final five years of the Term, the amount payable on the note would be the principal remaining at the time of such cessation or breach. The note will be secured by a first priority lien on certain Mesa assets with a fair market value equal to 125% of the principal amount of the note.

The Settlement Agreement also provides that the parties will take certain further actions to seek the dismissal, with prejudice, of the entire Action.

On March 28, 2008, Delta notified the Company of its intent to terminate the Delta Connection Agreement among Delta, the Company, and the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Freedom Airlines, Inc., alleging failure to maintain a specified completion rate with respect to its ERJ-145 Delta Connection flights during three months of the six-month period ended February 2008. Following Delta's termination notification, the Company filed a complaint on April 7, 2008 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (the "District Court") seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. An evidentiary hearing was conducted on May 27 through May 29, 2008. Following the hearing, the Court ruled in the Company's favor and issued a preliminary injunction against Delta.

The effect of this ruling is to prohibit Delta from terminating the Delta Connection Agreement covering the ERJ-145 aircraft operated by Freedom Airlines, based on Freedom Airlines' completion rate prior to April 2008, pending a final trial at a date to be determined by the District Court. On June 27, 2008, Delta filed a notice of appeal with the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals (the "Court of Appeals") and on July 15, 2008, Delta filed a motion requesting that the appeal be heard on an expedited basis. The Company has responded to Delta's motion in accordance with the applicable rules and the Court of Appeals, after reviewing the filings, denied Delta's request. Delta and the Company have fully briefed the issues on appeal and oral arguments in the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals were held on January 30, 2009.

On August 6, 2008 Mesa filed a complaint against Delta Air Lines seeking the return of seven aircraft engines that Delta improperly retained possession of following the termination of an engine maintenance memorandum of understating executed between Mesa and Delta. Delta has claimed its retention of these engines was justified as a means to secure recovery of certain disputed amounts related to the memorandum of understating. The memorandum of understanding does not contain provisions regarding Delta's claims and does not permit Delta's retention of the engines. Delta did not have a legal basis upon which to retain continued unauthorized possession of the engines. On or about August 13, 2008, Delta returned possession of the engines at issue. On August 22, 2008, Delta recorded mechanics' liens on the engines and filed a counterclaim seeking to foreclose on the liens as well as seeking certain payments allegedly related to the memorandum of understanding. Mesa's action filed in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona sought



the immediate return of all engines currently in Delta's possession and/or control, forfeiture of all claimed liens, as well as damages related to Delta's improper retention of the engines. On November 12, 2008, the Court heard oral arguments on Mesa's motion to dismiss Delta's purported liens and Delta's motion to foreclose on the liens. On November 14, 2008, the Court ruled that Delta forfeited its lien claims as a result of its failure to comply with the timelines set out in the Georgia Lien Statute. The parties' competing claims for money damages are still pending before the Court. A judgment in Delta's favor for damages related to its counterclaim could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

On October 20, 2008, Mesa filed a complaint against Mokulele alleging claims for breach of contract related to certain amounts owed to the Company by Mokulele under the code-share agreement dated February 7, 2007. Mesa's complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. On November 4, 2008, Mokulele filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii alleging claims for breach of the code-share agreement, attempted monopolization in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and unfair competition under Hawaii statutes. On November 7, 2008, Mesa amended its complaint filed in the District Court of Arizona to add claims for breach of contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, breach of an open account, unjust enrichment, coercion, trademark infringement in violation of the Hawaii and Arizona statutes and the federal Lanham Act, misappropriation of trade secrets, deceptive trade practices and unfair competition. This litigation is in the initial stages and the Company strongly denies having violated any statutory or common law duties owed to Mokulele.

We are also involved in various legal proceedings and FAA civil action proceedings that the Company does not believe will have a material adverse effect upon the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations, although no assurance can be given to the ultimate outcome of any such proceedings.

**Item 1.A. Risk Factors.**

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the risk factors discussed in Part 1, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2008, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. We caution the reader that these risk factors may not be exhaustive. We operate in a continually changing business environment and new risks emerge from time to time. Management cannot predict such new risk factors, nor can we assess the impact, if any, of such new risk factors on our business or to the extent to which any factor or combination of factors may impact our business. There have not been any material changes during the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from the risk factors disclosed in the above-mentioned Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2008, other than as set forth below.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.**

(A) None

(B) None

(C) The Company's Board of Directors authorized the Company to purchase up to 29.4 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock. As of December 31, 2008, the Company has acquired and retired approximately 17.9 million shares of its outstanding common stock at an aggregate cost of approximately \$113.9 million, leaving approximately 11.5 million shares available for purchase under existing Board authorizations. Purchases are made at management's discretion based on market conditions and the Company's financial resources.

The Company did no repurchase any shares of its common stock during the three months ended December 31, 2008:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Cumulative Number of Shares Purchased As Part of Publicly Announced Plan	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plan
October 2008	-	\$ -	17,952,603	11,469,658
November 2008	-	\$ -	17,952,603	11,469,658
December 2008	-	\$ -	17,952,603	11,469,658

**Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities.**

Not applicable

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to vote for Security Holders.**

The Company held a Special Meeting of Stockholders on December 22, 2008, at which the stockholders approved the following proposals: (1) the issuance of such number of shares of the Company's common stock as may be necessary to repurchase all of its outstanding Senior Convertible Notes due 2023 and Senior Convertible Notes due 2024 if the Company is required by noteholders to repurchase such notes in accordance with the indentures under which the notes were issued and certain related contractual agreements with respect to the 2023 notes, and if the Company elects to satisfy all or a portion of its repurchase obligations by issuing shares of its common stock ("Proposal No. 1"); (2) the issuance, if necessary, of shares of the Company's common stock that may result in a person, persons, a group, or groups acquiring more than 20% of the Company's outstanding common stock due to the Company's issuance of shares of common stock in satisfaction of its note repurchase obligations ("Proposal No. 2"); and (3) the amendment of the Company's Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 75,000,000 shares to 900,000,000 shares ("Proposal No. 3"). Abstentions are included in the determination of the number of shares represented for a quorum and have the same affect as "no" votes in determining whether proposals are approved. To the extent applicable for the proposal, broker non-votes are counted for the purpose of determining the presence of or absence of a quorum but are not counted for determining the number of votes cast for or against a proposal.

Results of the voting in connection with this issue were as follows:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Proposal No. 1	14,480,781	1,758,900	381,959
Proposal No. 2	14,431,075	1,811,939	378,626
Proposal No. 3	13,587,193	2,666,302	368,145

**Item 5. Other Information.**

None

**Item 6. Exhibits.**

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\* Filed herewith

**SIGNATURES**

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

MESA AIR GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ MICHAEL J. LOTZ

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Michael J. Lotz  
President & Chief Operating Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Dated: February 19, 2009


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**Certificate of Amendment**  
(PURSUANT TO NRS 78.385 AND 78.390)

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**Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation  
For Nevada Profit Corporations**  
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1. Name of corporation:

Mesa Air Group, Inc.

2. The articles have been amended as follows: (provide article numbers, if available)

The second sentence of Article Fourth of the Articles of Incorporation of Mesa Air Group, Inc. is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"The total number of shares of voting Common Stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is Nine-Hundred Million (900,000,000) shares, with no par value."

3. The vote by which the stockholders holding shares in the corporation entitling them to exercise a least a majority of the voting power, or such greater proportion of the voting power as may be required in the case of a vote by classes or series, or as may be required by the provisions of the articles of incorporation have voted in favor of the amendment is: 50.46%

4. Effective date of filing: (optional)

(must not be later than 90 days after the certificate is filed)

5. Signature: (required)

x Brian S. Sullivan

Signature of Officer

"If any proposed amendment would alter or change any preference or any relative or other right given to any class or series of outstanding shares, then the amendment must be approved by the vote, in addition to the affirmative vote otherwise required, of the holders of shares representing a majority of the voting power of each class or series affected by the amendment regardless to limitations or restrictions on the voting power thereof."

**IMPORTANT:** Failure to include any of the above information and submit with the proper fees may cause this filing to be rejected.

This form must be accompanied by appropriate fees.

Nevada Secretary of State Annual Public-Affair  
Fee Schedule 7-1-08

MESA AIR GROUP, INC.

AND

THE GUARANTORS NAMED ON THE SIGNATURE PAGES HERETO

AND

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEE

8% Senior Notes due 2012

INDENTURE

Dated as of February 10, 2009

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\* N.A. means Not Applicable.

Note: This Cross-Reference Table shall not, for any purpose, be deemed to be a part of the Indenture.

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INDENTURE dated as of February 10, 2009 among MESA AIR GROUP, INC., a Nevada corporation ("Company"), the guarantors executing a signature page hereto (each a "Guarantor" and collectively, the "Guarantors") and U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association (the "Trustee").

#### RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company has duly authorized the creation of an issue of 8% Senior Notes due 2012 (the "Securities") having the terms, tenor, amount and other provisions hereinafter set forth, and, to provide therefor, the Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture.

All things necessary to make the Securities, when the Securities are duly executed by the Company and the Guarantors and authenticated and delivered hereunder and duly issued by the Company and the Guarantors, the valid obligations of the Company and the Guarantors, and to make this Indenture a valid and binding agreement of the Company and the Guarantors, in accordance with their and its terms, have been done.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the Holders thereof, it is mutually covenanted and agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Securities, as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1

#### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

##### SECTION 1.01 Definitions.

"144A Global Security" means a permanent Global Security in the form of the Security attached hereto as Exhibit A-1, and that is deposited with and registered in the name of the Depository, representing Securities sold in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

"Affiliate" of any specified person means any other person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" when used with respect to any specified person means the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

"Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any transfer or transaction involving a Global Security or beneficial interest therein, the rules and procedures of the Depository for such Security, in each case to the extent applicable to such transaction and as in effect from time to time.

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"Board of Directors" means either the board of directors of the Company or any duly authorized committee of such board.

"Business Day" means each day of the year other than a Saturday or a Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in The City of New York or the city in which the Corporate Trust Office is located are required or authorized to close.

"Capital Stock" for any corporation means any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) stock or other equity issued by that corporation.

"Certificated Securities" means any of the Securities that are in the form of the Security attached hereto as Exhibit A-3.

"Company" means the party named as the "Company" in the first paragraph of this Indenture until a successor replaces it pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture and, thereafter, shall mean such successor. The foregoing sentence shall likewise apply to any subsequent such successor or successors.

"Company Request" or "Company Order" means a written request or order signed in the name of the Company by any two Officers.

"Corporate Trust Office" means an office of the Trustee at which at any time its corporate trust business shall be administered, which office at the date hereof is located at 101 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 1600, Phoenix, Arizona 85003, or such other address as the Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Company, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Trustee (or such other address as a successor Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Company).

"Debt" means with respect to the Company at any date, without duplication, obligations (other than nonrecourse obligations) for borrowed money or evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments.

"Default" means any event which is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

"domestic Subsidiary," means any Subsidiary that was formed under the laws of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof or the District of Columbia.

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

"Global Securities" means any of the Securities that are in the form of the Security attached hereto as Exhibit A-1, and to the extent that such Securities are required to bear the Legend required by Section 2.06, such Securities will be in the form of a 144A Global Security.

"guarantee" means, as applied to any obligation, (i) a guarantee (other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business), direct

or indirect, in any manner, of any part or all of such obligation and (ii) an agreement, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, the practical effect of which is to assure in any way the payment or performance (or payment of damages in the event of non-performance) of all or any part of such obligation, including, without limiting the foregoing, the payment of amounts drawn down by letters of credit.

"Guarantee" means any guarantee of the Securities by any Subsidiary in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.

"Guarantors" means (i) each Subsidiary listed as a signatory to this Indenture and (ii) each Person who becomes a Guarantor pursuant to Article 13 and/or Section 4.07 of this Indenture.

"Holder" or "Securityholder" means a person in whose name a Security is registered on the Registrar's books.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, including the provisions of the TIA that are deemed to be a part hereof.

"Institutional Accredited Investor Security" means a Security in the form of the Security attached hereto as Exhibit A-3, representing Securities sold to Institutional Accredited Investors.

"Issue Date" of any Security means the date on which the Security was originally issued or deemed issued as set forth on the face of the Security.

"Officer" means the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, the Treasurer or the Secretary or any Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Secretary of the Company.

"Officers' Certificate" means a written certificate containing the information specified in Sections 14.04 and 14.05, signed in the name of the Company by any two Officers, and delivered to the Trustee. An Officers' Certificate given pursuant to Section 4.03 shall be signed by the principal executive financial or accounting Officer of the Company but need not contain the information specified in Sections 14.04 and 14.05.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion containing the information specified in Sections 14.04 and 14.05, from legal counsel who is acceptable to the Trustee. The counsel may be an employee of, or counsel to, the Company or the Trustee.

"person" or "Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Principal Amount" of a Security means the principal amount as set forth on the face of the Security.

"Redemption Date" or "redemption date" means the date specified for redemption of the Securities in accordance with the terms of the Securities and this Indenture.

"Redemption Price" or "redemption price" shall have the meaning set forth in paragraph 5 of the Securities.

"Responsible Officer" means, when used with respect to the Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, trust officer or any other officer of the Trustee who customarily performs functions similar to those performed by the Persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of such person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who, in each case, shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture.

"Restricted Security," means a Security required to bear the restrictive legend set forth in the form of Security set forth in Exhibits A-1 and A-3 of this Indenture.

"Rule 144" means Rule 144 under the Securities Act (or any successor rule having substantially similar provisions), as it may be amended from time to time.

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A under the Securities Act (or any successor rule having substantially similar provisions), as it may be amended from time to time.

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

"Securities" means any of the Company's 8% Senior Notes due 2012, as amended or supplemented from time to time, issued under this Indenture.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Securityholder" or "Holder" means a person in whose name a Security is registered on the Registrar's books.

"Significant Subsidiary," as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Special Record Date" means, with respect to the payment of any Defaulted Interest, the date fixed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 12.02.

"Stated Maturity", when used with respect to any Security, means the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which an amount equal to the Principal Amount of such Security is due and payable.

"Subsidiary," means (i) a corporation, a majority of whose Capital Stock with voting power, under ordinary circumstances, to elect directors is, at the date of determination, directly or indirectly owned by the Company, by one or more Subsidiaries of the Company or by the Company and one or more Subsidiaries of the Company, (ii) a partnership in which the Company

or a Subsidiary of the Company holds a majority interest in the equity capital or profits of such partnership, or (iii) any other person (other than a corporation or a partnership) in which the Company, a Subsidiary of the Company or the Company and one or more Subsidiaries of the Company, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, have (x) at least a majority ownership interest or (y) the power to elect or direct the election of a majority of the directors or other governing body of such person.

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as in effect on the date of this Indenture, provided, however, that in the event the TIA is amended after such date, TIA means, to the extent required by any such amendment, the TIA as so amended.

"Trustee" means the party named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this Indenture until a successor replaces it pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture and, thereafter, shall mean such successor. The foregoing sentence shall likewise apply to any subsequent such successor or successors.

SECTION 1.02 Other Definitions.

<u>Term</u>	<u>Defined in Section</u>
" <u>Act</u> "	1.05(a)
" <u>Agent Members</u> "	2.12(f)
" <u>Bankruptcy Law</u> "	6.01
" <u>Change in Control</u> "	3.09(a)
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" <u>Defaulted Interest</u> "	12.02
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" <u>DTC</u> "	2.01(a)
" <u>Event of Default</u> "	6.01
" <u>Institutional Accredited Investors</u> "	2.01(b)



" <u>Interest Payment Date</u> "	1 of the Securities
" <u>Legal Holiday</u> :"	14.09
" <u>Legend</u> "	2.06(f)
" <u>Notice of Default</u> "	6.01
" <u>Paying Agent</u> "	2.03
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" <u>QIBs</u> "	2.01(a)
" <u>Registrar</u> "	2.03
" <u>Regular Record Date</u> "	1 of the Securities
" <u>Rule 144A Information</u> "	4.06
" <u>Special Record Date</u> "	12.02

SECTION 1.03 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act. Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture. The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

"Commission" means the SEC.

"indenture securities" means the Securities.

"indenture security holder" means a Securityholder.

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture.

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee.

"obligor" on the indenture securities means the Company.

All other TIA terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule have the meanings assigned to them by such definitions.

SECTION 1.04 Rules of Construction. Unless the context otherwise requires:

1. a defined term has the meaning assigned to it;

2. an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time;
3. "or" is not exclusive;
4. "including" means including, without limitation; and
5. words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular.

SECTION 1.05 Acts of Holders.

- a. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments (which may take the form of an electronic writing or messaging or otherwise be in accordance with customary procedures of the Depository or the Trustee) of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent duly appointed in writing (which may be in electronic form); and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee and, when it is hereby expressly required, to the Company. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent (either of which may be in electronic form) shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Company, if made in the manner provided in this Section.
- b. The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution (or electronic delivery) or by a certificate of a notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing or delivering such instrument or writing acknowledged to such officer the execution (or electronic delivery) thereof. When such execution is by a signer acting in a capacity other than such signer's individual capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of such signer's authority. The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing (electronic or otherwise), or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner which the Trustee deems sufficient.
- c. The ownership of Securities shall be proved by the register maintained by the Registrar.
- d. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act of the Holder of any Security shall bind every future Holder of the same Security and the holder of every Security issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the

Trustee or the Company in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Security.

- e. If the Company shall solicit from the Holders any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, the Company may, at its option, by or pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors, fix in advance a record date for the determination of Holders entitled to give such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, but the Company shall have no obligation to do so. If such a record date is fixed, such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act may be given before or after such record date, but only the Holders of record at the close of business on such record date shall be deemed to be Holders for the purposes of determining whether Holders of the requisite proportion of outstanding Securities have authorized or agreed or consented to such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, and for that purpose the outstanding Securities shall be computed as of such record date; provided that no such authorization, agreement or consent by the Holders on such record date shall be deemed effective unless it shall become effective pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture within six months after the record date.

## ARTICLE 2

### THE SECURITIES

SECTION 2.01 Form and Dating. The Securities and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibits A-1 and A-3, which are a part of this Indenture. The Securities may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule or usage (provided that any such notation, legend or endorsement required by usage is in a form acceptable to the Company). The Company shall provide any such notations, legends or endorsements to the Trustee in writing. Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication.

- a. 144A Global Securities. Securities offered and sold within the United States to "qualified institutional buyers" as defined in Rule 144A ("QIBs") in reliance on Rule 144A shall be issued initially in the form of a 144A Global Security, which shall be deposited with the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, as custodian for the Depository, and registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or the nominee thereof (such depository, or any successor thereto, and any such nominee being hereinafter referred to as the "Depository"), duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided. The aggregate Principal Amount of the 144A Global Securities may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee and the Depository as hereinafter provided.
- b. Institutional Accredited Investor Securities. Except as provided in this Section 2.01 or Section 2.06 or 2.12, owners of beneficial interests in Global Securities will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Certificated Securities. Securities offered and sold within the United States to institutional "accredited investors" as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2) (3) and (7) under the Securities Act ("Institutional Accredited Investors") shall be issued initially

in the form of an Institutional Accredited Investor Security, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided.

- c. Global Securities in General. Each Global Security shall represent such of the outstanding Securities as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate Principal Amount of outstanding Securities from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate Principal Amount of outstanding Securities represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions.

Any adjustment of the aggregate Principal Amount of a Global Security to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the Principal Amount of outstanding Securities represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.12 hereof and shall be made on the records of the Trustee and the Depository.

- d. Book-Entry Provisions. This Section 2.01(d) shall apply only to Global Securities deposited with or on behalf of the Depository.

The Company shall execute and the Trustee shall, in accordance with this Section 2.01(d), authenticate and deliver initially one or more Global Securities that (a) shall be registered in the name of the Depository, (b) shall be delivered by the Trustee to the Depository or pursuant to the Depository's instructions or held by the Trustee as custodian for such Depository and (c) shall bear legends substantially to the following effect:

"UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (AND ANY PAYMENT HEREON IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL SINCE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS, IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 2 OF THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF."

e. Certificated Securities. Securities not issued as interests in the Global Securities will be issued in certificated form substantially in the form of Exhibit A-3 attached hereto.

f. U.S. Tax Legend. [Intentionally deleted.]

SECTION 2.02 Execution and Authentication. The Securities shall be executed on behalf of the Company by any Officer. The signature of the Officer on the Securities may be manual or facsimile.

Securities bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of an individual who was at the time of the execution of the Securities the proper Officer of the Company shall bind the Company, notwithstanding that such individual has ceased to hold such office prior to the authentication and delivery of such Securities or did not hold such office at the date of authentication of such Securities.

No Security shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Security a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein duly executed by the Trustee by manual signature of an authorized signatory of the Trustee and such certificate upon any Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.

The Trustee shall authenticate and deliver Securities for original issue in an aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$16,471,991 upon a Company Order without any further action by the Company. The aggregate Principal Amount of Securities outstanding at any time may not exceed the amount set forth in the foregoing sentence, except as provided in Section 2.07.

The Securities shall be issued only in registered form without coupons and only in denominations of \$1,000 of Principal Amount and any integral multiple thereof.

SECTION 2.03 Registrar and Paying Agent. The Company shall maintain an office or agency where Securities may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("Registrar") and an office or agency where Securities may be presented for purchase or payment ("Paying Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Securities and of their transfer and exchange. The Company may have one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent, including any named pursuant to Section 4.05.

The Company shall enter into an appropriate agency agreement with any Registrar or co-registrar or Paying Agent (other than the Trustee). The agreement shall implement the provisions of this Indenture that relate to such agent. The Company shall notify the Trustee of the name and address of any such agent. If the Company fails to maintain a Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such and shall be entitled to appropriate compensation therefor pursuant to Section 7.07. The Company or any Subsidiary or an Affiliate of either of them may act as Paying Agent, Registrar or co-registrar.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee as Registrar and Paying Agent in connection with the Securities.

SECTION 2.04 Paying Agent to Hold Money and Securities in Trust. Except as otherwise provided herein, not later than 11:30 a.m., New York City time, on each due date of payments in respect of any Security, the Company shall deposit with the Paying Agent a sum of money (in immediately available funds if deposited on the due date) sufficient to make such payments when so becoming due. The Company shall require each Paying Agent (other than the Trustee) to agree in writing that the Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of Securityholders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the making of payments in respect of the Securities and shall notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. At any time during the continuance of any such default, the Paying Agent shall, upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all money so held in trust. If the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of either of them acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate the money held by it as Paying Agent and hold it as a separate trust fund. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee and to account for any funds disbursed by it. Upon doing so, the Paying Agent shall have no further liability for the money.

SECTION 2.05 Securityholder Lists. The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of Securityholders. If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall cause to be furnished to the Trustee at least semiannually on June 1 and December 1 a listing of Securityholders dated within 15 days of the date on which the list is furnished and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of Securityholders.

SECTION 2.06 Transfer and Exchange. Subject to Section 2.12 hereof,

- a. Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Security, together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the Securityholder or such Securityholder's attorney duly authorized in writing, at the office or agency of the Company designated as Registrar or co-registrar pursuant to Section 2.03, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee upon receipt of a Company Order shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Securities of any authorized denomination or denominations, of a like aggregate Principal Amount. The Company shall not charge a service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to pay all taxes, assessments or other governmental charges that may be imposed in connection with the registration of transfer or exchange of the Securities from the Securityholder requesting such registration of transfer or exchange.

At the option of the Holder, Certificated Securities may be exchanged for other Securities of any authorized denomination or denominations, of a like aggregate Principal Amount, upon surrender of the Securities to be exchanged, together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the Securityholder or such Securityholder's attorney duly authorized in writing, at such office or agency. Whenever any Securities are so

surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee upon receipt of a Company Order shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

The Company shall not be required to make, and the Registrar need not register, transfers or exchanges of Securities selected for redemption (except, in the case of Securities to be redeemed in part, the portion thereof not to be redeemed) or any Securities in respect of which a Change in Control Purchase Notice has been given and not withdrawn by the Holder thereof in accordance with the terms of this Indenture (except, in the case of Securities to be purchased in part, the portion thereof not to be purchased) or any Securities for a period of 15 days before the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed.

- b. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, so long as a Global Security remains outstanding and is held by or on behalf of the Depositary, transfers of a Global Security, in whole or in part, shall be made only in accordance with Section 2.12 and this Section 2.06(b). Transfers of a Global Security shall be limited to transfers of such Global Security in whole, or in part, to nominees of the Depositary or to a successor of the Depositary or such successor's nominee.
- c. Successive registrations of transfers and exchanges as aforesaid may be made from time to time as desired, and each such registration shall be noted on the register for the Securities.
- d. Any Registrar appointed pursuant to Section 2.03 hereof shall provide to the Trustee such information as the Trustee may reasonably require in connection with the delivery by such Registrar of Securities upon registration of transfer or exchange of Securities.
- e. No Registrar shall be required to make registrations of transfer or exchange of Securities during any periods designated in the text of the Securities or in this Indenture as periods during which such registration of transfers and exchanges need not be made.
- f. If Securities are issued upon the registration of transfer, exchange or replacement of Securities subject to restrictions on transfer and bearing the legends set forth on the form of Security attached hereto as Exhibits A-1 and A-3 setting forth such restrictions (collectively, the "Legend"), or if a request is made to remove the Legend on a Security, the Securities so issued shall bear the Legend, or the Legend shall not be removed, as the case may be, unless there is delivered to the Company and the Registrar such satisfactory evidence, which shall include an Opinion of Counsel, as may be reasonably required by the Company and the Registrar, that neither the Legend nor the restrictions on transfer set forth therein are required to ensure that transfers thereof comply with the provisions of Rule 144A or Rule 144 or that such Securities are not "restricted" within the meaning of Rule 144. Upon (i) provision of such satisfactory evidence, or (ii) notification by the Company to the Trustee and Registrar of the sale of such Security pursuant to a registration statement that is effective at the time of such sale, the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order, shall authenticate and deliver a Security that does not bear the Legend. If the Legend is removed from the face of a Security and the Security is

subsequently held by an Affiliate of the Company, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to reinstate the Legend.

The Trustee and the Registrar shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Security (including any transfers between or among Depository participants or beneficial owners of interests in any Global Security) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by the terms of, this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

**SECTION 2.07 Replacement Securities.** If (a) any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee, or (b) the Company and the Trustee receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security, and there is delivered to the Company and the Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or the Trustee that such Security has been acquired by a protected purchaser within the meaning of Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code (a "Protected Purchaser"), the Company shall execute and upon receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for any such mutilated Security or in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Security, a new Security of like tenor and Principal Amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security has become or is about to become due and payable, or is about to be purchased by the Company pursuant to Article 3 hereof, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay or purchase such Security, as the case may be.

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

Every new Security issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities duly issued hereunder.

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

**SECTION 2.08 Outstanding Securities; Determinations of Holders' Action.** Securities outstanding at any time are all the Securities authenticated by the Trustee, except for those cancelled by it, those paid pursuant to Section 2.10 and delivered to it for cancellation and



those described in this Section 2.08 as not outstanding. A Security does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate thereof holds the Security; provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite Principal Amount of Securities have given or concurred in any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, Securities owned by the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Securities which a Responsible Officer of the Trustee actually knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded. Subject to the foregoing, only Securities outstanding at the time of such determination shall be considered in any such determination (including, without limitation, determinations pursuant to Articles 6 and 9).

If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.07, the replaced Security ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee and the Company receive proof satisfactory to each of them that the replaced Security is held by a Protected Purchaser unaware that such Security has been replaced, in which case the replacement security shall be deemed not to be outstanding.

If the Paying Agent holds, in accordance with this Indenture, on a Redemption Date, or on the Business Day following the Change in Control Purchase Date, or on Stated Maturity, money or securities, if permitted hereunder, sufficient to pay Securities payable on that date, then immediately after such Redemption Date, Change in Control Purchase Date or Stated Maturity, as the case may be, such Securities shall cease to be outstanding and cash interest on such Securities shall cease to accrue; provided, that if such Securities are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture.

SECTION 2.09 Temporary Securities. Pending the preparation of definitive Securities, the Company may execute, and upon Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Securities which are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise produced, in any authorized denomination, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Securities in lieu of which they are issued and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers executing such Securities may determine, as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Securities.

If temporary Securities are issued, the Company will cause definitive Securities to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Securities, the temporary Securities shall be exchangeable for definitive Securities upon surrender of the temporary Securities at the office or agency of the Company designated for such purpose pursuant to Section 2.03, without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Securities the Company shall execute and upon Company Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a like Principal Amount of definitive Securities of authorized denominations. Until so exchanged the temporary Securities shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities.

SECTION 2.10 Cancellation. All Securities surrendered for payment, purchase by the Company pursuant to Article 3, redemption or registration of transfer or exchange shall, if

surrendered to any person other than the Trustee, be delivered to the Trustee and shall be promptly cancelled by it. The Company may at any time deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Securities so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Trustee. The Company may not issue new Securities to replace Securities it has paid or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation. No Securities shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Securities cancelled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Securities held by the Trustee shall be disposed of by the Trustee.

SECTION 2.11 Persons Deemed Owners. Prior to due presentment of a Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name such Security is registered as the owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of the Security or the payment of any Redemption Price or Change in Control Purchase Price in respect thereof or the payment of any cash interest thereon and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

SECTION 2.12 Global Securities.

- a. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture or the Securities, (A) transfers of a Global Security, in whole or in part, shall be made only in accordance with Section 2.06 and Section 2.12(b)(i), (B) transfer of a beneficial interest in a Global Security for a Certificated Security shall comply with Section 2.06 and Section 2.12(b)(i) below, and (C) transfers of a Certificated Security shall comply with Section 2.06 and Section 2.12(b)(ii) and transfer of a Certificated Security for a Beneficial Interest in a Global Security shall comply with Section 2.06 and Section 2.12(b)(iii) below.
- b. Transfer of Global Security. A Global Security may not be transferred, in whole or in part, to any Person other than the Depositary or a nominee or any successor thereof, and no such transfer to any such other Person may be registered; provided that this Section 2.12(b)(i) shall not prohibit any transfer of a Security that is issued in exchange for a Global Security but is not itself a Global Security. No transfer of a Security to any Person shall be effective under this Indenture or the Securities unless and until such Security has been registered in the name of such Person. Nothing in this Section 2.12(b)(i) shall prohibit or render ineffective any transfer of a beneficial interest in a Global Security effected in accordance with the other provisions of this Section 2.12(b).
  - i. Restrictions on Transfer of a Beneficial Interest in a Global Security for a Certificated Security. A beneficial interest in a Global Security may not be exchanged for a Certificated Security except upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth below. Upon receipt by the Trustee of a request for transfer of a beneficial interest in a Global Security in accordance with Applicable Procedures for a Certificated Security in the form satisfactory to the Trustee, together with:

- A. so long as the Securities are Restricted Securities, certification, in the form set forth in Exhibit B-1, and, if requested by the Company or the Registrar, certification in the form set forth in Exhibit B-2, that such beneficial interest in the Global Security is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor that satisfies the definitions set forth in subparagraph (a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Rule 501 under the Securities Act;
- B. written instructions to the Trustee to make, or direct the Registrar to make, an adjustment on its books and records with respect to such Global Security to reflect a decrease in the aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities represented by the Global Security, such instructions to contain information regarding the Depository account to be credited with such decrease; and
- C. if the Company or Registrar so requests, an Opinion of Counsel or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to them as to the compliance with the restrictions set forth in the Legend,

then the Trustee shall cause, or direct the Registrar to cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between the Depository and the Registrar, the aggregate Principal Amount of Securities represented by the Global Security to be decreased by the aggregate Principal Amount of the Certificated Security to be issued, shall authenticate and deliver such Certificated Security and shall instruct the Depository to debit or cause to be debited to the account of the Person specified in such instructions a beneficial interest in the Global Security equal to the Principal Amount of the Certificated Security so issued.

ii. Transfer and Exchange of Certificated Securities. When Certificated Securities are presented to the Registrar with a request:

(x) to register the transfer of such Certificated Securities; or

(y) to exchange such Certificated Securities for an equal Principal Amount of Certificated Securities of other authorized denominations,

the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange as requested if its reasonable requirements for such transaction are met; provided, however, that the Certificated Securities surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange:

- A. shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Registrar, duly executed by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing; and

B. so long as such Securities are Restricted Securities, such Securities are being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or, if being transferred pursuant to clause (1), (2) or (3) below, are accompanied by the additional information and documents specified in each clause, as applicable:

1. if such Certificated Securities are being delivered to the Registrar by a Holder for registration in the name of such Holder, without transfer, a certification from such Holder to that effect; or
2. if such Certificated Securities are being transferred to the Company, a certification to that effect; or
3. if such Certificated Securities are being transferred pursuant to an exemption from registration (i) a certification to that effect (in the form set forth in Exhibit B-1 and B-2, if applicable) and (ii) if the Company or Registrar so requests, an Opinion of Counsel or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to them as to the compliance with the restrictions set forth in the Legend.

ii. Restrictions on Transfer of a Certificated Security for a Beneficial Interest in a Global Security. A Certificated Security may not be exchanged for a beneficial interest in a Global Security except upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth below. Upon receipt by the Trustee of a Certificated Security, duly endorsed or accompanied by appropriate instruments of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, together with:

- A. so long as the Securities are Restricted Securities, certification, in the form set forth in Exhibit B-1, that such Certificated Security is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A; and
- B. written instructions directing the Trustee to make, or to direct the Registrar to make, an adjustment on its books and records with respect to such Global Security to reflect an increase in the aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities represented by the Global Security, such instructions to contain information regarding the Depository account to be credited with such increase,

then the Trustee shall cancel such Certificated Security and cause, or direct the Registrar to cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between the Depository and the Registrar, the aggregate Principal Amount of Securities represented by the Global Security to be increased by the aggregate Principal Amount of the Certificated Security to be exchanged, and shall instruct the Depository to credit or cause to be credited to the account of the Person specified in such instructions a beneficial interest in the Global Security equal to the Principal Amount of the

Certificated Security so cancelled. If no Global Securities are then outstanding, the Company shall issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order, shall authenticate a new Global Security in the appropriate Principal Amount.

- c. Subject to the succeeding paragraph, every Security shall be subject to the restrictions on transfer provided in the Legend including the requirement of the delivery of an Opinion of Counsel, if so provided. Whenever any Restricted Security is presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange for a Security registered in a name other than that of the Holder, such Security must be accompanied by a certificate in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit B-1, dated the date of such surrender and signed by the Holder of such Security, as to compliance with such restrictions on transfer. The Registrar shall not be required to accept for such registration of transfer or exchange any Security not so accompanied by a properly completed certificate.
- d. The restrictions imposed by the Legend upon the transferability of any Security shall cease and terminate when such Security has been sold pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or transferred in compliance with Rule 144 or, if earlier, upon the expiration of the holding period applicable to sales thereof under Rule 144. Any Security as to which such restrictions on transfer shall have expired in accordance with their terms or shall have terminated may, upon a surrender of such Security for exchange to the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2.12 (accompanied, in the event that such restrictions on transfer have terminated by reason of a transfer in compliance with Rule 144, by an opinion of counsel having substantial experience in practice under the Securities Act and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Company, addressed to the Company, the Trustee and the Registrar and in form acceptable to the Company, to the effect that the transfer of such Security has been made in compliance with Rule 144), be exchanged for a new Security, of like tenor and aggregate Principal Amount, which shall not bear the restrictive Legend. The Company shall inform the Trustee of the effective date of any registration statement registering the Securities under the Securities Act. The Trustee and the Registrar shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the aforementioned opinion of counsel or registration statement.
- e. As used in the preceding two paragraphs of this Section 2.12, the term "transfer" encompasses any sale, pledge, transfer, hypothecation or other disposition of any Security.
- f. The provisions of clauses (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) below shall apply only to Global Securities:
  - 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture or the Securities, except as provided in Section 2.12(b)(i), a Global Security shall not be exchanged in whole or in part for a Security registered in the name of any Person other than the Depositary or one or more nominees thereof, provided that a Global Security may be exchanged for Securities registered in the names of any person designated by the Depositary in the event that (i) the Depositary has notified the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such Global

Security or such Depository has ceased to be a "clearing agency" registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor Depository is not appointed by the Company within 90 days; (ii) the Company elects to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfer through DTC (or any successor depository); or (iii) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the Securities. Any Global Security exchanged pursuant to subclause (i) of this clause (1) shall be so exchanged in whole and not in part, and any Global Security exchanged pursuant to subclause (ii) of this clause (1) may be exchanged in whole or from time to time in part as directed by the Depository. Any Security issued in exchange for a Global Security or any portion thereof shall be a Global Security; provided that any such Security so issued that is registered in the name of a person other than the Depository or a nominee thereof shall not be a Global Security.

2. Securities issued in exchange for a Global Security or any portion thereof shall be issued in definitive, fully registered form, without interest coupons, shall have an aggregate Principal Amount equal to that of such Global Security or portion thereof to be so exchanged, shall be registered in such names and be in such authorized denominations as the Depository shall designate and shall bear the applicable legends provided for herein. Any Global Security to be exchanged in whole shall be surrendered by the Depository to the Trustee, as Registrar. With regard to any Global Security to be exchanged in part, either such Global Security shall be so surrendered for exchange or, if the Trustee is acting as custodian for the Depository or its nominee with respect to such Global Security, the Principal Amount thereof shall be reduced, by an amount equal to the portion thereof to be so exchanged, by means of an appropriate adjustment made on the records of the Trustee. Upon any such surrender or adjustment, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver the Security issuable on such exchange to or upon the order of the Depository or an authorized representative thereof.
3. Subject to the provisions of clause (5) below, the registered Holder may grant proxies and otherwise authorize any Person, including Agent Members (as defined below) and persons that may hold interests through Agent Members, to take any action which a holder is entitled to take under this Indenture or the Securities.
4. In the event of the occurrence of any of the events specified in clause (1) above, the Company will promptly make available to the Trustee a reasonable supply of Certificated Securities in definitive, fully registered form, without interest coupons.
5. Neither any members of, or participants in, the Depository (collectively, the "Agent Members") nor any other Persons on whose behalf Agent Members may act shall have any rights under this Indenture with respect to any Global Security registered in the name of the Depository or any nominee thereof, or under any such Global Security, and the Depository or such nominee, as the case may be, may be treated by the Company, the Trustee, the Registrar,

the Paying Agent and any agent of the Company, the Trustee, the Registrar or the Paying Agent as the absolute owner and holder of such Global Security for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Trustee or any agent of the Company or the Trustee from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by the Depository or such nominee, as the case may be, or impair, as between the Depository, its Agent Members and any other person on whose behalf an Agent Member may act, the operation of customary practices of such Persons governing the exercise of the rights of a holder of any Security.

SECTION 2.13 CUSIP Numbers. The Company in issuing the Securities may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Company will promptly notify the Trustee of any change in the CUSIP numbers.

### ARTICLE 3

#### REDEMPTION AND PURCHASES

SECTION 3.01 Right to Redeem; Notices to Trustee. The Company, at its option, may redeem the Securities in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Securities. The Company may redeem the Securities for cash in whole at any time, or in part from time to time. If the Company elects to redeem Securities pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Securities, it shall notify the Trustee in writing of the Redemption Date, the Principal Amount of Securities to be redeemed, the amount of accrued and unpaid cash interest, if any, and the Redemption Price payable on the Redemption Date.

The Company shall give the notice to the Trustee provided for in this Section 3.01 by a Company Order, at least 45 days but not more than 60 days before the Redemption Date (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee). If fewer than all the Securities are to be redeemed, the record date relating to such redemption shall be selected by the Company and given to the Trustee, which record date shall not be less than ten days after the date of notice to the Trustee.

SECTION 3.02 Selection of Securities to Be Redeemed. If less than all the Securities are to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select the Securities to be redeemed pro rata or by lot or by any other method the Trustee considers fair and appropriate (so long as such method is not prohibited by the rules of any stock exchange on which the Securities are then listed). The Trustee shall make the selection at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the Redemption Date from outstanding Securities not previously called for redemption. The Trustee may select for redemption portions of the Principal Amount of Securities that have denominations larger than \$1,000.

Securities and portions of them the Trustee selects shall be in Principal Amounts of \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000. Provisions of this Indenture that apply to Securities called for redemption also apply to portions of Securities called for redemption. The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of the Securities or portions of Securities to be redeemed.

SECTION 3.03 Notice of Redemption. At least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a Redemption Date, the Company shall mail a notice of redemption by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed.

The notice shall identify the Securities to be redeemed and shall state:

1. the Redemption Date;
2. the Redemption Price and accrued and unpaid cash interest, if any, payable on the Redemption Date;
3. the name and address of the Paying Agent;
4. that Securities called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the Redemption Price and accrued and unpaid cash interest, if any;
5. if fewer than all the outstanding Securities are to be redeemed, the certificate number and Principal Amounts of the particular Securities to be redeemed;
6. that, unless the Company defaults in making payment of such Redemption Price and any cash interest which is due and payable, interest will cease to accrue on and after the Redemption Date;
7. the CUSIP number of the Securities; and
8. any other information the Company wants to present.

At the Company's request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption to Holders in the Company's name and at the Company's expense, provided that the Company makes such request at least five Business Days (unless a shorter period shall be satisfactory to the Trustee) prior to the date such notice of redemption must be mailed.

SECTION 3.04 Effect of Notice of Redemption. Once notice of redemption is given, Securities called for redemption become due and payable on the Redemption Date and at the Redemption Price (together with accrued and unpaid cash interest, if any, to but not including the date of redemption) stated in the notice. Upon surrender to the Paying Agent, such Securities shall be paid at the Redemption Price (together with accrued and unpaid cash interest, if any, to but not including the date of redemption) stated in the notice.

SECTION 3.05 Deposit of Redemption Price. Prior to 11:30 a.m. (New York City time), on any Redemption Date, the Company shall deposit with the Paying Agent (or if the Company or a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of either of them is the Paying Agent, shall segregate



and hold in trust) money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of, and any accrued and unpaid interest to but not including the date of redemption with respect to, all Securities to be redeemed on that date other than Securities or portions of Securities called for redemption which on or prior thereto have been delivered by the Company to the Trustee for cancellation.

SECTION 3.06 Securities Redeemed in Part. Upon surrender of a Security that is redeemed in part, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder a new Security in an authorized denomination equal in Principal Amount to the unredeemed portion of the Security surrendered.

SECTION 3.07 Conversion Arrangement on Call for Redemption. [Intentionally deleted.]

SECTION 3.08 Purchase of Securities at Option of the Holder. [Intentionally deleted.]

SECTION 3.09 Purchase of Securities at Option of the Holder upon Change in Control.

- a. If there shall have occurred a Change in Control, Securities shall be purchased by the Company, at the option of the Holder thereof, at a purchase price specified in paragraph 6 of the Securities (the "Change in Control Purchase Price"), as of the date that is no later than 30 Business Days after the occurrence of the Change in Control but in no event prior to the date on which such Change in Control occurs (the "Change in Control Purchase Date"), subject to satisfaction by or on behalf of the Holder of the requirements set forth in Section 3.09(c).

A "Change in Control" means the occurrence of any of the following: (a) the sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), (b) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company, (c) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, of more than [35%] of the voting power of the outstanding voting stock of the Company, or (d) the first day on which more than a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Company are not Continuing Directors.

"Continuing Directors" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Board of Directors of the Company who (a) was a member of the Board of Directors of the Company on February \_\_\_\_, 2009, or (b) was nominated for election to the Board of Directors of the Company with the approval of, or whose election to the Board of Directors of the Company was ratified by, at least a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of the Board of Directors of the Company at the time of such nomination or election.

b. Within 15 Business Days after the occurrence of a Change in Control, the Company shall mail a written notice of Change in Control by first-class mail to the Trustee and to each Holder (and to beneficial owners as required by applicable law). The notice shall include a form of Change in Control Purchase Notice to be completed by the Securityholder and shall state:

1. briefly, the events causing a Change in Control and the date of such Change in Control;
  2. the date by which the Change in Control Purchase Notice pursuant to this Section 3.09 must be given;
  3. the Change in Control Purchase Date;
  4. the Change in Control Purchase Price and, to the extent known at the time of such notice, the amount of interest, if any, that will be accrued and payable with respect to the Securities as of the Change in Control Purchase Date;
  5. the name and address of the Paying Agent;
  6. that Securities must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect payment of the Change in Control Purchase Price and accrued and unpaid cash interest, if any;
  7. that the Change in Control Purchase Price for any Security as to which a Change in Control Purchase Notice has been duly given and not withdrawn, together with any accrued interest payable with respect thereto, will be paid promptly following the later of the Change in Control Purchase Date and the time of surrender of such Security as described in (6);
  8. briefly, the procedures the Holder must follow to exercise rights under this Section 3.09;
  9. the procedures for withdrawing a Change in Control Purchase Notice;
  10. that, unless the Company defaults in making payment of such Change in Control Purchase Price and contingent interest, if any on Securities surrendered for purchase, cash interest on Securities surrendered for purchase will cease to accrue on and after the Change in Control Purchase Date; and
  11. the CUSIP number of the Securities.
- c. A Holder may exercise its rights specified in Section 3.09(a) upon delivery of a written notice of purchase (a "Change in Control Purchase Notice") to the Paying Agent at any time prior to the close of business on the Change in Control Purchase Date, stating:

1. the certificate number of the Security which the Holder will deliver to be purchased;

2. the portion of the Principal Amount of the Security which the Holder will deliver to be purchased, which portion must be \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof; and

3. that such Security shall be purchased pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in paragraph 6 of the Securities.

The delivery of such Security to the Paying Agent prior to, on or after the Change in Control Purchase Date (together with all necessary endorsements) at the offices of the Paying Agent shall be a condition to the receipt by the Holder of the Change in Control Purchase Price therefor; provided, however, that such Change in Control Purchase Price shall be so paid pursuant to this Section 3.09 only if the Security so delivered to the Paying Agent shall conform in all respects to the description thereof set forth in the related Change in Control Purchase Notice.

The Company shall purchase from the Holder thereof, pursuant to this Section 3.09, a portion of a Security if the Principal Amount of such portion is \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000. Provisions of this Indenture that apply to the purchase of all of a Security also apply to the purchase of such portion of such Security.

Any purchase by the Company contemplated pursuant to the provisions of this Section 3.09 shall be consummated by the delivery of the consideration to be received by the Holder (together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any) promptly following the later of the Change in Control Purchase Date and the time of delivery of the Security to the Paying Agent in accordance with this Section 3.09.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any Holder delivering to the Paying Agent the Change in Control Purchase Notice contemplated by this Section 3.09(c) shall have the right to withdraw such Change in Control Purchase Notice at any time prior to the close of business on the Business Day prior to the Change in Control Purchase Date by delivery of a written notice of withdrawal to the Paying Agent in accordance with Section 3.10.

The Paying Agent shall promptly notify the Company of the receipt by it of any Change in Control Purchase Notice or written withdrawal thereof.

The Company shall not be required to comply with this Section 3.09 if a third party mails a written notice of Change in Control in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with this Section 3.09 and repurchases all Securities for which a Change in Control Purchase Notice shall be delivered and not withdrawn.

**SECTION 3.10 Effect of Purchase Notice or Change in Control Purchase Notice.** Upon receipt by the Paying Agent of the Change in Control Purchase Notice specified in Section 3.09(c), the Holder of the Security in respect of which such Change in Control Purchase Notice was given shall (unless such Change in Control Purchase Notice is withdrawn as specified in the following two paragraphs) thereafter be entitled to receive solely the Change in Control Purchase Price and any accrued and unpaid interest with respect to such Security. Such Change in Control Purchase Price and any accrued and unpaid cash interest, if any, shall be paid to such Holder,

subject to receipt of funds and/or securities by the Paying Agent, promptly following the later of (x) the Change in Control Purchase Date with respect to such Security (provided the conditions in Section 3.09(c) have been satisfied) and (y) the time of delivery of such Security to the Paying Agent by the Holder thereof in the manner required by Section 3.09(c).

A Change in Control Purchase Notice may be withdrawn by means of a written notice of withdrawal delivered to the office of the Paying Agent in accordance with the Change in Control Purchase Notice at any time prior to the close of business on the Business Day prior to the Change in Control Purchase Date specifying:

1. the certificate number of the Security in respect of which such notice of withdrawal is being submitted,
2. the Principal Amount of the Security with respect to which such notice of withdrawal is being submitted, and
3. the Principal Amount, if any, of such Security which remains subject to the original Change in Control Purchase Notice and which has been or will be delivered for purchase by the Company.

There shall be no purchase of any Securities pursuant to Section 3.09 if there has occurred (prior to, on or after, as the case may be, the giving, by the Holders of such Securities, of the required Change in Control Purchase Notice) and is continuing an Event of Default (other than a default in the payment of the Change in Control Purchase Price and any accrued and unpaid cash interest with respect to such Securities). The Paying Agent will promptly return to the respective Holders thereof any Securities (x) with respect to which a Change in Control Purchase Notice has been withdrawn in compliance with this Indenture, or (y) held by it during the continuance of an Event of Default (other than a default in the payment of the Change in Control Purchase Price and any accrued and unpaid cash interest with respect to such Securities) in which case, upon such return, the Change in Control Purchase Notice with respect thereto shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.

SECTION 3.11 Deposit of Purchase Price or Change in Control Purchase Price. Prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the Business Day following the Change in Control Purchase Date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent (or, if the Company or a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of either of them is acting as the Paying Agent, shall segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 2.04) an amount of money (in immediately available funds if deposited on such Business Day) sufficient to pay the aggregate Change in Control Purchase Price, of, and any accrued and unpaid cash interest with respect to, all the Securities or portions thereof which are to be purchased as of the Change in Control Purchase Date.

SECTION 3.12 Securities Purchased in Part. Any Security which is to be purchased only in part shall be surrendered at the office of the Paying Agent (with, if the Company or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or such

Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing) and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Security, without service charge, a new Security or Securities, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder in aggregate Principal Amount equal to, and in exchange for, the portion of the Principal Amount of the Security so surrendered which is not purchased.

SECTION 3.13 Repayment to the Company. The Trustee and the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Company any cash that remains unclaimed as provided in paragraph 14 of the Securities, together with interest, if any, thereon (subject to the provisions of Section 7.01(f)), held by them for the payment of the Change in Control Purchase Price or contingent interest, if any; provided, however, that to the extent that the aggregate amount of cash deposited by the Company pursuant to Section 3.11 exceeds the aggregate Change in Control Purchase Price and the accrued and unpaid contingent interest with respect to, the Securities or portions thereof which the Company is obligated to purchase as of the Change in Control Purchase Date, whether as a result of withdrawal or otherwise, then promptly after the Business Day following the Change in Control Purchase Date, the Trustee shall return any such excess to the Company together with interest, if any, thereon (subject to the provisions of Section 7.01(f)).

#### ARTICLE 4

#### COVENANTS

SECTION 4.01 Payment of Securities. The Company shall promptly make all payments in respect of the Securities on the dates and in the manner provided in the Securities or pursuant to this Indenture. Any amounts to be given to the Trustee or Paying Agent, shall be deposited with the Trustee or Paying Agent by 10:00 a.m., New York City time on the payment date, by the Company. Principal Amount, Change in Control Purchase Price, and cash interest shall be considered paid on the applicable date due if on such date (or, in the case of a Change in Control Purchase Price, on the Business Day following the applicable Change in Control Purchase Date) the Trustee or the Paying Agent holds, in accordance with this Indenture, money or securities, if permitted hereunder, sufficient to pay all such amounts then due.

The Company shall, to the extent permitted by law, pay cash interest on overdue amounts at the rate per annum set forth in paragraph 1 of the Securities, compounded semiannually, which interest shall accrue from the date such overdue amount was originally due to the date payment of such amount, including interest thereon, has been made or duly provided for. All such interest shall be payable on demand.

SECTION 4.02 SEC and Other Reports. The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 15 days after it files such annual and quarterly reports, information, documents and other reports with the SEC, copies of its annual report and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company is required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. The Company also shall comply with the provisions of TIA Section 314(a). Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for

informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of the same shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers' Certificates).

SECTION 4.03 Compliance Certificate. The Company shall deliver to the Trustee within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company (beginning with the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2009) an Officers' Certificate, stating whether or not to the best knowledge of the signers thereof the Company is in default in the performance and observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture (without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided hereunder) and if the Company shall be in default, specifying all such defaults and the nature and status thereof of which they may have knowledge.

SECTION 4.04 Further Instruments and Acts. Upon request of the Trustee, the Company will execute and deliver such further instruments and do such further acts as may be reasonably necessary or proper to carry out more effectively the purposes of this Indenture.

SECTION 4.05 Maintenance of Office or Agency. The Company will maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, an office or agency of the Trustee, Registrar and Paying Agent where Securities may be presented or surrendered for payment, where Securities may be surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange or redemption and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities and this Indenture may be served. The office of the Trustee, located at 100 Wall Street, Suite 1600, New York, NY 10005 (Attention: Corporate Trust Services), shall initially be such office or agency for all of the aforesaid purposes. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and of any change in the location, of any such office or agency (other than a change in the location of the office of the Trustee). If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the address of the Trustee set forth in Section 14.02.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Securities may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, for such purposes.

SECTION 4.06 Delivery of Certain Information. At any time when the Company is not subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, upon the request of a Holder or any beneficial holder of Securities, the Company will promptly furnish or cause to be furnished Rule 144A Information (as defined below) to such Holder or any beneficial holder of Securities, or to a prospective purchaser of any such security designated by any such holder, as the case may be, to the extent required to permit compliance by such Holder or holder with Rule 144A under the Securities Act in connection with the resale of any such security. "Rule 144A Information" shall be such information as is specified pursuant to Rule 144A(d) (4) under the Securities Act.

SECTION 4.07 Limitation on Guarantees of Indebtedness by Subsidiaries. The Company will not permit any Subsidiary to guarantee the payment of any Debt of the Company unless such Subsidiary simultaneously executes and delivers a supplemental indenture to the indenture providing for a Guarantee of the Securities by such Subsidiary to the extent required in Article 13 hereof.

SECTION 4.08 Covenant to Comply with Securities Laws upon Purchase of Securities. [Intentionally deleted.]

## ARTICLE 5

### SUCCESSOR CORPORATION

SECTION 5.01 When Company May Merge or Transfer Assets. The Company shall not consolidate with or merge with or into any other person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any person, nor will the Company permit any Subsidiary to enter into any such transaction or series of transactions if such transaction or series of transactions, in the aggregate, would result in a sale, assignment, transfer, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis to any other person or persons, unless:

- a. either (1) the Company or such subsidiary shall be the surviving corporation or (2) the person (if other than the Company) formed by such consolidation or into which the Company or such Subsidiary is merged or the person which acquires by conveyance, transfer or lease the properties and assets of the Company or such Subsidiary substantially as an entirety (i) shall be organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia and (ii) shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental hereto, executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, all of the obligations of the Company or such Subsidiary under the Securities and this Indenture;
- b. immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- c. the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture, comply with this Article 5 and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been satisfied.

For purposes of the foregoing, the transfer (by lease, assignment, sale or otherwise) of the properties and assets of one or more Subsidiaries (other than to the Company or another Subsidiary), which, if such assets were owned by the Company, would constitute all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company, shall be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company.

The successor person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company or the applicable Subsidiary is merged or the successor person to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company or the applicable Subsidiary under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor had been named as the Company or the applicable Subsidiary herein; and thereafter, except in the case of a lease, the Company or the applicable Subsidiary shall be discharged from all obligations and covenants under this Indenture and the Securities. Subject to Section 9.06, the Company, the applicable Subsidiary, the Trustee and the successor person shall enter into a supplemental indenture to evidence the succession and substitution of such successor person and such discharge and release of the Company and the applicable Subsidiary.

A Guarantor shall not consolidate with or merge into any Person or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entity to another Person unless the surviving Person assumes the obligations of such Guarantor and the surviving Person is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, except if all of the assets or all of the common stock of such Guarantor is sold to a non-affiliate of the Company, in which case the Guarantee is released.

## ARTICLE 6

### DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

SECTION 6.01 Events of Default. An "Event of Default" occurs if:

1. the Company defaults in payment of any interest when due under the Securities and such default continues for 30 days;
2. the Company defaults in the payment of the Principal Amount, cash interest, or Change in Control Purchase Price on any Security when the same becomes due and payable at its Stated Maturity, upon redemption, upon declaration, when due for purchase by the Company or otherwise;
3. the Company fails to comply with any of its agreements in the Security or this Indenture (other than those referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above) and such failure continues for 60 days after receipt by the Company of a Notice of Default;
4. there occurs any default under any Debt, whether such Debt now exists or is created later, which default results in such Debt becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable, and the principal amount of all Debt so accelerated, together with all Debt due and payable but not paid prior to the end of any grace period, is \$10,000,000 or more, and such acceleration has not been rescinded or annulled within a period of 10 days after receipt by the Company of a Notice of Default from the Trustee; provided, however, that if any such default shall be cured, waived, rescinded or annulled, then the Event of Default by reason thereof shall be deemed not to have occurred;



5. any Guarantee ceases to be in full force and effect or is declared null and void or any Guarantor denies that it has any further liability under any Guarantee, or gives notice to such effect (other than by reason of the termination of this Indenture or the release of any such Guarantee in accordance with this Indenture) and such condition shall have continued for a period of 30 days after written notice of such failure requiring the Guarantor and the Company to remedy the same shall have been given (x) to the Company by the Trustee or (y) to the Company and the Trustee by the holders of 25% in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities then outstanding;

6. the Company pursuant to or under or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:

- A. commences a voluntary case or proceeding;
- B. consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case or proceeding or the commencement of any case against it;
- C. consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for any substantial part of its property;
- D. makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;
- E. files a petition in bankruptcy or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief; or
- F. consents to the filing of such petition or the appointment of or taking possession by a Custodian; or

7. a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:

- A. is for relief against the Company in an involuntary case or proceeding, or adjudicates the Company insolvent or bankrupt;
- B. appoints a Custodian of the Company or for any substantial part of its property; or
- C. orders the winding up or liquidation of the Company;

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 days.

"Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, United States Code, or any similar Federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

"Custodian" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator, custodian or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

A Default under clause (3) or clause (4) above is not an Event of Default until the Trustee notifies the Company, or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding notify the Company and the Trustee, of the Default and the Company does not cure such Default (and such Default is not waived) within the time specified in clause (3) or clause (4) above after actual receipt of such notice. Any such notice must specify the Default, demand that it be remedied and state that such notice is a "Notice of Default".

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 30 days after it becomes aware of the occurrence thereof, written notice of any event which with the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default under clause (3) or clause (4) above, its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

SECTION 6.02 Acceleration. If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(6) or 6.01(7) in respect of the Company) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by written notice to the Company, or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding by notice to the Company and the Trustee, may declare the Principal Amount plus accrued cash interest through the date of declaration on all the Securities to be immediately due and payable. Upon such a declaration, such Principal Amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, shall be due and payable immediately. If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(6) or 6.07 occurs in respect of the Company and is continuing, the Principal Amount plus accrued cash interest on all the Securities shall become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Securityholders. The Holders of a majority in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding, by notice to the Trustee (and without notice to any other Securityholder), may rescind an acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default have been cured or waived except nonpayment of the Principal Amount plus accrued cash interest that have become due solely as a result of acceleration and if all amounts due to the Trustee under Section 7.07 have been paid. No such rescission shall affect any subsequent Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

SECTION 6.03 Other Remedies. If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of the Principal Amount plus accrued interest on the Securities or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Securities or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if the Trustee does not possess any of the Securities or does not produce any of the Securities in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Securityholder in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of, or acquiescence in, the Event of Default. Except as set forth in Section 2.07 hereof, no remedy is exclusive of any other remedy. All available remedies are cumulative.

SECTION 6.04 Waiver of Past Defaults. Subject to Section 6.02, the Holders of a majority in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding, by notice to the Trustee (and without notice to any other Securityholder), may waive an existing Default and its

consequences except (1) an Event of Default described in Section 6.01(1) or 6.02, or (2) a Default in respect of a provision that under Section 9.02 cannot be amended without the consent of each Securityholder affected. When a Default is waived, it is deemed cured, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any consequent right. This Section 6.04 shall be in lieu of Section 316(a)1(B) of the TIA and such Section 316(a)1(B) is hereby expressly excluded from this Indenture, as permitted by the TIA.

SECTION 6.05 Control by Majority. The Holders of a majority in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or that the Trustee determines in good faith is unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Securityholders or would involve the Trustee in personal liability unless the Trustee is offered indemnity satisfactory to it. This Section 3.05 shall be in lieu of Section 316(a)1(A) of the TIA and such Section 316(a)1(A) is hereby expressly excluded from this Indenture, as permitted by the TIA.

SECTION 6.06 Limitation on Suits. A Securityholder may not pursue any remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Securities unless:

1. the Holder gives to the Trustee written notice stating that an Event of Default is continuing;
2. the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
3. such Holder or Holders offer to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
4. the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of such notice, request and offer of security or indemnity; and
5. the Holders of a majority in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request during such 60-day period.

A Securityholder may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of any other Securityholder or to obtain a preference or priority over any other Securityholder.

SECTION 6.07 Rights of Holders to Receive Payment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder to receive payment of the Principal Amount, Change in Control Purchase Price, or cash interest in respect of the Securities held by such Holder, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Securities, or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected adversely without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 6.08 Collection Suit by Trustee. If an Event of Default described in Section 6.01(1) or 6.01(2) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount owing with respect to the Securities and the amounts provided for in Section 7.07.

SECTION 6.09 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim. In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or the property of the Company or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the Principal Amount, Change in Control Purchase Price, or cash interest shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of any such amount) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise,

a. to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the Principal Amount, Change in Control Purchase Price, or accrued and unpaid cash interest and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel or any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07) and of the Holders allowed in such judicial proceeding, and

b. to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of any Holder thereof, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

SECTION 6.10 Priorities. If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this Article 6, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

FIRST: to the Trustee for amounts due under Section 7.07;

SECOND: to Securityholders for amounts due and unpaid on the Securities for the Principal Amount, Change in Control Purchase Price, or accrued and unpaid cash interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to such amounts due and payable on the Securities; and

THIRD: the balance, if any, to the Company.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Securityholders pursuant to this Section 6.10. At least 15 days before such record date, the Trustee shall mail to each Securityholder and the Company a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount to be paid.

SECTION 6.11 Undertaking for Costs. In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant (other than the Trustee) in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder pursuant to Section 6.07 or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding. This Section 6.11 shall be in lieu of Section 315(e) of the TIA and such Section 315(e) is hereby expressly excluded from this Indenture, as permitted by the TIA.

SECTION 6.12 Waiver of Stay, Extension or Usury Laws. The Company covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law or any usury or other law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which would prohibit or forgive the Company from paying all or any portion of the Principal Amount, Change in Control Purchase Price, or accrued and unpaid cash interest, as contemplated herein, or which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

## ARTICLE 7

### TRUSTEE

SECTION 7.01 Duties of Trustee.

- a. If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.
- b. Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
  1. the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others; and

2. in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture, but in case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture, but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein.

This Section 7.01(b) shall be in lieu of Section 315(a) of the TIA and such Section 315(a) is hereby expressly excluded from this Indenture, as permitted by the TIA.

c. The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that:

1. this paragraph (c) does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 7.01;
2. the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
3. the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.05.

Subparagraphs (c)(1), (2) and (3) shall be in lieu of Sections 315(d)(1), 315(d)(2) and 315(d)(3) of the TIA and such Sections 315(d)(1), 315(d)(2) and 315(d)(3) are hereby expressly excluded from this Indenture, as permitted by the TIA.

d. Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of this Section 7.01.

e. The Trustee may refuse to perform any duty or exercise any right or power or extend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

f. Money held by the Trustee in trust hereunder need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. The Trustee (acting in any capacity hereunder) shall be under no liability for interest on any money received by it hereunder unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Company.

SECTION 7.02 Rights of Trustee. Subject to its duties and responsibilities under the provisions of Section 7.01, and, except as expressly excluded from this Indenture pursuant to said Section 7.01, subject also to its duties and responsibilities under the TIA:

- a. the Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;
- b. whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate;
- c. the Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder;
- d. the Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers conferred under this Indenture;
- e. the Trustee may consult with counsel selected by it and any advice or Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or Opinion of Counsel;
- f. the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request, order or direction of any of the Holders, pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which may be incurred therein or thereby;
- g. any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Request or Company Order and any resolution of the Board of Directors may be sufficiently evidenced by a resolution of the Board of Directors;
- h. the Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation;

- i. the Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Securities and this Indenture;
- j. the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and to each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder; and
- k. the Trustee may request that the Company deliver an Officers' Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which Officers' Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officers' Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.

SECTION 7.03 Individual Rights of Trustee. The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Registrar or co-registrar may do the same with like rights. However, the Trustee must comply with Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

SECTION 7.04 Trustee's Disclaimer. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use or application of the proceeds from the Securities, it shall not be responsible for any statement in the registration statement for the Securities under the Securities Act or in the Indenture or the Securities (other than its certificate of authentication), or the determination as to which beneficial owners are entitled to receive any notices hereunder.

SECTION 7.05 Notice of Defaults. If a Default occurs and if it is known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall give to each Securityholder notice of the Default within 90 days after such Responsible Officer obtains knowledge of such Default unless such Default shall have been cured or waived before the giving of such notice. Except in the case of a Default described in Section 6.01(1) or 6.01(2), the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Securityholders. The second sentence of this Section 7.05 shall be in lieu of the proviso to Section 315(b) of the TIA and such proviso is hereby expressly excluded from this Indenture, as permitted by the TIA. The Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of a Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has received written notice of such Default.

SECTION 7.06 Reports by Trustee to Holders. Within 60 days after each May 15 beginning with the May 15 following the date of this Indenture, the Trustee shall mail to each Securityholder a brief report dated as of such May 15 that complies with TIA Section 313(a), if



required to do so by such Section 313(a). The Trustee also shall comply with TIA Section 313(b).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to Securityholders shall be filed with the SEC and each securities exchange, if any, on which the Securities are listed. The Company agrees to promptly notify the Trustee whenever the Securities become listed on any securities exchange and of any delisting thereof.

SECTION 7.07 Compensation and Indemnity. The Company agrees:

- a. to pay to the Trustee from time to time such reasonable compensation as the Company and the Trustee shall from time to time agree in writing for all services rendered by it hereunder (which compensation shall not be limited (to the extent permitted by law) by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);
- b. to reimburse the Trustee upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee in accordance with any provision of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses, advances and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to its negligence or bad faith; and
- c. to indemnify the Trustee or any predecessor, Trustee and their agents for, and to hold them harmless against, any loss, damage, claim, liability, cost or expense (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses and taxes (other than taxes based upon, measured by or determined by the income of the Trustee)) incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust, including the reasonable costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Company or any Holder or any other Person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this Section 7.07, the Holders shall have been deemed to have granted to the Trustee a lien prior to the Securities on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay the Principal Amount, Change in Control Purchase Price, or cash interest, if any, on particular Securities.

The Company's payment obligations pursuant to this Section 7.07 shall survive the discharge of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee. When the Trustee incurs expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 6.01(6) or 6.01(7), the expenses including the reasonable charges and expenses of its counsel, are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

SECTION 7.08 Replacement of Trustee. The Trustee may resign by so notifying the Company; provided, however, no such resignation shall be effective until a successor Trustee has accepted its appointment pursuant to this Section 7.08. The Holders of a majority in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Company. The Company shall remove the Trustee if:

1. the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
2. the Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
3. a receiver or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
4. the Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company shall promptly appoint, by resolution of its Board of Directors, a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company satisfactory in form and substance to the retiring Trustee and the Company. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Securityholders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee, subject to the lien provided for in Section 7.07.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 30 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Company or the Holders of a majority in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding may petition any court of competent jurisdiction at the expense of the Company for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10, any Securityholder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

SECTION 7.09 Successor Trustee by Merger. If the Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all its corporate trust business or assets to, another corporation, the resulting, surviving or transferee corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

SECTION 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification. The Trustee shall at all times satisfy the requirements of TIA Sections 310(a)(1) and 310(b). The Trustee (or its parent holding company) shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Trustee from filing with the Commission the application referred to in the penultimate paragraph of TIA Section 310(b).

SECTION 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company. The Trustee shall comply with TIA Section 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA Section 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA Section 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

## ARTICLE 8

### DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE

SECTION 8.01 Discharge of Liability on Securities. When (i) the Company delivers to the Trustee all outstanding Securities (other than Securities replaced pursuant to Section 2.07) for cancellation or (ii) all outstanding Securities have become due and payable and the Company or any Guarantor irrevocably deposits with the Trustee or the Paying Agent (if the Paying Agent is not the Company or any of its Affiliates) cash sufficient to pay all amounts due and owing on all outstanding Securities (other than Securities replaced pursuant to Section 2.07), and if in either case the Company pays all other sums payable hereunder by the Company, then this Indenture shall, subject to Section 7.07, cease to be of further effect. The Trustee shall join in the execution of a document prepared by the Company acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture on demand of the Company accompanied by an Officers' Certificate and Opinion of Counsel and at the cost and expense of the Company.

SECTION 8.02 Repayment to the Company. The Trustee and the Paying Agent shall return to the Company upon written request any money held by them for the payment of any amount with respect to the Securities that remains unclaimed for two years, subject to applicable unclaimed property law. After return to the Company, Holders entitled to the money must look to the Company for payment as general creditors unless an applicable abandoned property law designates another person and the Trustee and the Paying Agent shall have no further liability to the Securityholders with respect to such money or securities for that period commencing after the return thereof.

## ARTICLE 9

### AMENDMENTS

SECTION 9.01 Without Consent of Holders. The Company and the Trustee may amend this Indenture or the Securities without the consent of any Securityholder:

1. to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
2. to comply with Article 5;
3. to secure the Company's obligations under the Securities and this Indenture;
4. to add to the Company's covenants for the benefit of the Securityholders or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company;
5. to make any change to comply with the TIA, or any amendment thereto, or to comply with any requirement of the SEC in connection with the qualification of the Indenture under the TIA, or as necessary in connection with the registration of the Securities under the Securities Act; or

6. to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holders (it being understood that any amendment described in clause (1) above made solely to conform this Indenture to the final offering memorandum provided to investors in connection with the initial offering of the Securities will be deemed not to adversely affect the rights or interests of Holders).

SECTION 9.02 With Consent of Holders. With the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding, the Company and the Trustee may amend this Indenture or the Securities. However, without the consent of each Securityholder affected, an amendment to this Indenture or the Securities may not:

1. reduce the percentage in Principal Amount of Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment;
2. make any change in the manner or rate of accrual of cash interest, reduce the rate of cash interest referred to in paragraph 1 of the Securities, or extend the time for payment of cash interest on any Security;
3. reduce the Principal Amount or cash interest, with respect to any Security, or extend the Stated Maturity of any Security;
4. reduce the Change in Control Purchase Price of any Security;
5. make any Security payable in money or securities other than that stated in the Security;
6. make any change in this Section 9.02, except to increase any percentage set forth herein;
7. impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment with respect to the Securities; or
8. release any Guarantor from any of its obligations under its Guarantee other than in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

After an amendment under this Section 9.02 becomes effective, the Company shall mail to each Holder a notice briefly describing the amendment.

SECTION 9.03 Compliance with Trust Indenture Act. Every supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article shall comply with the TIA.

SECTION 9.04 Revocation and Effect of Consents, Waivers and Actions. Until an amendment, consent, waiver or other action by Holders becomes effective, a consent thereto by a Holder of a Security hereunder is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of that Security or portion of the Security that evidences the same obligation as the consenting Holder's Security, even if notation of the amendment, consent, waiver or other action is not made on the Security. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to such Holder's Security or portion of the Security if the Trustee receives the notice of revocation before the date as of which the amendment, consent, waiver or action is made effective. After an amendment, consent, waiver or action becomes effective, it shall bind every Securityholder.

SECTION 9.05 Notation on or Exchange of Securities. Securities authenticated and delivered after the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Article may, and shall if required by the Trustee, bear a notation in form approved by the Trustee as to any matter provided for in such supplemental indenture. If the Company shall so determine, new Securities so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Company and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in exchange for outstanding Securities.

SECTION 9.06 Trustee to Sign Supplemental Indentures. The Trustee shall sign any supplemental indenture authorized pursuant to this Article 9 if the amendment contained therein does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. If it does, the Trustee may, but need not, sign such supplemental indenture. In signing such supplemental indenture the Trustee shall receive, and (subject to the provisions of Section 7.01) shall be fully protected in relying upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 14.04, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that such amendment is authorized or permitted by this Indenture.

SECTION 9.07 Effect of Supplemental Indentures. Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture under this Article, this Indenture shall be modified in accordance therewith, and such supplemental indenture shall form a part of this Indenture for all purposes; and every Holder of Securities theretofore or thereafter authenticated and delivered hereunder shall be bound thereby.

**ARTICLE 10**

**SPECIAL TAX EVENT CONVERSION**

[Intentionally deleted.]

**ARTICLE 11**

**CONVERSION**

[Intentionally deleted.]

**ARTICLE 12**

**PAYMENT OF INTEREST**

SECTION 12.01 Interest Payments. Cash interest on any Security that is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any applicable payment date shall be paid to the person in whose name that Security is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date or accrual date, as the case may be, for such interest at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose. Each installment of interest on any Security shall be paid in same-day funds by transfer to an account maintained by the payee located inside the United States, if the payee is the Holder of not less than \$1,000,000 aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities and the Trustee shall have received proper wire transfer instructions from such payee not later than the related Regular Record Date or accrual date, as the case may be, or, if no such instructions have been received, by check mailed to the payee at its address set forth on the Registrar's books. In the case of a permanent Global Security, interest payable on any applicable payment date will be paid to the Depository, with respect to that portion of such permanent Global Security held for its account by Cede & Co for the purpose of permitting such party to credit the interest received by it in respect of such permanent Global Security to the accounts of the beneficial owners thereof.

SECTION 12.02 Defaulted Interest. Except as otherwise specified with respect to the Securities, any interest on any Security that is payable, but is not punctually paid or duly provided for, within 30 days following any applicable payment date (herein called "Defaulted Interest", which term shall include any accrued and unpaid interest that has accrued on such defaulted amount in accordance with paragraph 1 of the Securities), shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered Holder thereof on the relevant Regular Record Date or accrual date, as the case may be, by virtue of having been such Holder, and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Company, at its election in each case, as provided in clause (1) or (2) below:

1. The Company may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the persons in whose names the Securities are registered at the close of business on a special record date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Security and the date of the proposed payment (which shall not be less than 25 days after such notice is received by the

Trustee), and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit on or prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this clause provided. Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a special record date (the "Special Record Date") for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which shall be not more than 15 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Holder of Securities at his address as it appears on the list of Securityholders maintained pursuant to Section 2.05 not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been mailed as aforesaid, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the persons in whose names the Securities are registered at the close of business on such Special Record Date and shall no longer be payable pursuant to the following clause (2).

2. The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on the Securities in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, if, after notice given by the Company to the Trustee of the proposed payment pursuant to this clause, such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by the Trustee.

SECTION 12.03 Interest Rights Preserved. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Article 12 and Section 2.06, each Security delivered under this Indenture upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Security shall carry the rights to semiannual and contingent interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Security.

## ARTICLE 13

### GUARANTEES

SECTION 13.01 Guarantees. The Guarantors jointly and severally, hereby absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the Securities and obligations of the Company hereunder and thereunder, and guarantee to each Holder of a Security authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in accordance with the terms hereof, and to the Trustee on behalf of such Holder, that: (a) the principal of and cash interest on the Securities will be paid in full when due, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise (including, without limitation, the amount that would become due but for the operation of the automatic stay under Section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Law), together with cash interest and interest on any overdue interest, to the extent lawful, and all other obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder or thereunder will be paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the

terms hereof and thereof; and (b) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Securities or of any such other obligations, the same shall be paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration redemption or otherwise.

The Guarantors hereby agree that their obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Securities or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Company, any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a Guarantor.

The Guarantors hereby waive (to the extent permitted by law) the benefits of diligence, presentment, demand for payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company, any right to require a proceeding first against the Company or any other Person, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenants that the Guarantee of such Guarantor shall not be discharged as to any Security except by complete performance of the obligations contained in such Security, this Indenture and such Guarantee. The Guarantors acknowledge that the Guarantees are a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

The Guarantors hereby agree that, in the event of a default in payment of principal or cash interest on such Security, whether at its Stated Maturity, by acceleration, redemption, or otherwise, legal proceedings may be instituted by the Trustee on behalf of, or by, the Holder of such Security, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Indenture, directly against each of the Guarantors to enforce such Guarantor's Guarantee without first proceeding against the Company or any other Guarantor. The Guarantor agrees that if, after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Trustee or any of the Holders are prevented by applicable law from exercising their respective rights to accelerate the maturity of the Securities, to collect interest on the Securities, or to enforce or exercise any other right or remedy with respect to the Securities, such Guarantor shall pay to the Trustee for the account of the Holder, upon demand therefor, the amount that would otherwise have been due and payable had such rights and remedies been permitted to be exercised by the Trustee or any of the Holders.

If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Company or any Guarantor, or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to either the Company or any Guarantor, any amount paid by any of them to the Trustee or such Holder, the Guarantee of each of the Guarantors, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect. The Guarantor further agrees that as between each Guarantor, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (x) subject to this Article 13, the maturity of the obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article 6 hereof for the purposes of the Guarantee of such Guarantor notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any acceleration of such obligation as provided in Article 6 hereof, such obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by each Guarantor for the purpose of the Guarantee of such Guarantor.



Each Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect and continue to be effective should any petition be filed by or against the Company for liquidation, reorganization, should the Company become insolvent or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors or should a receiver or trustee be appointed for all or any significant part of the Company's assets, and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment and performance of the Securities are, pursuant to applicable law, rescinded or reduced in amount, or must otherwise be restored or returned by any obligee on the Securities, whether as a "voidable preference," "fraudulent transfer" or otherwise, all as though such payment or performance had not been made. In the event that any payment or any part thereof, is rescinded, reduced, restored or returned, for the purposes of the amounts due under the Guarantees, the Securities shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be reinstated and deemed reduced only by such amount paid and not so rescinded, reduced, restored or returned. The form of Guarantee is attached hereto as Exhibit A-2.

SECTION 13.02 Severability. In case any provision of any Guarantee shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 13.03 Future Subsidiaries. If (a) the Company or any of its Subsidiaries acquires or forms a wholly-owned Subsidiary organized under the laws of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof or the District of Columbia or (b) the Company or any of its Subsidiaries acquires or forms any Subsidiary (domestic or foreign) and such Subsidiary guarantees any indebtedness or other obligations of the Company other than the Guarantees of the Securities, the Company will cause any such Subsidiary to (i) execute and deliver to the Trustee any amendment or supplement to this Indenture in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of this Indenture pursuant to which such Subsidiary shall guarantee all of the obligations on the Securities (whether for principal, cash interest, and interest accruing after the filing of, or which would have accrued but for the filing of, a petition by or against the Company under Bankruptcy Law, whether or not such interest is allowed as a claim after such filing in any proceeding under such law), if any, and other amounts due in connection therewith (including any fees, expenses and indemnities), on a senior unsecured basis and (ii) deliver to such Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably satisfactory to such Trustee to the effect that such amendment or supplement has been duly executed and delivered by such Subsidiary and is in compliance with the terms of this Indenture. Upon the execution of any such amendment or supplement, the obligations of the Guarantors and any such Subsidiary under their respective Guarantees shall become joint and several and each reference to the "**Guarantor**" in this Indenture shall, be deemed to refer to all Guarantors, including such Subsidiary.

SECTION 13.04 Priority of Guarantees. The Guarantee issued by any Guarantor shall be unsecured senior obligations of such Guarantor, ranking pari passu with all other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness of such Guarantor, if any.

SECTION 13.05 Limitation of Guarantors' Liability. Each Guarantor and by its acceptance hereof each Holder confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the guarantee by the Guarantor pursuant to its Guarantee not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of the Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the

Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law or the provisions of its local law relating to fraudulent transfer or conveyance. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of such Guarantor under its Guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount that will not, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Guarantee constituting such fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

SECTION 13.06 Subrogation. Each Guarantor shall be subrogated to all rights of Holders against the Company in respect of any amounts paid by any Guarantor pursuant to the provisions of Section 13.01; provided, however, that, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, no Guarantor shall be entitled to enforce or receive any payments arising out of, or based upon, such right of subrogation until all amounts then due and payable by the Company under this Indenture or the Securities shall have been paid in full.

SECTION 13.07 Reinstatement. The Guarantor hereby agrees (and each Person who becomes a Guarantor shall agree) that the Guarantee provided for in Section 13.01 shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, (a) if at any time, payment, or any part thereof, of any obligations or interest thereon is rescinded or must otherwise be restored by a Holder to the Company upon the bankruptcy or insolvency of the Company or any Guarantor and (b) at any time any Guarantor (and each Person who becomes a Guarantor) guarantees any indebtedness or obligations of the Company.

SECTION 13.08 Release of the Guarantor. Concurrently with the discharge of the Securities under Section 8.01, each Guarantor shall be released from all its obligations under its Guarantee under this Article 13.

So long as no Default exists or with notice or lapse of time or both, would exist, the Guarantee issued by any Guarantor shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon (a) any sale, exchange or transfer to any Person that is not an Affiliate of the Company of all of the Capital Stock of such Guarantor owned by the Company, which transaction is otherwise in compliance with the Indenture or (b) any release or discharge of all guarantees by such Guarantor of any indebtedness or obligations of the Company other than the Guarantees of the Securities.

SECTION 13.09 Benefits Acknowledged. Each Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the financing arrangements contemplated by this Indenture and that its guarantee and waivers pursuant to its Guarantee are knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

#### ARTICLE 14

#### MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 14.01 Trust Indenture Act Controls. If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies, or conflicts with another provision which is required to be included in this Indenture by the TIA, the required provision shall control.

SECTION 14.02 Notices. Any request, demand, authorization, notice, waiver, consent or communication shall be in writing and delivered in person or delivery by courier guaranteeing overnight delivery or mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows or transmitted by facsimile transmission (confirmed by guaranteed overnight courier) to the following facsimile numbers:

if to the Company:

Mesa Air Group, Inc.  
410 North 44th Street  
Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
Attention: General Counsel  
Facsimile: (602) 685-4352

with a copy of any notice given pursuant to Article 6 to:

DLA Piper LLP (US)  
2415 E. Camelback Road, Suite 700  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
Attention: Gregory R. Hall, Esq.  
Telephone: (480) 606-5100  
Facsimile: (480) 606-5528

if to the Trustee:

U.S. Bank National Association  
101 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 1600  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003  
Attention: Corporate Trust Services  
Telephone: (602) 257-5430  
Facsimile: (617) 257-5433

The Company or the Trustee by notice given to the other in the manner provided above may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

Any notice or communication given to a Securityholder shall be mailed to the Securityholder, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, at the Securityholder's address as it appears on the registration books of the Registrar and shall be sufficiently given if so mailed within the time prescribed.

Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Securityholder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Securityholders. If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above, it is duly given, whether or not received by the addressee.

If the Company mails a notice or communication to the Securityholders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Registrar, Paying Agent or co-registrar.

SECTION 14.03 Communication by Holders with Other Holders. Securityholders may communicate pursuant to TIA Section 312(b) with other Securityholders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar, the Paying Agent and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA Section 312(c).

SECTION 14.04 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent. Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee if reasonably requested:

1. an Officers' Certificate stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and
2. an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent have been complied with.

SECTION 14.05 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion. Each Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel with respect to compliance with a covenant or condition provided for in this Indenture shall include to the extent required by the Trustee:

1. a statement that each person making such Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel has read such covenant or condition;
2. a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel are based;
3. a statement that, in the opinion of each such person, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such person to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
4. a statement that, in the opinion of such person, such covenant or condition has been complied with.

SECTION 14.06 Separability Clause. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 14.07 Rules by Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar. The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or a meeting of Securityholders. The Registrar and Paying Agent may make reasonable rules for their functions.

SECTION 14.08 Calculations. The calculation of the Change in Control Purchase Price and any other calculation to be made hereunder shall be the obligation of the Company. All calculations made by the Company as contemplated pursuant to this Section 14.08 shall be final and binding on the Company and the Holders absent manifest error. The Trustee and Paying Agent shall not be obligated to recalculate, recompute or confirm any such calculations.

SECTION 14.09 Legal Holidays. A "Legal Holiday" is any day other than a Business Day. If any specified date (including a date for giving notice) is a Legal Holiday, the action shall be taken on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and, if the action to be taken on such date is a payment in respect of the Securities, no interest, if any, shall accrue for the intervening period.

SECTION 14.10 Governing Law. THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW, SHALL GOVERN THIS INDENTURE AND THE SECURITIES.

SECTION 14.11 No Recourse Against Others. A director, officer, employee, agent, representative, stockholder or equity holder, as such, of the Company shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Securities or this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation. By accepting a Security, each Securityholder shall waive and release all such liability. The waiver and release shall be part of the consideration for the issue of the Securities.

SECTION 14.12 Successors. All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Securities shall bind its successor. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successor.

SECTION 14.13 Multiple Originals. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. One originally signed copy is enough to prove this Indenture.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have executed this Indenture on behalf of the respective parties hereto as of the date first above written.

MESA AIR GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Jonathan Ornstein

Name: Jonathan Ornstein

Title:

MESA AIRLINES, INC.

FREEDOM AIRLINES, INC.

AIR MIDWEST, INC.

MPD, INC.

REGIONAL AIRCRAFT SERVICES, INC.

MESA AIR GROUP - AIRCRAFT INVENTORY MANAGEMENT, LLC

RITZ HOTEL MANAGEMENT CORP.

NILCHII, INC.

AIR MIDWEST, LLC

MESA IN-FLIGHT, INC.

REGIONAL AVIATION ADVISORS, INC.

PATAR, INC.

By: /s/ Michael Lotz

Name: Michael Lotz

Title:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

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## [FORM OF FACE OF GLOBAL SECURITY]

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (AND ANY PAYMENT HEREON IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL SINCE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 2 OF THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR ANY STATE SECURITIES LAWS. NEITHER THIS SECURITY NOR ANY INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION HEREIN MAY BE REOFFERED, SOLD, ASSIGNED, TRANSFERRED, PLEDGED, ENCUMBERED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR UNLESS SUCH TRANSACTION IS EXEMPT FROM, OR NOT SUBJECT TO, REGISTRATION.

THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, AGREES TO OFFER, SELL, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER SUCH SECURITY, PRIOR TO THE DATE (THE "RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE"), WHICH IS ONE YEAR AFTER THE LATER OF THE LAST DAY SECURITIES OF THIS ISSUE WERE ISSUED AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH MESA AIR GROUP, INC. (THE "COMPANY" OR THE "ISSUER") OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY WAS THE OWNER OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY) ONLY (A) TO THE COMPANY OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (B) FOR SO LONG AS THE SECURITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A, TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHICH NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A, (C) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SUBPARAGRAPH (a)(1), (2),(3) OR (7) OF RULE 501 UNDER THE

SECURITIES ACT THAT IS ACQUIRING THE SECURITY FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR," FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO, OR FOR OFFER OR SALE IN CONNECTION WITH, ANY DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT, (D) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (E) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, SUBJECT TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE TRUSTEE'S RIGHT PRIOR TO ANY SUCH OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSE (C) OR (E) TO REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATION AND/OR OTHER INFORMATION SATISFACTORY TO EACH OF THEM, AND IN EACH OF THE FOREGOING CASES, A CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER IN THE FORM APPEARING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS SECURITY IS COMPLETED AND DELIVERED BY THE TRANSFEROR TO THE TRUSTEE. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY HOLDER THAT IS NOT AN AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY AFTER THE RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE.

THE FOREGOING LEGEND MAY BE REMOVED FROM THIS SECURITY ON SATISFACTION OF THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE.



No. A-1  
Issue Date:  
Principal Amount:

CUSIP: 590479 AE1

MESA AIR GROUP, INC., a Nevada corporation, promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns the Principal Amount of Sixteen Million Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One and 00/100 Dollars (\$16,470,991) on February 10, 2012.

Interest Payment Dates: June 15 and December 15.

Record Dates: June 1 and December 1.

Additional provisions of this Security are set forth on the other side of this Security.

Dated: February 10, 2009

MESA AIR GROUP, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title:

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHENTICATION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as  
Trustee, certifies that this is one of the Securities  
referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Interest.

The Company promises to pay interest in cash on the Principal Amount of this Note at the rate per annum of 8.0% from the Issue Date, or from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for, until February 10, 2012. During such period, the Company will pay cash interest semiannually in arrears on June 15 and December 15 of each year (each an "Interest Payment Date") to Holders of record at the close of business on each June 1 and December 1 (whether or not a business day) (each a "Regular Record Date") immediately preceding such Interest Payment Date. Cash interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or duly provided or, if no interest has been paid, from the Issue Date. Cash interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

If the Principal Amount hereof or any portion of such Principal Amount is not paid when due (whether upon acceleration pursuant to Section 6.02 of the Indenture, upon the date set for payment of the Redemption Price pursuant to paragraph 5 hereof, upon the date set for payment of the Change in Control Purchase Price pursuant to paragraph 6 hereof or upon the Stated Maturity of this Security) or if interest (including contingent interest, if any) due hereon or any portion of such interest is not paid when due in accordance with paragraph 5 or 11 hereof, then in each such case the overdue amount shall, to the extent permitted by law, bear interest at the rate of 3.625% per annum, compounded semiannually, which interest shall accrue from the date such overdue amount was originally due to the date payment of such amount, including interest thereon, has been made or duly provided for. All such interest shall be payable on demand.

2. Method of Payment.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Indenture, the Company will make payments in respect of Redemption Prices, Change in Control Purchase Prices, and at Stated Maturity to Holders who surrender Securities to a Paying Agent to collect such payments in respect of the Securities. The Company will pay any cash amounts in money of the United States that at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. However, the Company may make such cash payments by check payable in such money.

3. Paying Agent and Registrar.

Initially, U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association (the "Trustee"), will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may appoint and change any Paying Agent, Registrar or co-registrar without notice, other than notice to the Trustee except that the Company will maintain at least one Paying Agent in the State of New York, City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, which shall initially be an office or agency of the Trustee. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their Affiliates may act as Paying Agent, Registrar or co-registrar.

4. Indenture.

The Company issued and the Guarantors have guaranteed the Securities pursuant to an Indenture dated as of February 10, 2009 (the "Indenture"), among the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee. The terms of the Securities include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as in effect from time to time (the "TIA"). Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Indenture. The Securities are subject to all such terms, and Securityholders are referred to the Indenture and the TIA for a statement of those terms.

The Securities and the Guarantees are general unsecured and unsubordinated obligations, of the Company and the Guarantors, respectively, limited to \$16,470,991 aggregate Principal Amount (subject to Section 2.07 of the Indenture). The Indenture does not limit other indebtedness of the Company, secured or unsecured.

5. Redemption at the Option of the Company.

No sinking fund is provided for the Securities. The Securities are redeemable as a whole, or from time to time in part, at any time at the option of the Company in accordance with the Indenture at price equal to the Principal Amount of Securities to be redeemed plus the amount of accrued and unpaid cash interest, if any, on such amounts (the "Redemption Price").

6. Purchase by the Company at the Option of the Holder.

At the option of the Holder and subject to the terms and conditions of the Indenture, the Company shall become obligated to purchase the Securities held by such Holder no later than 30 Business Days after the occurrence of a Change in Control of the Company for a Change in Control Purchase Price equal to the Principal Amount of Securities to be purchased plus the amount of accrued and unpaid cash interest, if any, on such amounts to but not including the Change in Control Purchase Date, which Change in Control Purchase Price shall be paid in cash.

A third party may make the offer and purchase of the Securities in lieu of the Company in accordance with the Indenture.

Holders have the right to withdraw any Change in Control Purchase Notice by delivering to the Paying Agent a written notice of withdrawal in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture.

If cash sufficient to pay the Change in Control Purchase Price of all Securities or portions thereof to be purchased as of the Change in Control Purchase Date is deposited with the Paying Agent on the Business Day following the Change in Control Purchase Date, contingent interest, if any, shall cease to accrue on such Securities (or portions thereof) on such Change in Control Purchase Date and the Holder thereof shall have no other rights as such (other than the right to receive the Change in Control Purchase Price, if any, upon surrender of such Security).

7. Notice of Redemption.

Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the Redemption Date to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed at the Holder's registered address. If money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of, and accrued and unpaid contingent interest, if any, with respect to, all Securities (or portions thereof) to be redeemed on the Redemption Date is deposited with the Paying Agent prior to or on the Redemption Date, on such Redemption Date, interest (including contingent interest), if any, shall cease to accrue on such Securities or portions thereof. Securities in denominations larger than \$1,000 of Principal Amount may be redeemed in part but only in integral multiples of \$1,000 of Principal Amount.

8. Defaulted Interest.

Except as otherwise specified with respect to the Securities, any Defaulted Interest on any Security shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered Holder thereof on the relevant Regular Record Date or accrual date, as the case may be, by virtue of having been such Holder, and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Company as provided for in Section 12.02 of the Indenture.

9. Denominations; Transfer; Exchange.

The Securities are in fully registered form, without coupons, in denominations of \$1,000 of Principal Amount and integral multiples of \$1,000. A Holder may transfer or exchange Securities in accordance with the Indenture. The Registrar may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Registrar need not transfer or exchange any Securities selected for redemption (except, in the case of a Security to be redeemed in part, the portion of the Security not to be redeemed) or any Securities in respect of which a Change in Control Purchase Notice has been given and not withdrawn (except, in the case of a Security to be purchased in part, the portion of the Security not to be purchased) or any Securities for a period of 15 days before the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed

10. Persons Deemed Owners.

The registered Holder of this Security may be treated as the owner of this Security for all purposes.

11. Unclaimed Money.

The Trustee and the Paying Agent shall return to the Company upon written request any money held by them for the payment of any amount with respect to the Securities that remains unclaimed for two years, subject to applicable unclaimed property laws. After return to the Company, Holders entitled to the money must look to the Company for payment as general creditors unless an applicable abandoned property law designates another person.

12. Amendment; Waiver.

Subject to certain exceptions set forth in the Indenture, (i) the Indenture or the Securities may be amended with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding and (ii) certain Defaults may be waived with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding. Subject to certain exceptions set forth in the Indenture, without the consent of any Securityholder, the Company and the Trustee may amend the Indenture or the Securities to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency, or to comply with Article 5 of the Indenture, to secure the Company's obligations under this Security or to add to the Company's covenants for the benefit of the Securityholders or to surrender any right or power conferred, to comply with any requirement of the SEC in connection with the qualification of the Indenture under the TIA, or as necessary in connection with the registration of the Securities under the Securities Act or to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holders.

13. Defaults and Remedies.

Events of Default are set forth in the Indenture. Subject to certain limitations in the Indenture, if an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee, or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding, may declare all the Securities to be due and payable immediately. Certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency are Events of Default which will result in the Securities becoming due and payable immediately upon the occurrence of such Events of Default.

Securityholders may not enforce the Indenture or the Securities except as provided in the Indenture. The Trustee may refuse to enforce the Indenture or the Securities unless it receives indemnity or security reasonably satisfactory to it. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in aggregate Principal Amount of the Securities at the time outstanding may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The Trustee may withhold from Securityholders notice of any continuing Default (except a Default in payment of amounts specified in clause (i) or (ii) above) if it determines that withholding notice is in their interests.

14. Trustee Dealings with the Company.

Subject to certain limitations imposed by the TIA, the Trustee under the Indenture, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with and collect obligations owed to it by the Company or its Affiliates and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee.

15. No Recourse Against Others.

A director, officer, employee, agent, representative, stockholder or equity holder, as such, of the Company shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Securities or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such

obligations or their creation. By accepting a Security, each Securityholder waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the Securities.

16. Authentication.

This Security shall not be valid until an authorized signatory of the Trustee manually signs the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication on the other side of this Security.

17. Abbreviations.

Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Securityholder or an assignee, such as TEN COM (=tenants in common), TEN ENT (=tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (=joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (=custodian), and U/G/M/A (=Uniform Gift to Minors Act).

18. GOVERNING LAW.

THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW, SHALL GOVERN THE INDENTURE, THE GUARANTEES AND THIS SECURITY.

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The Company will furnish to any Securityholder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture which has in it the text of this Security in larger type. Requests may be made to:

Mesa Air Group, Inc.  
Attention: General Counsel

ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Security, fill in the form below:

I or we assign and transfer this Security to

\_\_\_\_\_

(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax ID no.)

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(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

and irrevocably appoint

\_\_\_\_\_ agent to transfer this Security  
on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute  
another to act for him.



Date: _____	Your Signature: _____
(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Security)	

\*Signature must be guaranteed by an institution that is a member of the Medallion Signature Guarantee Program

## [FORM OF GUARANTEE]

The Guarantors (as defined in the Indenture and which term includes any successor person under the Indenture), upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Indenture, hereby unconditionally guarantee, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis (such guarantee by each Guarantor being referred to herein as the "Guarantee") (i) the due and punctual payment of the principal of and interest (including contingent interest) on the Securities, whether at maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, the due and punctual payment of interest on the overdue principal and interest, if any, on the Securities, to the extent lawful, and the due and punctual performance of all other obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee all in accordance with the terms set forth in Article 13 of the Indenture and (ii) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Securities or any of such other obligations, that the same will be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration or otherwise.

The obligations of the undersigned to the Holders of the Securities and to the Trustee pursuant to this Guarantee and in the Indenture are expressly set forth in the Indenture and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for the precise terms of the Guarantees and all of the other provisions of the Indenture to which this Guarantee relates.

No stockholder, officer, director, employee or incorporator, as such, past, present or future, of any Guarantor shall have any liability under the Guarantee by reason of his or its status as such stockholder, officer, director, employee or incorporator.

The Guarantee shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose until the certificate of authentication on the Securities upon which the Guarantee is noted shall have been executed by the Trustee under the Indenture by the manual signature of one of its authorized signatories.

The Guarantee shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York applicable to agreements made or instruments entered into and, in each case, performed in said state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantors have caused this instrument to be duly executed.

MESA AIRLINES, INC.  
FREEDOM AIRLINES, INC.  
AIR MIDWEST, INC.  
MPD, INC.  
REGIONAL AIRCRAFT SERVICES, INC.  
MESA AIR GROUP - AIRCRAFT INVENTORY MANAGEMENT, LLC  
RITZ HOTEL MANAGEMENT CORP.  
NILCHII, INC.  
AIR MIDWEST, LLC  
MESA IN-FLIGHT, INC.  
REGIONAL AVIATION ADVISORS, INC.  
PATAR, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

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## [Form of Certificated Security]

[INCLUDE IF SECURITY IS A CERTIFICATED SECURITY TO BE HELD BY AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR--IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS.]

THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR ANY STATE SECURITIES LAWS. NEITHER THIS SECURITY NOR ANY INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION HEREIN MAY BE REOFFERED, SOLD, ASSIGNED, TRANSFERRED, PLEDGED, ENCUMBERED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR UNLESS SUCH TRANSACTION IS EXEMPT FROM, OR NOT SUBJECT TO, REGISTRATION.

THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, AGREES TO OFFER, SELL, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER SUCH SECURITY, PRIOR TO THE DATE (THE "RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE"), WHICH IS ONE YEAR AFTER THE LATER OF THE LAST DAY SECURITIES OF THIS ISSUE WERE ISSUED AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH MESA AIR GROUP, INC. (THE "COMPANY" OR THE "ISSUER") OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY WAS THE OWNER OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY) ONLY (A) TO THE COMPANY OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (B) FOR SO LONG AS THE SECURITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A, TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHICH NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A, (C) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SUBPARAGRAPH (a)(1), (2),(3) OR (7) OF RULE 501 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT IS ACQUIRING THE SECURITY FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR," FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO, OR FOR OFFER OR SALE IN CONNECTION WITH, ANY DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT, (D) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (E) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, SUBJECT TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE TRUSTEE'S RIGHT PRIOR TO ANY SUCH OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSE (C) OR (E) TO REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATION AND/OR OTHER INFORMATION SATISFACTORY TO EACH OF THEM, AND IN EACH OF THE FOREGOING CASES, A CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER IN THE FORM

APPEARING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS SECURITY IS COMPLETED AND DELIVERED BY THE TRANSFEROR TO THE TRUSTEE. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY HOLDER THAT IS NOT AN AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY AFTER THE RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE.

THE FOREGOING LEGEND MAY BE REMOVED FROM THIS SECURITY ON SATISFACTION OF THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE.

No. A-2

CUSIP:

Issue Date: February \_\_, 2009

Principal Amount:

MESA AIR GROUP, INC., a Nevada corporation, promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns the Principal Amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$\_\_\_\_\_) on February \_\_, 2012.

Interest Payment Dates: June 15 and December 15

Record Dates: June 1 and December 1.

Additional provisions of this Security are set forth on the other side of this Security.

Dated: February \_\_, 2009

MESA AIR GROUP, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHENTICATION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as  
Trustee, certifies that this is one of the Securities  
referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT B 1**

**Transfer Certificate**

In connection with any transfer of any of the Securities within the period prior to the expiration of the holding period applicable to the sales thereof under Rule 144 (or any successor provision) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the undersigned registered owner of this Security hereby certifies with respect to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Principal Amount of the above-captioned securities presented or surrendered on the date hereof (the "Surrendered Securities") for registration of transfer, or for exchange where the securities issuable upon such exchange or conversion are to be registered in a name other than that of the undersigned registered owner (each such transaction being a "transfer"), that such transfer complies with the restrictive legend set forth on the face of the Surrendered Securities for the reason checked below:

- The transfer of the Surrendered Securities is made to the Company or any subsidiaries; or
- The transfer of the Surrendered Securities complies with Rule 144A under the Securities Act; or
- The transfer of the Surrendered Securities is to an institutional accredited investor, as described in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act; or
- The transfer of the Surrendered Securities is pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, or
- The transfer of the Surrendered Securities is pursuant to an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 904 under the Securities Act; or
- The transfer of the Surrendered Securities is pursuant to another available exemption from the registration requirement of the Securities Act.

and unless the box below is checked, the undersigned confirms that, to the undersigned's knowledge, such Securities are not being transferred to an "affiliate" of the Company as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act (an "Affiliate").

- The transferee is an Affiliate of the Company.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s)

(If the registered owner is a corporation, partnership or fiduciary, the title of the Person signing on behalf of such registered owner must be stated.)

FORM OF LETTER TO BE DELIVERED BY ACCREDITED INVESTORS

Mesa Air Group, Inc.  
410 North 44th Street  
Suite 700  
Phoenix, AZ 85008

Attention: General Counsel

U.S. Bank National Association  
One Federal Street  
Boston, MA 02110

Attention: Corporate Trust Department

Dear Sirs:

We are delivering this letter in connection with the proposed transfer of \$\_\_\_\_\_ Principal Amount of the 8% Senior Notes due 2012 (the "Securities") issued by Mesa Air Group, Inc. (the "Company").

We hereby confirm that:

- (i) we are an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2) or (3) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or an entity in which all of the equity owners are accredited investors within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2) or (3) under the Securities Act (an "Institutional Accredited Investor");
- (ii) the purchase of Securities by us is for our own account or for the account of one or more other Institutional Accredited Investors or as fiduciary for the account of one or more trusts, each of which is an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(7) under the Securities Act and for each of which we exercise sole investment discretion, or (B) we are a "bank," within the meaning of Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act, or a "savings and loan association" or other institution described in Section 3(a)(5) (A) of the Securities Act that is acquiring Securities as fiduciary for the account of one or more institutions for which we exercise sole investment discretion;
- (iii) we will acquire Securities having a minimum Principal Amount of not less than \$250,000 for our own account or for any separate account for which we are acting;
- (iv) we have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that we are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of purchasing Securities; and



(v) we are not acquiring Securities with a view to distribution thereof or with any present intention of offering or selling Securities, except as permitted below; provided that the disposition of our property and property of any accounts for which we are acting as fiduciary shall remain at all times within our control.

We understand that the Securities were originally offered and sold in a transaction not involving any public offering within the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act and that the Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act, and we agree, on our own behalf and on behalf of each account for which we acquire any Securities, that if in the future we decide to resell or otherwise transfer such Securities prior to the date (the "Resale Restriction Termination Date") which is one year after the later of the last day the Securities of this issue were issued and the last date on which the Company or an affiliate of the Company was the owner of the Security, such Securities may be resold or otherwise transferred only (i) to the Company or any subsidiary thereof, or (ii) for as long as the Securities are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A, to a person it reasonably believes is a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act) that purchases for its own account or for the account of a qualified institutional buyer to which notice is given that the transfer is being made in reliance on Rule 144A, or (iii) to an Institutional Accredited Investor that is acquiring the Security for its own account, or for the account of such Institutional Accredited Investor for investment purposes and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution in violation of the Securities Act, or (iv) pursuant to another available exemption from registration under the Securities Act (if applicable), or (v) pursuant to a registration statement which has been declared effective under the Securities Act and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other applicable jurisdiction and in accordance with the legends set forth on the Securities. We further agree to provide any person purchasing any of the Securities from us other than pursuant to clause (v) above a notice advising such purchaser that resales of such securities are restricted as stated herein. We understand that the trustee or the transfer agent, as the case may be, for the Securities will not be required to accept for registration of transfer any Securities pursuant to (iii) or (iv) above except upon presentation of evidence satisfactory to the Company that the foregoing restrictions on transfer have been complied with. We further understand that any Securities will be in the form of definitive physical certificates and that such certificates will bear a legend reflecting the substance of this paragraph other than certificates representing Securities transferred pursuant to clause (v) above.

We acknowledge that the Company, others and you will rely upon our confirmations, acknowledgments and agreements set forth herein, and we agree to notify you promptly in writing if any of our representations or warranties herein ceases to be accurate and complete.

THIS LETTER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW.

(Name of Purchaser)

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Address:

**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

**Dated as of February 10, 2009  
by and among**

**MESA AIR GROUP, INC.**

**and**

**THE PURCHASERS NAMED HEREIN**

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## REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this "**Agreement**") is made and entered into as of February \_\_, 2009 between Mesa Air Group, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "**Company**"), and the parties named on the signature pages hereto (the "**Purchasers**").

WHEREAS, the Company and the Purchasers have entered into an exchange agreement pursuant to which such Purchasers have exchanged existing notes of the Company for new notes, Common Stock (as defined herein), and cash (the "**Exchange Agreement**");

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Purchasers to enter into the Exchange Agreement, the Company has agreed to provide the registration rights set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the execution of this Agreement is a condition to the closing under the Exchange Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company agrees with the Purchasers, for their benefit as Purchasers of the Common Stock (each of the foregoing a "**Holder**" and together the "**Holders**"), as follows:

**SECTION 1. Definitions.** Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have their respective meanings set forth in the Exchange Agreement. In addition to the terms that are defined elsewhere in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"**Affiliate**," with respect to any specified person, has the meaning specified in Rule 144 of the Securities Act.

"**Business Day**," means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in the City of New York or at place of payment are authorized by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed.

"**Common Stock**" means the common stock, no par value, of the Company.

"**Damages Accrual Period**" has the meaning specified in Section 2(e) hereof.

"**Damages Payment Date**" means each February \_\_ and August \_\_.

"**Deferral Notice**" has the meaning specified in Section 3(i) hereof.

"**Deferral Period**" has the meaning specified in Section 3(i) hereof.

"**Effectiveness Deadline Date**" has the meaning specified in Section 2(a) hereof.

"**Effectiveness Period**" means the period of one year from the Issue Date or such shorter period ending on the date that all Registrable Securities have ceased to be Registrable Securities.

"**Event**" has the meaning specified in Section 2(e) hereof.

"**Event Date**" has the meaning specified in Section 2(e) hereof.

"**Event Termination Date**" has the meaning specified in Section 2(e) hereof.

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

"**Exchange Agreement**" has the meaning specified in the recitals of this Agreement.

"**Filing Deadline Date**" has the meaning specified in Section 2(a) hereof.

"**Holder**" has the meaning specified in the recitals of this Agreement.

"**Initial Shelf Registration Statement**" has the meaning specified in Section 2(a) hereof.

"**Issue Date**" means February \_\_\_\_, 2009.

"**Liquidated Damages Amount**" has the meaning specified in Section 2(e) hereof.

"**Material Event**" has the meaning specified in Section 3(i) hereof.

"**Notice and Questionnaire**" means a Selling Security Holder Notice and Questionnaire attached as Exhibit A hereto.

"**Notice Holder**" means on any date, any Holder that has delivered a Notice and Questionnaire to the Company on or prior to such date.

"**Prospectus**" means the prospectus included in any Registration Statement (including, without limitation, a prospectus that discloses information previously omitted from a prospectus filed as part of an effective registration statement in reliance upon Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act), as amended or supplemented by any amendment or prospectus supplement, including post-effective amendments, and all materials incorporated by reference or explicitly deemed to be incorporated by reference in such Prospectus.

"**Record Holder**" means, with respect to any Damages Payment Date relating to any Shares as to which any Liquidated Damages Amount has accrued, the registered

holder of such Shares on the 9<sup>th</sup> day immediately prior to the next succeeding Damages Payment Date.

"**Registrable Securities**" means (a) the Shares, and (b) any securities issued or issuable upon any stock split, dividend or other distribution, recapitalization or similar event with respect to such Shares, provided, that the term Registrable Securities shall not include any Shares or any such other securities following (i) their effective registration under the Securities Act and resale in accordance with the Registration Statement covering it, (ii) the expiration of the holding period that would be applicable thereto under Rule 144 were they not held by an Affiliate of the Company, or (iii) their sale to the public pursuant to Rule 144.

"**Registration Expenses**" has the meaning specified in Section 5 hereof.

"**Registration Statement**" means any registration statement of the Company that covers any of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, including the Prospectus, amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments, all exhibits, and all materials incorporated by reference or explicitly deemed to be incorporated by reference in such registration statement.

"**Restricted Securities**" has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 144 of the Securities Act.

"**Rule 144**" means Rule 144 of the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar or successor rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the SEC having substantially the same effect as such Rule.

"**Rule 144A**" means Rule 144A of the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar or successor rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the SEC having substantially the same effect as such Rule.

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

"**Securities**" has the meaning specified in the recitals to this Agreement.

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

"**Shares**" means the shares of Common Stock issued to the Purchasers pursuant to the Exchange Agreement.

"**Shelf Registration Statement**" has the meaning specified in Section 2(a) hereof.

"**Subsequent Shelf Registration Statement**" has the meaning specified in Section 2(b) hereof.

**SECTION 2. Shelf Registration.**

- a. The Company shall prepare and file or cause to be prepared and filed with the SEC no later than a date which is 90 days after the Issue Date (the "**Filing Deadline Date**") a Registration Statement for an offering to be made on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 of the Securities Act (a "**Shelf Registration Statement**") registering the resale from time to time by Holders of all of the Registrable Securities (the "**Initial Shelf Registration Statement**"). The Initial Shelf Registration Statement shall be on Form S-1, Form S-3 or another appropriate form permitting registration of such Registrable Securities for resale by such Holders in accordance with the methods of distribution reasonably elected by the Holders and set forth in the Initial Shelf Registration Statement; provided that in no event will such method(s) of distribution take the form of an underwritten offering of the Registrable Securities without the prior agreement of the Company. The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Initial Shelf Registration Statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act no later than the date (the "**Effectiveness Deadline Date**") that is 180 days after the Issue Date, and to keep the Initial Shelf Registration Statement (or any Subsequent Shelf Registration Statement) continuously effective under the Securities Act until the expiration of the Effectiveness Period. Each Holder that became a Notice Holder on or prior to the date 10 Business Days prior to the time that the Initial Shelf Registration Statement became effective shall be named as a selling security holder in the Initial Shelf Registration Statement and the related Prospectus in such a manner as to permit such Holder to deliver such Prospectus to purchasers of Registrable Securities in accordance with applicable law (other than laws not generally applicable to all such Holders). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Holder shall be entitled to have the Registrable Securities held by it covered by such Shelf Registration Statement unless such Holder has provided a Notice and Questionnaire in accordance with Section 2(d) and is in compliance with Section 4.
- b. If the Initial Shelf Registration Statement or any Subsequent Shelf Registration Statement ceases to be effective for any reason at any time during the Effectiveness Period, the Company shall use reasonable efforts to obtain the prompt withdrawal of any order suspending the effectiveness thereof, and in any event shall within 30 days of such cessation of effectiveness amend the Shelf Registration Statement in a manner reasonably expected by the Company to obtain the withdrawal of the order suspending the effectiveness thereof, or file an additional Shelf Registration Statement covering all of the securities that as of the date of such filing are Registrable Securities (a "**Subsequent Shelf Registration Statement**"). If a Subsequent Shelf Registration Statement is filed, the Company shall use reasonable efforts to cause the Subsequent Shelf Registration Statement to become effective as promptly as is reasonably practicable after such filing or, if filed during a Deferral Period, after the expiration of such Deferral Period, and to keep such Registration Statement (or subsequent Shelf Registration Statement) continuously effective until the end of the Effectiveness Period.
- c. The Company shall supplement and amend the Shelf Registration Statement if required by the rules, regulations or instructions applicable to the registration form used by the Company for such Shelf Registration Statement, if required by the Securities Act.

- d. Each Holder of Registrable Securities agrees that if such Holder wishes to sell Registrable Securities pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement and related Prospectus, it will do so only in accordance with this Section 2(d) and Section 3(i) and Section 4. Each Holder of Registrable Securities wishing to sell Registrable Securities pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement and related Prospectus agrees to deliver a Notice and Questionnaire to the Company at least five (5) Business Days prior to any intended distribution of Registrable Securities under the Shelf Registration Statement. From and after the date the Initial Shelf Registration Statement is declared effective, the Company shall, as promptly as is reasonably practicable after the date a Notice and Questionnaire is delivered, (i) if required by applicable law, file with the SEC a post-effective amendment to the Shelf Registration Statement or prepare and, if required by applicable law, file a supplement to the related Prospectus or a supplement or amendment to any document incorporated therein by reference or file any other document required by the SEC so that the Holder delivering such Notice and Questionnaire is named as a selling security holder in the Shelf Registration Statement and the related Prospectus in such a manner as to permit such Holder to deliver such Prospectus to purchasers of the Registrable Securities in accordance with applicable law (other than laws not generally applicable to all Holders of Registrable Securities wishing to sell Registrable Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement and related Prospectus) and, if the Company shall file a post-effective amendment to the Shelf Registration Statement, use reasonable efforts to cause such post-effective amendment to be declared effective under the Securities Act as promptly as is reasonably practicable; (ii) provide such Holder copies of any documents filed pursuant to Section 2(d)(i); and (iii) notify such Holder as promptly as is reasonably practicable after the effectiveness under the Securities Act of any post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Section 2(d)(i); provided that if such Notice and Questionnaire is delivered during a Deferral Period, the Company shall so inform the Holder delivering such Notice and Questionnaire and shall take the actions set forth in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above upon expiration of the Deferral Period in accordance with Section 3(i), provided further that if under applicable law the Company have more than one option as to the type or manner of making any such filing, it will make the required filing or filings in the manner or of a type that the Company reasonably expects will result in the earliest availability of the Prospectus for effecting resales of Registrable Securities. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall be under no obligation to name any Holder that is not a Notice Holder as a selling security holder in any Registration Statement or related Prospectus; provided, however, that any Holder that becomes a Notice Holder pursuant to the provisions of Section 2(d) of this Agreement (whether or not such Holder was a Notice Holder at the time the Registration Statement was initially declared effective) shall be named as a selling security holder in the Registration Statement or related Prospectus subject to and in accordance with the requirements of this Section 2(d).
- e. The parties hereto agree that the Holders of Registrable Securities will suffer damages, and that it would not be feasible to ascertain the extent of such damages with precision, if (i) the Initial Shelf Registration Statement has not been filed on or prior to the Filing Deadline Date, (ii) the Initial Shelf Registration Statement has not been declared effective under the Securities Act on or prior to the Effectiveness Deadline Date, or (iii) the aggregate duration of Deferral Periods in any period exceeds the number of days permitted in respect of such period pursuant to Section 3(i) hereof (each of the events of a type described in any of the foregoing clauses (i) through (iii) is individually



referred to herein as an "**Event**," and the Filing Deadline Date in the case of clause (i), the Effectiveness Deadline Date in the case of clause (ii), and the date on which the aggregate duration of Deferral Periods in any period exceeds the number of days permitted by Section 3(i) hereof in the case of clause (iii), being referred to herein as an "**Event Date**"). Events shall be deemed to continue until the "**Event Termination Date**," which shall be the following dates with respect to the respective types of Events: the date the Initial Shelf Registration Statement is filed in the case of an Event of the type described in clause (i), the date the Initial Shelf Registration Statement is declared effective under the Securities Act in the case of an Event of the type described in clause (ii), and termination of the Deferral Period that caused the limit on the aggregate duration of Deferral Periods in a period set forth in Section 3(i) to be exceeded in the case of the commencement of an Event of the type described in clause (iii).

Accordingly, commencing on (and including) any Event Date and ending on (but excluding) the next date after an Event Termination Date (a "**Damages Accrual Period**"), the Company agree to pay, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, an amount (the "**Liquidated Damages Amount**"), payable on the Damages Payment Dates to Record Holders of then outstanding Shares that are Registrable Securities, accruing, for each portion of such Damages Accrual Period beginning on and including a Damages Payment Date (or, in respect of the first time that the Liquidation Damages Amount is to be paid to Holders on a Damages Payment Date as a result of the occurrence of any particular Event, from the Event Date) and ending on but excluding the first to occur of (A) the date of the end of the Damages Accrual Period or (B) the next Damages Payment Date, at a rate per annum equal to, for the first 90-day period from the Event Date, 0.5% of the aggregate purchase price of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the Exchange Agreement, and at a rate per annum equal to, after the first 90-day period from the Event Date, 1.0% of the aggregate purchase price of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the Exchange Agreement, in each case determined as of the Business Day immediately preceding the next Damages Payment Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Liquidated Damages Amounts shall accrue as to any Registrable Security from and after the earlier of (x) the date such security is no longer a Registrable Security and (y) expiration of the Effectiveness Period. The rate of accrual of the Liquidated Damages Amount with respect to any period shall not exceed the rate provided for in this paragraph notwithstanding the occurrence of multiple concurrent Events. Following the cure of all Events requiring the payment by the Company of Liquidated Damages Amounts to the Holders of Registrable Securities pursuant to this Section, the accrual of Liquidated Damages Amounts will cease (without in any way limiting the effect of any subsequent Event requiring the payment of the Liquidated Damages Amount by the Company).

The parties agree that the sole monetary damages payable for a violation of the terms of this Agreement with respect to which liquidated damages are expressly provided shall be such liquidated damages. Nothing shall preclude a Notice Holder or Holder of Registrable Securities from pursuing or obtaining specific performance or other equitable relief with respect to this Agreement.

All of the Company' obligations set forth in this Section 2(e) that are outstanding with respect to any Registrable Security at the time such security ceases to be a

Registrable Security shall survive until such time as all such obligations with respect to such security have been satisfied in full (notwithstanding termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8(k)).

The parties hereto agree that the liquidated damages provided for in this Section 2(e) constitute a reasonable estimate of the damages that may be incurred by Holders of Registrable Securities by reason of the failure of the Shelf Registration Statement to be filed or declared effective or available for effecting resales of Registrable Securities in accordance with the provisions hereof.

**SECTION 3. Registration Procedures.** In connection with the registration obligations of the Company under Section 2 hereof, during the Effectiveness Period the Company shall:

- a. Upon written request, before filing any Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendments or supplements (other than supplements that do nothing more substantive than name one or more Notice Holders as selling security holders) thereto with the SEC, furnish to the Purchasers copies of all such documents proposed to be filed and use reasonable efforts to reflect in each such document when so filed with the SEC such comments as the Purchasers reasonably shall propose within three (3) Business Days of the delivery of such copies to the Purchasers.
- b. Subject to Section 3(i), prepare and file with the SEC such amendments and post-effective amendments to each Registration Statement as may be necessary to keep such Registration Statement continuously effective for the applicable period specified in Section 2(a); cause the related Prospectus to be supplemented by any required Prospectus supplement, and as so supplemented to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (or any similar provisions then in force) under the Securities Act; and use reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act applicable to it with respect to the disposition of all securities covered by such Registration Statement during the Effectiveness Period in accordance with the intended methods of disposition by the sellers thereof set forth in such Registration Statement as so amended or such Prospectus as so supplemented.
- c. As promptly as reasonably practicable give notice to the Notice Holders and the Purchasers (i) when any Prospectus, Prospectus supplement, Registration Statement or post-effective amendment to a Registration Statement has been filed with the SEC and, with respect to a Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment, when the same has been declared effective (provided, however, that the Company shall not be required by this clause (i) to notify (A) the Purchasers of the filing of a Prospectus supplement that does nothing more substantive than name one or more Notice Holders as selling security holders or (B) any Notice Holder of the filing of a Prospectus supplement that does nothing more substantive than name one or more other Notice Holders as selling security holders), (ii) of any request, following the effectiveness of the Initial Shelf Registration Statement under the Securities Act, by the SEC or any other federal or state governmental authority for amendments or supplements to any Registration Statement or related Prospectus or for additional information, (iii) of the issuance by the SEC or any other federal or state governmental authority of any stop order or injunction suspending or

enjoining the use of any Prospectus or the effectiveness of any Registration Statement or the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for that purpose, (iv) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification or exemption from qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose, (v) of the occurrence of (but not the nature of or details concerning) a Material Event (provided, however, that no notice by the Company shall be required pursuant to this clause (v) in the event that the Company either promptly file a Prospectus supplement to update the Prospectus or a Current Report on Form 8-K or other appropriate Exchange Act report that is incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, which, in either case, contains the requisite information with respect to such Material Event that results in such Registration Statement no longer containing any untrue statement of material fact or omitting to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading) and (vi) of the determination by the Company that a post-effective amendment to a Registration Statement will be filed with the SEC, which notice may, at the discretion of the Company (or as required pursuant to Section 3(i)), state that it constitutes a Deferral Notice, in which event the provisions of Section 3(i) shall apply.

- d. Use reasonable efforts to obtain the withdrawal of any order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement or the lifting of any suspension of the qualification (or exemption from qualification) of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in which they have been qualified for sale, in either case at the earliest possible moment or, if any such order or suspension is made effective during any Deferral Period, at the earliest possible moment after the expiration of such Deferral Period.
- e. If reasonably requested in writing by the Purchasers or any Notice Holder, as promptly as reasonably practicable incorporate in a Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment to a Registration Statement such information as the Purchasers or such Notice Holder shall, on the basis of a written opinion of nationally recognized counsel experienced in such matters, determine to be required to be included therein by applicable law and make any required filings of such Prospectus supplement or such post-effective amendment; provided that the Company shall not be required to take any actions under this Section 3(e) that are not, in the reasonable opinion of counsel for the Company, in compliance with applicable law.
- f. As promptly as reasonably practicable after the filing of such documents with the SEC, furnish to each Notice Holder and the Purchasers, upon their written request and without charge, at least one conformed copy of the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto, including financial statements, but excluding schedules, all documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference and all exhibits (unless requested in writing to the Company by such Notice Holder or the Purchasers, as the case may be).
- g. During the Effectiveness Period, deliver to each Notice Holder in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities pursuant to a Registration Statement, without charge, as many copies of the Prospectus or Prospectuses relating to such Registrable Securities (including each preliminary prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto

as such Notice Holder may reasonably request in writing; and the Company hereby consents (except during such periods that a Deferral Notice is outstanding and has not been revoked) to the use of such Prospectus or each amendment or supplement thereto by each Notice Holder in connection with any offering and sale of the Registrable Securities covered by such Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto in the manner set forth therein.

- h. Subject to Section 3(i), prior to any public offering of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement, use reasonable efforts to register or qualify or cooperate with the Notice Holders in connection with the registration or qualification (or exemption from such registration or qualification) of such Registrable Securities for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions within the United States as any Notice Holder reasonably requests in writing (which request may be included in the Notice and Questionnaire), it being agreed that no such registration or qualification will be made unless so requested; prior to any public offering of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement, use reasonable efforts to keep each such registration or qualification (or exemption therefrom) effective during the Effectiveness Period in connection with such Notice Holder's offer and sale of Registrable Securities pursuant to such registration or qualification (or exemption therefrom) and do any and all other acts or things reasonably necessary to enable the disposition in such jurisdictions of such Registrable Securities in the manner set forth in the relevant Registration Statement and the related Prospectus; provided that the Company will not be required to (i) qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction where it is not otherwise qualified or (ii) take any action that would subject it to general service of process in suits or to taxation in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject.
- i. Upon (A) the issuance by the SEC of a stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement or the initiation of proceedings with respect to the Shelf Registration Statement under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Securities Act, (B) the occurrence of any event or the existence of any fact (a "Material Event") as a result of which any Registration Statement shall contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or any Prospectus shall contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading (including, in any such case, as a result of the non-availability of financial statements), or (C) the occurrence or existence of any pending corporate development that, in the discretion of the Company, makes it appropriate to suspend the availability of the Shelf Registration Statement and the related Prospectus, (i) in the case of clause (B) above, subject to the next sentence, as promptly as practicable prepare and file a post-effective amendment to such Registration Statement or a supplement to the related Prospectus or any document incorporated therein by reference or file any other required document that would be incorporated by reference into such Registration Statement and Prospectus so that such Registration Statement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and such Prospectus does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made,

not misleading, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers of the Registrable Securities being sold thereunder, and, in the case of a post-effective amendment to a Registration Statement, subject to the next sentence, use reasonable efforts to cause it to be declared effective as promptly as is reasonably practicable, and (ii) give notice to the Notice Holders that the availability of the Shelf Registration Statement is suspended (a "Deferral Notice") and, upon receipt of any Deferral Notice, each Notice Holder agrees not to sell any Registrable Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement until such Notice Holder's receipt of copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus provided for in clause (i) above, or until it is advised in writing by the Company that the Prospectus may be used, and has received copies of any additional or supplemental filings that are incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in such Prospectus. The Company will use reasonable efforts to ensure that the use of the Prospectus may be resumed (x) in the case of clause (A) above, as promptly as is practicable, (y) in the case of clause (B) above, as soon as, in the sole judgment of the Company, public disclosure of such Material Event would not be prejudicial to or contrary to the interests of the Company or, if necessary to avoid unreasonable burden or expense, as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter and (z) in the case of clause (C) above, as soon as, in the discretion of the Company, such suspension is no longer appropriate. So long as the period during which the availability of the Registration Statement and any Prospectus is suspended (the "Deferral Period") does not exceed forty-five (45) days during any three (3) month period or an aggregate of one hundred and twenty (120) days during any twelve (12) month period, the Company shall not incur any obligation to pay liquidated damages pursuant to Section 2(e).

j. If reasonably requested in writing in connection with a disposition of Registrable Securities pursuant to a Registration Statement, make reasonably available for inspection during normal business hours by a representative for the Notice Holders of such Registrable Securities and any broker-dealers, attorneys and accountants retained by such Notice Holders, all relevant financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, and cause the appropriate executive officers, directors and designated employees of the Company and its subsidiaries to make reasonably available for inspection during normal business hours all relevant information reasonably requested by such representative for the Notice Holders or any such broker-dealers, attorneys or accountants in connection with such disposition, in each case as is customary for similar "due diligence" examinations; provided, however, that such persons shall first agree in writing with the Company that any information that is reasonably designated by the Company in writing as confidential at the time of delivery of such information shall be kept confidential by such persons and shall be used solely for the purposes of exercising rights under this Agreement, unless (i) disclosure of such information is required by court or administrative order or is necessary to respond to inquiries of regulatory authorities, (ii) disclosure of such information is required by law (including any disclosure requirements pursuant to federal securities laws in connection with the filing of any Registration Statement or the use of any Prospectus referred to in this Agreement), (iii) such information becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure or failure to safeguard by any such person or (iv) such information becomes available to any such person from a source other than the Company and such source is not bound by a confidentiality agreement or other obligation of confidentiality; and provided further that the foregoing inspection and

information gathering shall, to the greatest extent possible, be coordinated on behalf of all the Notice Holders and the other parties entitled thereto by the counsel referred to in Section 5.

- k. Comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and make generally available to its security holders earning statements (which need not be audited) satisfying the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 thereunder (or any similar rule promulgated under the Securities Act) no later than the time period prescribed by the SEC for filing a Form 10-Q after the end of any 12-month period (or the time period prescribed by the SEC for filing a Form 10-K after the end of any 12-month period if such period is a fiscal year) commencing on the first day of the first fiscal quarter of the Company commencing after the effective date of a Registration Statement, which statements shall cover said 12-month periods.
- l. Cooperate with each Notice Holder to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing Registrable Securities sold pursuant to a Registration Statement, and cause such Registrable Securities to be registered in such names as such Notice Holder may request in writing at least two Business Days prior to any sale of such Registrable Securities.
- m. Obtain a CUSIP number for all Registrable Securities covered by each Registration Statement not later than the effective date of such Registration Statement.
- n. Make reasonable effort to provide such information as is required for any filings required to be made with the Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority.
- o. Upon (i) the filing of the Initial Shelf Registration Statement and (ii) the effectiveness of the Initial Shelf Registration Statement, announce the same, in each case by release to Businesswire, Reuters Economic Services, Bloomberg Business News or any other means of dissemination reasonably expected to make such information known publicly.
- p. Take any other action reasonably requested by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities being sold in order to expedite or facilitate disposition of such Registrable Securities; provided that the Company shall not be required to take any action in connection with an underwritten offering without their consent.

**SECTION 4. Holder's Obligations.** Each Holder agrees, by acquisition of the Registrable Securities, that no Holder of Registrable Securities shall be entitled to sell any of such Registrable Securities pursuant to a Registration Statement or to receive a Prospectus relating thereto, unless such Holder has furnished the Company with a Notice and Questionnaire as required pursuant to Section 2(d) hereof (including the information required to be included in such Notice and Questionnaire) and the information set forth in the next sentence. Each Notice Holder agrees promptly to furnish to the Company all information required to be disclosed in order to make the information previously furnished to the Company by such Notice Holder not misleading, any other information regarding such Notice Holder and the distribution of such Registrable Securities as may be required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement under applicable law or pursuant to SEC comments

and any information otherwise required by the Company to comply with applicable law or regulations. Each Holder further agrees, following termination of the Effectiveness Period, to notify the Company, within 10 Business Days of a request, of the amount of Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Registration Statement and, in the absence of a response, the Company may assume that all of the Holder's Registrable Securities were so sold.

**SECTION 5. Registration Expenses.** The Company shall bear all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the performance by the Company of its obligations under Sections 2 and 3 of this Agreement whether or not any of the Registration Statements are declared effective. Such fees and expenses shall include, without limitation, (i) all registration and filing fees (including, without limitation, fees and expenses (x) with respect to filings required to be made with the Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority and (y) of compliance with federal and state securities or Blue Sky laws to the extent such filings or compliance are required pursuant to this Agreement (including, without limitation, reasonable fees and disbursements of the counsel specified in the next sentence in connection with Blue Sky qualifications of the Registrable Securities under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Notice Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities being sold pursuant to a Registration Statement may designate)), (ii) printing expenses (including, without limitation, expenses of printing certificates for Registrable Securities in a form eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company), and (iii) duplication expenses relating to copies of any Registration Statement or Prospectus delivered to any Holders hereunder. In addition, the Company shall bear or reimburse the Notice Holders for the fees and disbursements of one firm of legal counsel for the Holders, which shall, upon the written consent of the Purchasers (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), be another nationally recognized law firm experienced in securities law matters designated by the Company. In addition, the Company shall pay the internal expenses of the Company (including, without limitation, all salaries and expenses of officers and employees performing legal or accounting duties), the expense of any annual audit, the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Registrable Securities on any securities exchange on which the same securities of the Company are then listed and the fees and expenses of any person, including special experts, retained by the Company.

**SECTION 6. Indemnification; Contribution.**

a. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Purchasers and each holder of Registrable Securities and each person, if any, who controls the Purchasers or any holder of Registrable Securities within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, as follows:

(i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of 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, not misleading or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included in any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto),

or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of 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;

(ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, provided that (subject to Section 6(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the prior written consent of the Company; and

(iii) subject to Section 6(c) below, against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of the Purchasers, such holder of Registrable Securities (which also acknowledges the indemnity provisions herein) or any person, if any, who controls the Purchasers or any such holder of Registrable Securities expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), or any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto); provided further that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense (1) arising from an offer or sale of Registrable Securities occurring during a Deferral Period, if a Deferral Notice was given to such Notice Holder in accordance with Section 8(c), or (2) if the Holder fails to deliver at or prior to the written confirmation of sale, the most recent Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, and such Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, would have corrected such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission of a material fact and the delivery thereof was required by law.

b. In connection with any Shelf Registration in which a holder, including, without limitation, the Purchasers, of Registrable Securities is participating, in furnishing information relating to such holder of Registrable Securities to the Company in writing expressly for use in such Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, the holders of such Registrable Securities agree, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Purchasers and each person, if any, who controls the Purchasers within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and the Company, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of either such Section, against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a)



of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such holder of Registrable Securities (which also acknowledges the indemnity provisions herein) or any person, if any, who controls any such holder of Registrable Securities expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto).

The Purchasers agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the holders of Registrable Securities, and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any holder of Registrable Securities within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act severally and not jointly against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a) of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of the Purchasers expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto).

- c. Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action or proceeding commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of these indemnity provisions. The indemnifying party, upon request of the indemnified party, shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party and any others the indemnifying party may designate in such proceeding and shall pay the fees and disbursements of such counsel related to such proceeding. In any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain a separate firm as its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel or (ii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. It is understood that the indemnifying party shall not, in respect of the legal expenses of any indemnified party in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for (A) the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one firm (in addition to any local counsel) for the Purchasers, Holders of Registrable Securities, and all persons, if any, who control the Purchasers or Holders of Registrable Securities within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act or (B) the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one firm (in addition to any local counsel) for the Company, their directors, and each person,

if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of either such Section, and that all such reasonable fees and expenses shall be reimbursed as they are incurred. In the event a separate firm is retained for the Purchasers, Holders of Registrable Securities, and control persons of the Purchasers and Holders of Registrable Securities, such firm shall be designated in writing by the Purchasers. In the event a separate firm is retained for the Company, and such directors, officers and control persons of the Company, such firm shall be designated in writing by the Company. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 6 (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

- d. If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 6(a)(ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 60 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 45 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement; provided that an indemnifying party shall not be liable for any such settlement effected without its consent if such indemnifying party (1) reimburses such indemnified party in accordance with such request to the extent it considers such request to be reasonable and (2) provides written notice to the indemnified party describing any unpaid balance it believes is unreasonable and the reasons therefor, in each case prior to the date of such settlement.
- e. If the indemnification to which an indemnified party is entitled under this Section 6 is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient although applicable in accordance with its terms to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the holders of the Registrable Securities or the Purchasers on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or by the holder of the Registrable Securities or the Purchasers and the parties'

relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The parties hereto agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 6(e) were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 6(e). The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages, and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 6(e) shall be deemed to include any out-of-pocket legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 6, neither the holder of any Registrable Securities nor the Purchasers shall be required to indemnify or contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Registrable Securities sold by such holder of Registrable Securities or by the Purchasers, as the case may be, exceeds the amount of any damages that such holder of Registrable Securities or the Purchasers has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

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

For purposes of this Section 6(e), each person, if any, who controls the Purchasers or any holder of Registrable Securities within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Purchasers or such holder, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company.

**SECTION 7. Information Requirements.** The Company covenants that if at any time before the end of the Effectiveness Period the Company is not subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, it will cooperate with any Holder of Registrable Securities and take such further reasonable action as any Holder of Registrable Securities may reasonably request in writing (including, without limitation, making such reasonable representations as any such Holder may reasonably request), all to the extent required from time to time to enable such Holder to sell Registrable Securities without registration under the Securities Act within the limitations of Rule 144 and Rule 144A under the Securities Act and customarily taken in connection with sales pursuant to such exemptions. Upon the written request of any Holder of Registrable Securities, the Company shall deliver to such Holder a written statement as to whether it has complied with such filing requirements, unless such a statement has been included in the Company' most recent report required to be filed and filed pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Notwithstanding

the foregoing, nothing in this Section 7 shall be deemed to require the Company to register any of its securities under any section of the Exchange Act.

**SECTION 8. Miscellaneous**

- a. **No Conflicting Agreements**. The Company is not, as of the date hereof, a party to, nor shall it, on or after the date of this Agreement, enter into, any agreement with respect to the Company's securities that conflicts with the rights granted to the Holders of Registrable Securities in this Agreement. The Company represents and warrants that the rights granted to the Holders of Registrable Securities hereunder do not in any way conflict with the rights granted to the holders of the Company's securities under any other agreements.
- b. **Amendments and Waivers**. The provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions hereof may not be given, unless the Company has obtained the written consent of Holders of a majority of the then outstanding Shares constituting Registrable Securities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a waiver or consent to depart from the provisions hereof with respect to a matter that relates exclusively to the rights of Holders of Registrable Securities whose securities are being sold pursuant to a Registration Statement and that does not directly or indirectly affect the rights of other Holders of Registrable Securities may be given by Holders of at least a majority of the Registrable Securities being sold by such Holders pursuant to such Registration Statement; provided that the provisions of this sentence may not be amended, modified, or supplemented except in accordance with the provisions of the immediately preceding sentence. Each Holder of Registrable Securities outstanding at the time of any such amendment, modification, supplement, waiver or consent or thereafter shall be bound by any such amendment, modification, supplement, waiver or consent effected pursuant to this Section 8(b), whether or not any notice, writing or marking indicating such amendment, modification, supplement, waiver or consent appears on the Registrable Securities or is delivered to such Holder.
- c. **Notices**. All notices and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand delivery, by telecopier, by courier guaranteeing overnight delivery or by first-class mail, return receipt requested, and shall be deemed given (i) when made, if made by hand delivery, (ii) upon confirmation, if made by telecopier, (iii) one (1) Business Day after being deposited with such courier, if made by overnight courier, or (iv) on the date indicated on the notice of receipt, if made by first-class mail, to the parties as follows:
- i. if to a Holder of Registrable Securities that is not a Notice Holder, at the address for such Holder then appearing in the books of the Company;
  - ii. if to a Notice Holder, at the most current address given by such Holder to the Company in a Notice and Questionnaire or any amendment thereto;
  - iii. if to the Company, to:

Mesa Air Group, Inc.  
410 North 44th Street, Suite 700  
Phoenix, Arizona 85008  
Telephone No. (602) 685-4000  
Facsimile No. (602) 685-4352  
Attention: General Counsel

with a copy to:

DLA Piper LLP (US)  
2415 East Camelback Road  
Suite 700  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016  
Telephone No. (480) 606-5100  
Facsimile No. (480) 606-5500  
Attention: Gregory R. Hall, Esq.

and

iv. if to the Purchasers, to:

such address as such person may have furnished to the other persons identified in this Section 8(c) in writing in accordance herewith.

- d. **Approval of Holders.** Whenever the consent or approval of Holders of a specified percentage of Registrable Securities is required hereunder, Registrable Securities held by the Company or their Affiliates (other than the Purchasers or subsequent Holders of Registrable Securities if such subsequent Holders are deemed to be such affiliates solely by reason of their holdings of such Registrable Securities) shall not be counted in determining whether such consent or approval was given by the Holders of such required percentage.
- e. **Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of each of the parties hereto and, without requiring any express assignment, shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon each Holder of any Registrable Securities.
- f. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- g. **Headings.** The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.
- h. **Governing Law.** THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

- i. **Severability.** If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement is held 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 thereby, and the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to find and employ an alternative means to achieve the same or substantially the same result as that contemplated by such term, provision, covenant or restriction, it being intended that all of the rights and privileges of the parties hereto shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- j. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement is intended by the parties hereto as a final expression of their agreement and is intended to be a complete and exclusive statement of the agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein and the registration rights granted by the Company with respect to the Registrable Securities. Except as provided in the Exchange Agreement, there are no restrictions, promises, warranties or undertakings, other than those set forth or referred to herein, with respect to the registration rights granted by the Company with respect to the Registrable Securities. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings among the parties hereto with respect to such registration rights.
- k. **Termination.** This Agreement and the obligations of the parties hereunder shall terminate upon the end of the Effectiveness Period, except for any liabilities or obligations under Section 4, 5 or 6 hereof and the obligations to make payments of and provide for liquidated damages under Section 2(e) hereof to the extent such damages accrue prior to the end of the Effectiveness Period, each of which shall remain in effect in accordance with its terms.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Registration Rights Agreement as of the date first written above.

Very truly yours,

MESA AIR GROUP, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

PURCHASERS:

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## MESA AIR GROUP, INC.

## Selling Securityholder Notice and Questionnaire

The undersigned beneficial owner of common stock (the "**Common Stock**"), of Mesa Air Group, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "**Company**"), understands that the Company has filed or intends to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") a Registration Statement for the registration and resale of the Registrable Securities, in accordance with the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of February \_\_, 2009 (the "**Registration Rights Agreement**"), among the Company and the Purchasers named therein. A copy of the Registration Rights Agreement is available from the Company upon request at the address set forth below. All capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Registration Rights Agreement.

Each beneficial owner of Registrable Securities is entitled to the benefits of the Registration Rights Agreement. In order to sell or otherwise dispose of any Registrable Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement, a beneficial owner of Registrable Securities generally will be required to be named as a selling securityholder in the related prospectus, deliver a prospectus to purchasers of Registrable Securities and be bound by those provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement applicable to such beneficial owner (including certain indemnification provisions, as described below). Beneficial owners are encouraged to complete and deliver this Notice and Questionnaire prior to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement so that such beneficial owners may be named as selling securityholders in the related prospectus at the time of effectiveness. Any beneficial owner of Common Stock wishing to include its Registrable Securities must deliver to the Company a properly completed and signed Notice and Questionnaire.

Certain legal consequences arise from being named as a selling securityholder in the Registration Statement and the related prospectus. Accordingly, holders and beneficial owners of Registrable Securities are advised to consult their own securities law counsel regarding the consequences of being named or not being named as a selling securityholder in the Registration Statement and the related prospectus.

## NOTICE

The undersigned beneficial owner (the "**Selling Securityholder**") of Registrable Securities hereby gives notice to the Company of its intention to sell or otherwise dispose of Registrable Securities beneficially owned by it and listed below in Item 3 (unless otherwise specified under Item 3) pursuant to the Registration Statement. The undersigned, by signing and returning this Notice and Questionnaire, understands that it will be bound by the terms and conditions of this Notice and Questionnaire and the Registration Rights Agreement.

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Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the undersigned has agreed to indemnify and hold harmless the Company's directors and officers and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Securities Act or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"), from and against certain losses arising in connection with statements concerning the undersigned made in the Registration Statement or the related prospectus in reliance upon the information provided in this Notice and Questionnaire.

If the Selling Securityholder transfers all or any portion of the Registrable Securities listed in Item 3 below after the date on which such information is provided to the Company, the Selling Securityholder agrees to notify the transferee(s) at the time of the transfer of its rights and obligations under this Notice and Questionnaire and the Registration Rights Agreement.

The undersigned hereby provides the following information to the Company and represents and warrants that such information is accurate:

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**1. Name.**

(a) Full Legal Name of Selling Securityholder

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(b) Full Legal Name of Registered Holder (if not the same as (a) above) through which Registrable Securities Listed in Item 3 below are held:

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(c) Full Legal Name of DTC Participant (if applicable and if not the same as (b) above) through which Registrable Securities listed in (3) below are held:

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(d) Full Legal Name of Natural Control Person (which means a natural person who directly or indirectly alone or with others has power to vote or dispose of the securities covered by the questionnaire):

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**2. Address for Notices to Selling Securityholder:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Beneficial Ownership of Registrable Securities:**

(a) Type and Principal Amount of Registrable Securities beneficially owned:

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\_\_\_\_\_

(b) CUSIP No(s). of Registrable Securities beneficially owned:

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\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Beneficial Ownership of Other Securities of the Company Owned by the Selling Securityholder.**

*Except as set forth below in this Item 5, the undersigned is not the beneficial or registered owner of any securities of the Company other than the Registrable Securities listed above in Item 3.*

(a) Type and Amount of Other Securities beneficially owned by the Selling Securityholder:

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(b) CUSIP No(s). of Other Securities beneficially owned:

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**5. Relationship with the Company:**

*Except as set forth below, neither the undersigned nor any of its affiliates, officers, directors or principal equityholders (5% or more) has held any position or office or has had any other material relationship with the Company (or its predecessors or affiliates) during the past three years.*

State any exception here:

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**6. Broker-Dealer Status:**

(a) Are you a broker-dealer?

Yes  No

Note: If **yes**, please answer questions (i), (ii) and (iii) and note that the Commission's staff has indicated that you should be identified as an underwriter in the Registration Statement.

(i) Did Selling Securityholder acquire the Registrable Securities as compensation for underwriting/broker-dealer activities?

Yes  No

(ii) Did Selling Securityholder acquire the Registrable Securities for investment purposes?

Yes  No

(iii) If you answered "No" to both questions 6(a) and 6(b), please explain your reason for acquiring the Registrable Securities:

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(b) Are you an affiliate of a broker-dealer?

Yes  No

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(c) If you are an affiliate of a broker-dealer, do you certify that you bought the Registrable Securities in the ordinary course of business, and at the time of the purchase of the Registrable Securities to be resold, you had no agreements or understandings, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the Registrable Securities?

Yes  No

**7. Nature of Selling Securityholder:**

(a) Is the Selling Securityholder a reporting company under the Exchange Act, a majority owned subsidiary of a reporting company under the Exchange Act, or a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended?

Yes  No

(b) If your response to (a) above is "Yes," please provide the name of the reporting company or registered investment company and indicate if the named company is a reporting company under the Exchange Act or a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act.

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(c) If your response to (a) above is "No," please provide the natural person or persons having voting and investment control over the Registrable Securities.

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**8. Plan of Distribution:**

*Except as set forth below, the undersigned (including its donees or pledgees) intends to distribute the Registrable Securities listed above in Item (3) pursuant to the Registration Statement only as follows (if at all): Such Registrable Securities may be sold from time to time directly by the undersigned or alternatively, through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents. If the Registrable Securities are sold through underwriters or broker-dealers, the Selling Securityholder will be responsible for underwriting discounts or commissions or agent's commissions. Such Registrable Securities may be sold in one or more transactions at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at a negotiated price. Such sales may be effected in transactions (which may involve block transactions) (i) on any national*

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securities exchange or quotation service on which the Registrable Securities may be listed or quoted at the time of sale, (ii) in the over-the-counter market, (iii) in transactions otherwise than on such exchanges or services or in the over-the-counter market, or (iv) through the writing of options. In connection with sales of the Registrable Securities or otherwise, the undersigned may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers, which may in turn engage in short sales of the Registrable Securities and deliver Registrable Securities to close out such short positions, or loan or pledge Registrable Securities to broker-dealers that in turn may sell such securities.

State any exceptions here:

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*\* Note: In no event will such method(s) of distribution take the form of an underwritten offering of the Registrable Securities without the prior written agreement of the Company.*

The undersigned acknowledges that it understands its obligation to comply with the provisions of the Exchange Act, and the rules thereunder relating to stock manipulation, particularly Regulation M thereunder (or any successor rules or regulations), in connection with any offering of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement. The undersigned agrees that neither it nor any person acting on its behalf will engage in any transaction in violation of such provisions.

The Selling Securityholder hereby acknowledges its obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement to indemnify and hold harmless certain persons as set forth therein.

Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company has agreed under certain circumstances to indemnify the Selling Securityholder against certain liabilities.

In accordance with the undersigned's obligation under the Registration Rights Agreement to provide such information as may be required by law for inclusion in the Registration Statement, the undersigned agrees to promptly notify the Company of any inaccuracies or changes in the information provided herein that may occur subsequent to the date hereof at any time while the Registration Statement remains effective. All notices hereunder and pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement shall be made in writing at the address set forth below.

By signing below, the undersigned consents to the disclosure of the information contained herein in its answers to items (1) through (8) above and the inclusion of such information in the Registration Statement and the related prospectus. The undersigned understands that such information will be relied upon by the Company in connection with the preparation or amendment of the Registration Statement and the related prospectus.

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Once this Notice and Questionnaire is executed by the Selling Securityholder, the terms of this Notice and Questionnaire, and the representations and warranties contained herein, shall be binding on, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by the Company. This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, by authority duly given, has caused this Notice and Questionnaire to be executed and delivered either in person or by its duly authorized agent.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficial Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

**PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED AND EXECUTED NOTICE AND QUESTIONNAIRE TO:**

DLA Piper LLP (US)  
Attention: David Pendergast, Esq.  
2415 East Camelback Road, Suite 700  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016  
Telephone: (480) 606-5100  
Fax: (480) 606-5101

**EXCHANGE AGREEMENT**

This Exchange Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of this \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Holder"), and Mesa Air Group, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "Company").

**RECITALS**

A. The Holder is the beneficial owner of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in aggregate principal amount of senior convertible notes of the Company, which notes are listed on Schedule I attached hereto (the "Existing Notes") and were issued pursuant to one or more Indentures relating to such Existing Notes, among the Company, certain subsidiaries of the Company, as guarantors, and U.S. Bank, N.A., as trustee thereunder (as applicable, the "Existing Indenture").

B. Pursuant to the Existing Indenture, the Holder has the right to require the Company to repurchase the Existing Notes for an amount set forth on Schedule I (the "Put Obligation").

C. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Company and the Holder propose to exchange the Existing Notes (the "Exchange") for the following consideration (collectively, the "Consideration"):

(i) the payment by the Company to the Holder of cash in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the Put Obligation, as set forth on Schedule I (the "Cash Payment");

(ii) the issuance by the Company to the Holder of newly authorized unsecured senior notes due 2012 in an aggregate principal amount as set forth on Schedule I and otherwise on the terms set forth on Schedule II attached hereto (the "New Notes"); and

(iii) the issuance by the Company to the Holder of a number of shares ("Shares") of common stock, no par value, of the Company ("Common Stock") as set forth on Schedule I (the Shares and the New Notes are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities").

D. The Exchange is intended to comply with Section 3(a)(9) and Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "1933 Act").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the agreements set forth below, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**  
**Exchange**

Section 1.1 Exchange. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement:

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- a. Pursuant to Section 2.10 of the Existing Indenture, the Holder hereby agrees to deliver such Holder's Existing Notes to the Trustee for cancellation in connection with the Exchange. The Holder acknowledges that the cancellation of the Existing Notes shall have the effects specified in the Existing Indenture governing the Existing Notes, including a release by the Holder of all claims arising out of or related to the Existing Notes, including, but not limited to, all accrued and unpaid interest.
- b. In consideration of and for such Exchange, the Company agrees to (i) pay to the Holder the Cash Payment, (ii) issue to the Holder the New Notes pursuant to an indenture in the form to be attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "New Indenture") prior to the Closing Date, which shall be mutually acceptable to the Holder and the Company and be substantially the same as the Existing Indenture, as modified by the terms set forth on Schedule II hereto, and (iii) issue to the Holder the Shares, all as set forth on Schedule I hereto. The issuance of the New Notes and Shares to the Holder will be made without registration of the New Notes or the Shares under the 1933 Act, in reliance upon the exemption therefrom provided by Section 3(a)(9) and/or Section 4(2) of the 1933 Act and in reliance on similar exemptions under state securities or Blue Sky laws. The Holder acknowledges that the Company is relying upon the truth and accuracy of, and the Holder's compliance with, its representations, warranties, agreements, acknowledgments and understandings set forth herein in order to determine the availability of such exemptions and the eligibility of the Holder for the Exchange. The Holder acknowledges that the New Notes and the Shares may not be transferred, sold or otherwise disposed of (collectively a "Transfer") unless registered under the 1933 Act, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. The Holder acknowledges and agrees that the New Notes and Shares will bear customary legends and restrictions on Transfer to such effect, as set forth in Section 4.5 below.
- c. Concurrently with the execution and delivery hereof, the Company and the Holder have entered into a Registration Rights Agreement with respect to the Shares in substantially the form of Exhibit A hereto, which requires the Company to effect the registration under the 1933 Act of the resale of the Shares to the extent any such Shares may not be sold without volume limitations pursuant to Rule 144 under the 1933 Act (the "Registration Rights Agreement").

Section 1.2 Closing. The closing of the Exchange will take place at the offices of the Company, 410 North 44th Street, Suite 700, Phoenix, Arizona 85008, or such other location as may be mutually acceptable, at 9:00 a.m., Arizona time, on February 10, 2009 or at such other time on the same date or such other date as the Holder and the Company shall agree in writing (such time and date, the "Closing Date"). At least 24 hours prior to the Closing Date and pursuant to the terms of the New Indenture, the Company shall cause the Trustee to register one or more global securities representing the New Notes in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), and the Holder shall instruct its broker or other participant in the DTC Fast Automated Securities Transfer Program to transfer and deliver the Existing Notes to the Trustee via a "one-sided withdrawal". On the Closing Date:

- a. the parties shall execute and deliver (i) the New Indenture, and (ii) the Registration Rights Agreement;
- b. the Company shall cause the Trustee to credit to the Holder or its designee's balance account the aggregate amount of New Notes being issued to the Holder



hereunder, as set forth on Schedule I attached hereto, or, if delivery through DTC is unavailable, shall cause such New Notes to be delivered to the Holder no later than three (3) business days after the Closing Date;

c. the Company shall deliver to the Holder a certificate evidencing the Shares registered in the name of the Holder, no later than three (3) business days after the Closing Date; and

d. the Company shall pay to the Holder in cash by wire transfer of immediately available funds an amount equal to the Cash Payment.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Representations, Warranties, and Covenants of the Holder**

The Holder hereby makes the following representations, warranties, and covenants, each of which is true and correct on the date hereof and shall be true and correct at the Closing Date.

**Section 2.1 Existence and Power.**

a. The Holder is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization and has the power, authority and capacity to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder, and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

b. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Holder and the consummation by the Holder of the transactions contemplated hereby do not and will not constitute or result in a breach, violation or default under any note, bond, mortgage, deed, indenture, lien, instrument, contract, agreement, lease or license, whether written or oral, express or implied, or any statute, law, ordinance, decree, order, injunction, rule, directive, judgment or regulation of any court, administrative or regulatory body, governmental authority, arbitrator, mediator or similar body on the part of the Holder or on the part of any other party thereto or cause the acceleration or termination of any obligation or right of the Holder.

**Section 2.2 Valid and Enforceable Agreement; Authorization.** This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Holder and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Holder, enforceable against the Holder in accordance with its terms, except that such enforcement may be subject to (a) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting or relating to enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and (b) general principles of equity.

**Section 2.3 Title to Existing Notes.** The Holder is the sole legal and beneficial owner of and has good and valid title to the Existing Notes, free and clear of any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest, encumbrance, title retention agreement, option, equity or other adverse claim thereto. The Holder has not, in whole or in part, (a) assigned, transferred, hypothecated, pledged or otherwise disposed of the Existing Notes or its rights in such Existing Notes, (b) converted the Existing Notes, or (c) given any person or entity any transfer order, power of attorney or other authority of any nature whatsoever with respect to such Existing Notes.

Section 2.4 Investment Decision. The Holder is (a) a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A under the 1933 Act, and (b) an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501 of Regulation D under the 1933 Act, and in either case was not organized for the purpose of acquiring the Existing Notes or the New Notes and Shares. The Holder (or its authorized representative) is familiar with the Company, has reviewed the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), has had such opportunity to ask questions of representatives of the Company and to obtain from such representatives such information as is necessary to permit it to evaluate the merits and risks of its investment in the Company and of the proposed Exchange and has independently, without reliance upon any representatives of the Company and based on such information as the Holder deemed appropriate, made its own analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement and to effect the Exchange. The Holder has had the opportunity to consult with its accounting, tax, financial and legal advisors to be able to evaluate the risks involved in the Exchange of the Existing Notes for the Consideration pursuant hereto and to make an informed investment decision with respect to such Exchange, including with respect to the Holder's proposed investment in the Securities, and the Holder understands that nothing in the Agreement or any other materials presented to the Holder in connection with the Exchange constitutes legal, tax or investment advice. The Holder is not, and has not been during the preceding three months, an "affiliate" of the Company as such term is defined in Rule 144 under the 1933 Act. Holder is not, and will not become, the owner, directly or indirectly, of thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the outstanding Common Stock of the Company after giving effect to the issuance of the Shares contemplated hereby.

Section 2.5 Non-Public Information. The Holder acknowledges that the Company is in possession of non-public information, including preliminary financial results for its first fiscal quarter of its 2009 fiscal year (the "Non-Public Information"). The Non-Public Information may (or may not) be considered material by the Holder with respect to the Exchange. The Holder has determined that it is in the Holder's best interests to effectuate and close the Exchange of its Existing Notes for the Consideration without the Company's disclosure to the Holder, and without the Holder's knowledge of, the Non-Public Information. The Holder has actual knowledge that it may presently have and may have at or after the time of the Closing Date, claims against the Company and the Company's directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, representatives, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, arising from the Company's nondisclosure of the Non-Public Information in connection with the Exchange. As partial consideration for the Exchange, the Holder hereby, on its behalf and on behalf of any and all of its directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, representatives, limited partners or other investors, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, unconditionally, irrevocably and absolutely releases and discharges the Company and its directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, representatives, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages or liabilities whatsoever, both in law and in equity, in contract, tort or otherwise, which they may now have or may have at or after the Closing Date arising from the Company's nondisclosure of the Non-Public Information in connection with the Exchange, unless due to gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

Section 2.6 Resales. The Holder will not offer or sell the New Notes other than to "qualified institutional buyers" in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act provided by Rule 144A.

Section 2.7 No Solicitation. The Holder agrees that no form of general solicitation or advertising (within the meaning of Regulation D under the 1933 Act) has been or will be used by the Holder or any of its representatives in connection with the Exchange, including, without limitation, articles, notices or other communications published in any newspaper, magazine or similar medium or broadcast over television or radio, or any seminar or meeting whose attendees have been invited by any general solicitation or general advertising.

Section 2.8 Certain Trading Activities. The Holder covenants that neither it nor any person acting on behalf of or pursuant to any understanding with it will engage in any transactions in the securities of the Company (including "short sales," as defined in Rule 200 of Regulation SHO under the 1934 Act) prior to the later of (i) the time that the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are publicly disclosed by the Company, or (ii) February 6, 2009. The Holder has maintained, and covenants that until such time as the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are publicly disclosed by the Company the Holder will maintain, the confidentiality of any disclosures made to it in connection with this transaction (including the existence and terms of this transaction).

**ARTICLE III**  
**Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Company**

The Company hereby makes the following representations, warranties, and covenants each of which is true and correct on the date hereof and shall be true and correct at each Closing Date.

Section 3.1 Existence and Power.

- a. The Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Nevada and has the power, authority and capacity to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform the Company's obligations hereunder, and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.
- b. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby (i) does not require the consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of, or filing with, any governmental authority or court, or body or arbitrator having jurisdiction over the Company; and (ii) does not and will not constitute or result in a breach, violation or default under any note, bond, mortgage, deed, indenture, lien, instrument, contract, agreement, lease or license, whether written or oral, express or implied, or with the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or by-laws, or any statute, law, ordinance, decree, order, injunction, rule, directive, judgment or regulation of any court, administrative or regulatory body, governmental authority, arbitrator, mediator or similar body on the part of the Company or on the part of any other party thereto or cause the acceleration or termination of any obligation or right of the Company or any other party thereto.

Section 3.2 Valid and Enforceable Agreement; Authorization. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except that such enforcement may be subject to (a) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting or relating to enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and (b) general principles of equity.

Section 3.3 Issuance of New Notes. The Company has the requisite power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the New Notes. The New Notes have been duly and validly authorized by the Company for issuance and, when executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the New Indenture and when delivered to and exchanged for the Existing Notes in accordance with the terms hereof, will have been duly executed, issued and delivered and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms except that the enforcement thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting or relating to enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and (ii) general principles of equity. At the Closing, the New Notes will be in the form contemplated by the New Indenture. Based in part upon the representations of the Holder in Section 2 of this Agreement, the New Notes, when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be issued in compliance, in all material respects, with all applicable federal and state securities laws.

Section 3.4 New Indenture. The Company has the requisite power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the New Indenture. The New Indenture has been duly and validly authorized by the Company and meets the requirements for qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and, when executed and delivered by the Company (assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Trustee), will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except that the enforcement thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting or relating to enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and (ii) general principles of equity.

Section 3.5 Issuance of the Shares. The Shares have been duly reserved for issuance and, upon issuance in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and free of restrictions on Transfer other than (a) as provided below in Section 4.5, (b) as created under applicable federal and state securities laws, or (c) for liens or encumbrances created by or imposed by the Holder. Based in part upon the representations of the Holder in Section 2 of this Agreement, the Shares, when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be issued in compliance, in all material respects, with all applicable federal and state securities laws. Upon issuance, the Shares shall be listed for trading on the Nasdaq Global Market or such other national exchange as the Company's Common Stock is then listed.

Section 3.6 Information. During the period from the Closing Date until the earlier of one year after the Closing Date and such time as the New Notes no longer constitute "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the 1933 Act, the Company will make available, upon request, to any seller of the New Notes the information specified in Rule

144A(d)(4) under the 1933 Act, unless the Company is then subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Section 3.7 Listing. The Company will (a) cause the New Notes to be included for quotation on the PORTAL Market and cause the New Notes to be eligible for clearance and settlement through DTC, and (b) cause the Shares to be listed for trading on the Nasdaq Global Market.

Section 3.8 Most Favored Nations. The Company hereby represents and warrants that no holder of the Existing Notes will receive in exchange for their respective Existing Notes a Cash Payment greater than ten percent (10%) of their respective Put Obligations. Holders may elect to receive additional New Notes in lieu of receiving some or all of the Shares they would otherwise receive pursuant to the aforementioned formula or, alternatively, additional Shares in lieu of receiving some or all of the New Notes they would otherwise receive pursuant to such formula. In the event the Company were to offer a holder of the Existing Notes terms more or less favorable than the terms offered to the Holder, the Company hereby covenants and agrees to offer such terms to the Holder.

Section 3.9 Current Public Information. The Company covenants that at any time after the Closing Date it will cooperate with the Holder and take such further reasonable action promptly as Holder may reasonably request in writing (including, without limitation, filing reports, making such reasonable representations as the Holder may reasonably request, causing the Company's legal counsel to promptly provide Rule 144 opinion letters to the Company's transfer agent for the purpose of removing any restrictive legend on such Shares to be sold by the Holder, and promptly depositing such Shares with the Depository Trust Corporation if requested by the Holder), all to the extent required from time to time to enable the Holder to sell the Shares without registration under the 1933 Act within the limitations of Rule 144 and Rule 144A under the Securities Act and customarily taken in connection with sales pursuant to such exemptions. Upon the written request of the Holder, the Company agrees to deliver to the Holder a written statement as to whether it has complied with such filing requirements of the Exchange Act, unless such a statement has been included in the Company's most recent report required to be filed and filed pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 3.9 shall be deemed to require the Company to register any of its securities under any section of the Exchange Act.

#### **ARTICLE IV Certain Securities Matters**

Section 4.1 Section 3(a)(9) Compliance. Each party represents and warrants to the other as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date that it has not and will not pay any commission or other remuneration, directly or indirectly, to any broker or other intermediary, in connection with the Exchange. It is intended that the Exchange will be effected in accordance with the exemption from registration provided by Section 3(a)(9) of the 1933 Act.

Section 4.2 Trading Restrictions. Each party agrees that, during any period applicable to the Exchange, it will comply with Regulation M and any other applicable trading rules.

Without limitation of the foregoing, each party represents to the other that it has not, and to its knowledge, no one acting on its behalf has or will, during any applicable restricted period as prescribed by law: (i) taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or to result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of securities, or (ii) sold, bid for, or purchased any securities of the Company.

Section 4.3 No Shorting. From the date of execution of this Agreement to the date that the Form 8-K referenced in Section 4.4 below is filed, and as otherwise prohibited by law, Holder has not and will not effect any "short sale" in the Company's securities, as such term is defined in Rule 200 of Regulation SHO under the 1934 Act (and shall include the location and reservation of borrowable shares of Common Stock).

Section 4.4 Disclosure. On or before 9:00 a.m. (Arizona time) on the trading day following the execution of this Agreement, and on or before 9:00 a.m. (Arizona time) on the trading day following the Closing Date, the Company shall issue press releases disclosing the transactions contemplated hereby and the Closing Date. On the trading day following the execution of this Agreement by each of the parties hereto, the Company will file a Current Report on Form 8-K disclosing the material terms of the Agreement and the other agreements executed or to be executed in connection herewith (and attach as exhibits thereto such documents), and on the trading day following the Closing Date the Company will file an additional Current Report on Form 8-K to disclose the Closing Date. In addition, the Company will make such other filings and notices in the manner and time required by the SEC and Nasdaq.

Section 4.5 Certificates. Certificates representing Securities issued hereunder shall contain the following legend:

"THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR THE SECURITIES COMMISSION OF ANY STATE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND, ACCORDINGLY MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS AS EVIDENCED BY A LEGAL OPINION OF COUNSEL TO THE TRANSFEROR TO SUCH EFFECT, THE SUBSTANCE OF WHICH SHALL BE REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMPANY. THESE SECURITIES AND THE SECURITIES ISSUABLE UPON CONVERSION OF THESE SECURITIES MAY BE PLEDGED IN CONNECTION WITH A BONAFIDE MARGIN ACCOUNT OR OTHER LOAN SECURED BY SUCH SECURITIES."

**ARTICLE V**  
**Miscellaneous Provisions**

Section 5.1 Notice. Any notice provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be either personally delivered, or mailed first class mail (postage prepaid) with return receipt requested or sent by reputable overnight courier service (charges prepaid) to the address and to the attention of the person set forth in this Agreement. Notices will be deemed to have been given hereunder when delivered personally, three business days after deposit in the U.S. mail postage prepaid with return receipt requested and two business days after deposit postage prepaid with a reputable overnight courier service for delivery on the next business day.

If delivered to the Company, to:

Mesa Air Group, Inc.  
410 North 44th Street  
Suite 100  
Phoenix, Arizona 85008  
Attn: Brian S. Gillman  
Phone: (602) 685-4000

If delivered to the Holder, to the address set forth on the signature page hereto.

Section 5.2 Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the other documents and agreements executed in connection with the Exchange embody the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior and contemporaneous oral or written agreements, representations, warranties, contracts, correspondence, conversations, memoranda and understandings between or among the parties or any of their agents, representatives or affiliates relative to such subject matter, including, without limitation, any term sheets, emails or draft documents.

Section 5.3 Assignment; Binding Agreement. This Agreement and the various rights and obligations arising hereunder shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their successors and permitted assigns. Obligations under the Agreement may not be assigned by a party without the prior written consent of the other party.

Section 5.4 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, and on separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any counterpart or other signature hereupon delivered by facsimile shall be deemed for all purposes as constituting good and valid execution and delivery of this Agreement by such party.

Section 5.5 Governing Law. This Agreement shall in all respects be construed in accordance with and governed by the substantive laws of the State of Nevada, without reference to its choice of law rules.

Section 5.6 No Third Party Beneficiaries or Other Rights. Nothing herein shall grant to or create in any person not a party hereto, or any such person's dependents or heirs, any right to any benefits hereunder, and no such party shall be entitled to sue any party to this Agreement with respect thereto.

Section 5.7 Amendment; Waiver; Consent. This Agreement and its terms may not be changed, amended, waived, terminated, augmented, rescinded or discharged (other than in accordance with its terms), in whole or in part, except by a writing executed by the parties hereto.

Section 5.8 Survival. The representations and warranties made herein shall survive for a period of one year after the Closing Date.

Section 5.9 Further Assurances. The Holder and the Company each hereby agree to execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, such other documents, instruments and agreements, and take such other actions, as either party may reasonably request in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 5.10 Costs and Expenses. The Holder and the Company shall each pay their own respective costs and expenses incurred in connection with the negotiation, preparation, execution and performance of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees.

Section 5.11 Severability. If any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstance, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of any such provision in every other respect and of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 5.12 Tax Notice. Holder shall supply to the Company a completed Form W-9 (or, if applicable, W-8) within 30 days of the Exchange.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

Dated this \_\_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

THE COMPANY:

MESA AIR GROUP, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

HOLDER:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Attn: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule I

EXCHANGE

Owner or Nominee Name	Series of Note	Principal Amount of Existing Notes Owned	Existing Put Obligation Amount	Cash Payment	Principal Amount of New Notes to Be Issued	Number of Shares to be Issued
	2023	\$	\$	\$	\$	

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## Schedule II

## TERMS OF NEW NOTES

<b>Issuer:</b>	Mesa Air Group, Inc.
<b>Guarantors:</b>	Same as Existing Indenture
<b>Maturity Date:</b>	Three years from issuance
<b>Amortization:</b>	Bullet amortization at maturity
<b>Interest Rate:</b>	A fixed rate equal to 8.0% per annum, payable in cash semiannually on each six-month anniversary of the Closing Date and at maturity,
<b>Mandatory Redemption:</b>	None
<b>Optional Redemption:</b>	Pre-payable, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company without penalty
<b>Ranking:</b>	The New Notes will be subordinated to any secured indebtedness and share collateral pari passu with all other existing unsecured indebtedness.
<b>Security:</b>	None
<b>Conversion Features:</b>	None
<b>Covenants and Restrictions:</b>	The New Notes will contain covenants and restrictions similar to the covenants and restrictions under the Existing Indenture
<b>Representations and Warranties:</b>	Customary for transactions of this size and nature

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO**  
**RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED**

I, Jonathan G. Ornstein, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Mesa Air Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in the Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By: /s/ JONATHAN G. ORNSTEIN  
Jonathan G. Ornstein  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive  
Officer Mesa Air Group, Inc.

Date: February 19, 2009

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I, Michael J. Lotz, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Mesa Air Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in the Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By: /s/ MICHAEL J. LOTZ  
Michael J. Lotz  
President & Chief Operating Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: February 19, 2009

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**18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,**  
**AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO**  
**SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Mesa Air Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 31, 2008, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Jonathan G. Ornstein, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 1350, as adopted pursuant to §§ 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

By: /s/ JONATHAN G. ORNSTEIN  
Jonathan G. Ornstein  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 19, 2009

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- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

By: /s/ MICHAEL J. LOTZ  
Michael J. Lotz  
President & Chief Operating Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: February 19, 2009

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