- (iv) (A) is an indenture, credit agreement, loan agreement, security agreement, guarantee, note, mortgage or other agreement or commitment that provides for or relates to any Indebtedness of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, including any sale and leaseback transactions or other similar financing arrangements or (B) provides for the guarantee, support, indemnification, assumption or endorsement by the Company or any Company Subsidiary with respect to, the obligations, liabilities or Indebtedness of any other Person of the nature described in clause (A), in the case of each of clauses (A) and (B), in the principal amount of \$100,000,000 or more;
- (v) is a settlement, consent or similar Contract to resolve litigation and that contains any material continuing obligations of the Company or any Company Subsidiary;
 - (vi) is a collective bargaining agreement, work rules or other agreement with any Union;
- (vii) (A) is a joint venture, partnership or limited liability company agreement or other similar Contract relating to the formation, creation, operation, management or control of any Joint Venture of the Company (other than any such Contract solely among any of the Company and the wholly owned Company Subsidiaries), in each case, that is material to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries taken as a whole or (B) is a shareholder or stockholder agreement between the Company or any Company Subsidiary, on the one hand, and any other Person, on the other hand;
- (viii) grants any right of first refusal, right of first offer, or right of first negotiation with respect to any assets, rights or properties of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries that are material to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries taken as a whole; or
- (ix) relates to any past or pending acquisition or disposition of any Person, business or assets constituting a business and under which the Company or the Company Subsidiaries have any material continuing guarantee, "earnout" or other contingent, deferred or fixed payment obligations.
- (b) Each Contract of the type described in this Section 3.21, whether or not set forth on Section 3.21 of the Company Disclosure Schedule and whether or not entered into on or prior to the date hereof, is referred to herein as a "Company Material Contract." The Company has made available to Parent true, correct and complete copies of each Company Material Contract in effect as of the date hereof (other than any Contracts publicly available and filed as exhibits to the Company SEC Documents prior to the date of this Agreement), excluding any schedules, annexes, exhibits, work orders, statements of work or other ancillary documents with respect to any such Company Material Contracts that are no longer in force or effect or do not contain terms that are, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (c) Each Company Material Contract is a valid and binding obligation of the Company or the Company Subsidiary party thereto enforceable against the Company or such Company Subsidiary in accordance with its terms (except that such enforcement may be subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exceptions) and, to the Company's Knowledge, each other party thereto, and is in full force and effect, and each of the Company and each of the Company

Subsidiaries which is a party thereto has performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it to the date hereof under each Company Material Contract and, to the Company's Knowledge, each other party to each Company Material Contract has performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it under such Company Material Contract, except, in each case, as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company has no Knowledge of, and none of the Company or any Company Subsidiary has received notice of, any violation of or default under (or any condition which with the passage of time or the giving of notice would cause such a violation of or default under) any Company Material Contract to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties or assets is bound, except for violations or defaults that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.22 Opinion of Financial Advisor. The Company Board has received the oral opinion of Moelis & Company LLC, which opinion will be subsequently confirmed in writing, to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion and based upon and subject to the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations set forth therein, the Exchange Ratio is fair from a financial point of view to the holders of shares of Company Common Stock, and such opinion has not been withdrawn, revoked or modified. The Company shall, promptly following receipt of such opinion in written form, furnish an accurate and complete copy of such opinion to Parent solely for informational purposes and on a non-reliance basis.

Section 3.23 <u>Finders or Brokers</u>. Except for Moelis & Company LLC (the fees and expenses of which will, prior to the Closing, be the responsibility of the Company), neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has employed any investment banker, broker or finder in connection with the Transactions who might be entitled to any fee or any commission in connection with or upon consummation of the Merger or the Transactions.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PARENT AND MERGER SUB

Except (a) as disclosed in the Parent SEC Documents publicly available and filed with or furnished to the SEC prior to the date of this Agreement (excluding any disclosures in any risk factors section, in any section related to forward-looking statements and any other disclosures or statements that are predictive or forward-looking in nature) where it is reasonably apparent on its face that such disclosure is applicable to any representation or warranty or (b) subject to Section 8.8, as set forth in the corresponding section of the disclosure schedule delivered by Parent to the Company concurrently with the execution and delivery by Parent of this Agreement (the "Parent Disclosure Schedule"), Parent (on behalf of itself and Merger Sub) represents and warrants to the Company as follows:

Section 4.1 Qualification; Organization; Subsidiaries.

(a) Parent is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.

- (b) Each Parent Subsidiary, including Merger Sub, is a legal entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of its respective jurisdiction of organization (in the case of good standing, to the extent such jurisdiction recognizes such concept) and has all requisite corporate or similar power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets, to carry on its business as presently conducted and is qualified to do business and is in good standing as a foreign corporation in each jurisdiction where the ownership, leasing or operation of its assets or properties or conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so organized, validly existing, qualified or in good standing, or to have such power or authority, would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) Parent has made available to the Company true and complete copies of the certificate of incorporation of Parent, as in effect as of the date of this Agreement (the "<u>Parent Charter</u>"), and the bylaws of Parent, as in effect as of the date of this Agreement (together with the Parent Charter, the "<u>Parent Organizational Documents</u>"). Parent has provided to the Company true and complete copies of the Organizational Documents of Merger Sub and made available to the Company true and complete copies of the Organizational Documents of each "significant subsidiary" (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC) of Parent, in each case, as in effect as of the date of this Agreement (other than those set forth in <u>Section 4.1(c)</u> of the Parent Disclosure Schedule).
- (d) Section 4.1(d) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule lists each Parent Subsidiary and its jurisdiction of organization or formation. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock, voting securities or other equity interests of each Parent Subsidiary have been validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable, as applicable. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock, voting securities and other equity interests of each Parent Subsidiary are owned by (i) Parent, (ii) one or more Parent Subsidiaries or (iii) Parent and one or more Parent Subsidiaries, in each case, free and clear of all Liens. Except for the capital stock, voting securities and other equity interests of the Parent Subsidiaries, neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary owns, directly or indirectly, any capital stock, voting securities or other equity interests in any other Person (including through participation in any joint venture or similar arrangement), other than the ownership of securities primarily for investment purposes as part of routine cash management or investments of two percent (2%) or less in publicly traded companies, and there are no Joint Ventures of Parent.

Section 4.2 Capitalization.

(a) The authorized capital stock of Parent consists of 500,000,000 shares of Parent Common Stock and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Parent Preferred Stock"). As of the close of business on the Capitalization Date, (i) (A) 195,123,565 shares of Parent Common Stock were issued and outstanding, which includes no Parent Restricted Shares outstanding as of such date, and (B) 5,453,167 shares of Parent Common Stock were held in Parent's treasury, (ii) Parent RSU Awards covering 519,983 shares of Parent Common Stock were outstanding, (iii) no Parent Performance Share Awards covering shares of Parent Common Stock were outstanding (based on target performance), (iv) 5,608,197 shares of Parent Common Stock were reserved and available for issuance under the Parent Stock Plans, (v) 1,306,820 shares of Parent Common Stock were reserved and available for issuance under the Parent ESPP,

- (vi) 4,203,946 shares of Parent Common Stock were reserved for issuance under the Parent DRIP and (vii) no shares of Parent Preferred Stock were issued or outstanding. All shares of Parent Common Stock are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and were not issued in violation of any preemptive right, purchase option, call, right of first refusal or any similar right and all shares of Parent Common Stock reserved for issuance as noted in this Section 4.2(a), when issued in accordance with the respective terms thereof, will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and not issued in violation of any preemptive right, purchase option, call, right of first refusal or any similar right. No shares of Parent Common Stock are held by any Parent Subsidiary. Except as set forth in this Section 4.2(a), at the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the date of this Agreement, no shares of capital stock, voting securities or other equity interests of Parent were issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding.
- (b) Except as set forth in Section 4.2(a), as of the date hereof, there are not issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding, and there are not any outstanding obligations of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary to issue, deliver or sell, or cause to be issued, delivered or sold, (i) any capital stock of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or any securities of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or (ii) any subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, derivative contract, forward contract or other rights to acquire from Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, or any other obligation of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary to issue, deliver or sell, or cause to be issued, delivered or sold, any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary (the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), collectively, "Parent Equity Securities").
- (c) There is no outstanding Indebtedness of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, the holders of which have the right to vote (or which are convertible into or exercisable for securities having the right to vote) with the stockholders of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary on any matter.
- (d) There are no voting trusts or other agreements or understandings to which Parent or any Parent Subsidiary is a party with respect to the voting or registration of, or restricting any Person from purchasing, selling, pledging or otherwise disposing of, any Parent Equity Securities.
- (e) Parent has delivered or made available to the Company an accurate and complete copy of each Parent Stock Plan and the forms of award agreement covering Parent Performance Share Awards, Parent Restricted Shares and Parent RSU Awards (collectively, "Parent Equity Awards"). All grants of Parent Equity Awards were validly made and properly approved by the Parent Board (or a duly authorized committee or subcommittee thereof) in compliance with all applicable Laws and properly recorded on the consolidated financial statements of Parent in accordance with GAAP.
- (f) As of the date of this Agreement, the authorized capital stock of Merger Sub consists of one thousand (1,000) shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, all of which are validly issued and outstanding. All of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Merger Sub is, and at the Effective Time will be, owned by Parent or a direct or indirect wholly owned Parent Subsidiary. Merger Sub has outstanding no option, warrant, right or any other agreement pursuant

to which any Person other than Parent may acquire any equity security of Merger Sub. Merger Sub is a newly formed entity for purposes of consummating the Transactions and has not conducted any business prior to the date hereof and has, and prior to the Effective Time will have, no assets, liabilities or obligations of any nature other than those incident to its formation and pursuant to this Agreement and the Transactions.

Section 4.3 Corporate Authority Relative to this Agreement; No Violation.

(a) Each of Parent and Merger Sub has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its covenants and agreements hereunder and, assuming that the representations and warranties of the Company contained in Section 3.15 are true and correct, to consummate the Transactions, including the Merger, subject, in the case of the Merger, to the Parent Stockholder Approval. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the Transactions have been duly and validly authorized by the Parent Board and the board of directors of Merger Sub and by Parent, as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub, and, except for the Parent Stockholder Approval, no other corporate proceedings on the part of Parent or Merger Sub are necessary to authorize the Merger, the Parent Common Stock Issuance or the consummation of the Transactions. The Parent Board, at a meeting duly called and held, by the affirmative vote of all directors present, adopted resolutions (i) determining that the Transactions, including the Merger and the issuance of shares of Parent Common Stock in connection with the Merger (the "Parent Common Stock Issuance"), are advisable, fair to and in the best interests of Parent and its stockholders, (ii) approving, adopting and declaring advisable this Agreement and the Transactions, including the Merger and the Parent Common Stock Issuance, (iii) directing that the Parent Common Stock Issuance be submitted to Parent's stockholders for approval and (iv) recommending that Parent's stockholders approve the Parent Common Stock Issuance (the "Parent Board Recommendation") at a duly held meeting of Parent's stockholders for such purpose (the "Parent Stockholder Meeting"), and such resolutions have not been subsequently rescinded, modified or withdrawn in any way. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by Parent and Merger Sub, and, assuming this Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company, this Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of each of Parent and Merger Sub, enforceable against Parent and Merger Sub in accordance with its terms; provided that such enforcement may be subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exceptions.

(b) Except for (i) such Consents or Filings as may be required under (A) the provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law, (B) the Exchange Act, (C) the Securities Act, (D) the rules and regulations of the NYSE, (E) the HSR Act and (F) the rules and regulations of the Applicable PSCs (such Consents or Filings referred to in clause (F), collectively, the "Parent Regulatory Approvals"), and (ii) pre-approvals of license transfers by the FCC, and, subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company in Section 3.3(b), no Consent of or Filing made to or with any Governmental Entity is necessary or required to be obtained or made under applicable Law in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Parent and Merger Sub, the performance by Parent and Merger Sub of their respective obligations hereunder or the consummation of the Transactions by Parent and Merger Sub, except for such Consents or Filings that, if not obtained or made, would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

(c) Except as set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) of Section 4.3(b), the execution and delivery by Parent and Merger Sub of this Agreement do not, and the consummation of the Transactions and compliance with the provisions hereof will not, (i) conflict with, result in any violation of, or default (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) under, or give rise to a right of termination, cancellation, payment or acceleration of any obligation or to the loss of a benefit under any loan, guarantee of indebtedness or credit agreement, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, lease, agreement, contract, instrument, permit, concession, franchise, right or license binding upon Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or result in the creation of any Lien, other than any such Lien (A) for Taxes or governmental assessments, the charges or claims of payment for which are not yet due or payable, or that are being contested in good faith and for which adequate accruals or reserves have been established, (B) which is a carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other similar lien arising in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice. (C) which is disclosed on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of Parent or notes thereto or securing liabilities reflected on such balance sheet, (D) which was incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice since the date of the most recent consolidated balance sheet of Parent or (E) which does not and would not reasonably be expected to materially impair the continued use and operation of the assets to which they relate as operated as of the date hereof or any property at which the material operations of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary are conducted as of the date hereof (each of the foregoing (A) through (E), a "Parent Permitted Lien"), upon any of the properties or assets of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, (ii) conflict with or result in any violation of any provision of the Parent Organizational Documents or the Organizational Documents of any Parent Subsidiary or (iii) conflict with or violate any applicable Laws, other than, in the case of clauses (i) and (iii), any such violation, conflict, default, termination, cancellation, payment, acceleration, right, loss or Lien that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.4 SEC Reports; Financial Statements; No Undisclosed Liabilities.

(a) Since January 1, 2023, Parent has furnished or filed on a timely basis all registration statements, prospectuses, reports, schedules, forms, statements and other documents (including exhibits and other information incorporated therein) required to be furnished or filed by Parent with the SEC under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act (such documents, together with all exhibits, financial statements, including the Parent Financial Statements, and schedules thereto and all information incorporated therein by reference, but excluding the Joint Proxy Statement, being collectively referred to as the "Parent SEC Documents"). None of the Parent Subsidiaries is or has been required to make or makes any filings with the SEC under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act. Each Parent SEC Document (i) at the time furnished or filed, complied in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act, the Securities Act or the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder applicable to such Parent SEC Document and the listing standards and corporate governance rules and regulations of the NYSE and (ii) did not at the time it was filed (or if amended or superseded by a filing or amendment prior to the date of this Agreement, then at the time of such filing or amendment) contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. As of the date of this Agreement, there are no outstanding or unresolved comments received from the SEC with respect to any of the Parent SEC Document, and, to the Knowledge of Parent, none of the Parent SEC Documents is the subject of any outstanding SEC comment or investigation. As of the date hereof, Parent is in compliance in all material respects with all current listing standards of the NYSE.

(b) Each of the consolidated financial statements of Parent (including any related notes) contained or incorporated by reference in the Parent SEC Documents (the "Parent Financial Statements") (i) complied at the time it was filed as to form in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto, (ii) was prepared in accordance with GAAP (except, in the case of unaudited quarterly financial statements, as permitted by the SEC) applied on a consistent basis during the periods and as of the dates involved (except as may be indicated in the notes thereto), (iii) fairly presents in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP, the consolidated financial position of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries as of the dates thereof and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for the periods shown (subject, in the case of unaudited quarterly financial statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments that are not material and to any other adjustments described therein, including the notes thereto) and (iv) was prepared from, and in accordance with, the books and records of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries in all material respects. No financial statements of any Person other than Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries are required by GAAP to be included in the Parent Financial Statements. The books and records of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries have been, and are being, maintained in all material respects in accordance with GAAP and any other applicable legal and accounting requirements. As of the date of this Agreement, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has not resigned (or informed Parent that it intends to resign) or been dismissed as independent public accountants of Parent.

(c) Parent maintains, and at all times since January 1, 2023 has maintained, a system of "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rule 13a-15 or 15d-15, as applicable, under the Exchange Act). Such internal control over financial reporting is sufficient to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP in all material respects. Parent maintains "disclosure controls and procedures" required by Rule 13a-15 or 15d-15 under the Exchange Act that are sufficient to ensure that information required to be disclosed by Parent in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported on a timely basis to the individuals responsible for the preparation of Parent's filings with the SEC and other public disclosure documents. Parent has disclosed in writing, based on its most recent evaluation prior to the date of this Agreement, to Parent's outside auditors and the audit committee of the Parent Board (i) any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that are reasonably likely to adversely affect Parent's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information and (ii) any fraud, known to Parent, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Parent's internal controls over financial reporting. There is no reason to believe that Parent's outside auditors and its chief executive officer and chief financial officer will not be able to give the certifications and attestations required pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, without qualification, when next due. Since January 1, 2023, no executive officer of Parent has failed in any respect to make the certifications required of such executive officer under Section 302 or Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Neither Parent nor any of its executive officers has received notice from any Governmental Entity challenging or questioning the accuracy, completeness, form or manner of filing of such certifications.

- (d) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary is a party to, or has any commitment to become a party to, any joint venture, off-balance sheet partnership or any similar Contract (including any Contract or arrangement relating to any transaction or relationship between or among Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, on the one hand, and any unconsolidated Affiliate, including any structured finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity or person, on the other hand, or any "off-balance-sheet arrangements" (as defined in Item 303(a) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act)), where the result, purpose or intended effect of such Contract is to avoid disclosure of any material transaction involving, or material liabilities of, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary in the Parent Financial Statements or other Parent SEC Documents.
- (e) Since January 1, 2023, (i) none of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, nor, to the Knowledge of Parent, any director or officer of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, has received or otherwise had or obtained knowledge of any material complaint, allegation, assertion or claim, whether written or oral, regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing practices, procedures, methodologies or methods of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or any material complaint, allegation, assertion or claim from employees of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters with respect to Parent or any Parent Subsidiary and (ii) to the Knowledge of Parent, no attorney representing Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, whether or not employed by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, has reported evidence of a violation of securities laws, breach of fiduciary duty or similar violation by Parent, any Parent Subsidiary or any of their respective officers, directors, employees or agents to the Parent Board or any committee thereof, or to the Parent CEO or the general counsel of Parent.
- (f) Except (i) as reflected or reserved against in Parent's most recent audited consolidated balance sheets (or stated in the notes thereto) included in the Parent SEC Documents filed prior to the date hereof, (ii) for liabilities and obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice after the date of such balance sheet and (iii) liabilities incurred in connection with the Merger or any of the other Transactions or agreements contemplated by this Agreement, neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has any liabilities or obligations of any nature, whether or not accrued, contingent or otherwise, that would be required by GAAP to be reflected on a consolidated balance sheet of Parent and its consolidated Subsidiaries (or in the notes thereto), other than those which would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.5 Absence of Certain Changes or Events.

- (a) Since January 1, 2025 through the date of this Agreement, there has not been any Change that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) Since January 1, 2025 through the date of this Agreement, each of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries has conducted its respective business in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice in all material respects, except for in connection with the Transactions.

Section 4.6 <u>Litigation</u>. Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary is party to, and there is no Claim before any Governmental Entity pending or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened against Parent, any Parent Subsidiary, or any of their current or former directors or executive officers that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect. There is no Judgment outstanding against or, to the Knowledge of Parent, investigation by any Governmental Entity of Parent, any Parent Subsidiary, any of their respective properties or assets, or any of their current or former directors or executive officers, that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.7 <u>Information Supplied</u>. None of the information provided or to be provided by Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Form S-4 will, at the time the Form S-4 is filed with the SEC, at any time it is amended or supplemented or at the time it becomes effective under the Securities Act, 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; <u>provided</u> that, with respect to projected financial information provided by or on behalf of Parent, Parent represents only that such information was prepared in good faith by management of Parent on the basis of assumptions believed by such management to be reasonable as of the time made. None of the information provided by Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Joint Proxy Statement will, at the date it is first mailed to Parent's stockholders or the Company's shareholders at the time of the Parent Stockholder Meeting or the Company Shareholder Meeting, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any 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; <u>provided, however</u>, that, with respect to projected financial information provided by or on behalf of Parent, Parent represents only that such information was prepared in good faith by management of Parent on the basis of assumptions believed by such management to be reasonable as of the time made. The Form S-4 and the Joint Proxy Statement (other than the portion thereof relating solely to the Company Shareholder Meeting) will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 4.7</u>, no representation or warranty is ma

Section 4.8 Compliance with Law; Permits.

(a) Except for matters that would not have or would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, since January 1, 2023, (i) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries are in compliance with all applicable Laws and all Permits applicable to the business and operations of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries, (ii) Parent and each Parent Subsidiary hold, and are in compliance with, all Permits required by Law for the conduct of their respective businesses as they are now being conducted and (iii) all Permits of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries are valid and in full force and effect. None of Parent, the Parent Subsidiaries or, to the Knowledge of Parent, their respective Representatives (A) is a Sanctioned Person, (B) is a Person that is owned or controlled by a Sanctioned Person, (C) is located, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Jurisdiction or (D) has or is now, in connection with the business of Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries, engaged in any dealings or transactions (1) with any Sanctioned Person, (2) in any Sanctioned Jurisdiction or (3) otherwise in material violation of Sanctions.

- (b) Since January 1, 2020, Parent, the Parent Subsidiaries, and their respective directors, officers, employees, and, to the Knowledge of Parent, their Representatives have complied with applicable Anti-Corruption Laws. Neither Parent, the Parent Subsidiaries, nor their directors, officers, employees, or, to the Knowledge of Parent, any Representative has, directly or indirectly, since January 1, 2020 given, offered, promised, or authorized the giving of any payment, gift or other item of value or similar benefit to any Person (including any foreign official, foreign political party, foreign political party official or candidate for foreign political office) in violation of any applicable Anti-Corruption Law. Parent has not (i) received written or oral notice of or made a voluntary, mandatory or directed disclosure to any Governmental Entity relating to any actual or potential violation of any Anti-Corruption Law or (ii) been a party to or the subject of any pending or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened action or investigation related to any actual or potential violation of Anti-Corruption Laws. Parent has implemented and maintains policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure compliance by its directors, officers, employees, and Representatives with applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything contained in this <u>Section 4.8</u>, no representation or warranty shall be deemed to be made in this <u>Section 4.8</u> in respect of the matters referenced in <u>Section 4.4</u>, or in respect of Tax, employee benefits, labor or compliance with Environmental Laws.

Section 4.9 Tax Matters. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect:

- (a) Each of Parent and each of the Parent Subsidiaries has (i) timely filed or caused to be filed (taking into account any extension of time within which to file) all Tax Returns required to have been filed by it, and all such Tax Returns were true, correct and complete, (ii) timely paid in full or caused to be paid in full to the appropriate Governmental Entity all Taxes required to be paid by it (whether or not shown as due on such Tax Returns), (iii) established adequate accruals and reserves, in accordance with GAAP, on the financial statements included in the Parent SEC Documents for all Taxes payable by Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries for all taxable periods and portions thereof through the date of such financial statements and (iv) not received any written notice of any deficiencies for any Tax of Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries from any taxing authority for which there are not adequate accruals or reserves on the financial statements included in the Parent SEC Documents.
- (b) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary is the subject of any currently ongoing examination, audit, litigation or other proceeding with respect to Taxes, nor has any examination, audit, litigation or other proceeding with respect to Taxes been proposed against any of them in writing, and any deficiencies asserted or assessments made as a result of any examination, audit, litigation or other proceeding with respect to Taxes have been paid in full or are being contested in good faith and adequate accruals or reserves for such deficiencies or assessments have been established. There are no Liens for Taxes on any of the assets of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary other than Parent Permitted Liens. No claim has ever been made in writing by a taxing authority of a jurisdiction where Parent or any Parent Subsidiary has not filed Tax Returns or paid taxes of a particular type that Parent or such Subsidiary is or may be subject to taxation by that jurisdiction, or is required to file Tax Returns or pay Taxes of such type in such jurisdiction.

- (c) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary (i) has ever been a member of any affiliated, combined, unitary or other similar group (other than any such group the common parent of which is Parent or any Parent Subsidiary), (ii) is a party to or bound by any written Tax allocation, indemnification, sharing or similar agreement (other than an agreement exclusively between or among Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries), except for customary commercial agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business the primary purpose of which is not related to Taxes, or (iii) has any liability for any Taxes of any Person (other than Parent or any Parent Subsidiary) under Section 1.1502-6 of the Treasury regulations promulgated under the Code (or any analogous or similar provision of any state, local or non-U.S. Tax Law), as a transferee or successor, by contract (other than pursuant to customary commercial agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business the primary purpose of which is not related to Taxes), or otherwise by operation of Law.
- (d) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries (A) have timely paid, deducted, withheld and collected all amounts required to be paid, deducted, withheld or collected by any of them with respect to any payment owing to, or received from, their employees, creditors, independent contractors, customers and other third parties (and have timely paid over, or set aside in accounts for such purpose, any amounts so withheld, deducted or collected to the appropriate Governmental Entity), and (B) have otherwise complied with all applicable Laws relating to the payment, withholding, collection and remittance of Taxes (including information reporting requirements).
- (e) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has distributed stock of another Person, or has had its stock distributed by another Person, in a transaction that was purported or intended to be governed in whole or in part by Section 355(a) of the Code within the past two (2) years or otherwise as part of a plan that includes the Merger.
- (f) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has participated in any "listed transaction" within the meaning of Section 1.6011-4(b)(2) of the Treasury regulations promulgated under the Code (or any analogous or similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. Law).
- (g) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary (i) has filed or agreed to any extension of time within which to file any Tax Returns that have not been filed, except for automatic extensions of time to file income Tax Returns entered into in the ordinary course of business, (ii) has entered into any agreement or other arrangement waiving or extending the statute of limitations or the period of assessment or collection of any Taxes, (iii) has applied for a ruling from a taxing authority relating to any Taxes that has not been granted or has proposed to enter into an agreement with a taxing authority that is pending or (iv) is party to or bound by any "closing agreement" as described in Section 7121 of the Code (or any analogous or similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. Tax Law) or any private letter rulings, technical advice memoranda or similar agreement or rulings by or with any taxing authority.
- (h) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has taken or agreed to take any action, intends to take any action, or has Knowledge of any fact or circumstance, in each case, that could reasonably be expected to prevent or impede the Merger from qualifying as, or to cause the Merger to fail to qualify as, a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1) of the Code.

(i) It is agreed and understood that no representation or warranty is made by Parent in respect of Tax matters in any Section of this Agreement other than Section 4.4, this Section 4.9 and Section 4.10.

Section 4.10 Employee Benefit Plans.

- (a) Section 4.10(a) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete and accurate list of all material Parent Benefit Plans. With respect to each material Parent Benefit Plan, Parent has made available to the Company copies of, as applicable, (i) each summary plan description and summaries of material modifications, (ii) the most recent IRS determination letter or foreign equivalent issued by a Governmental Entity, as may be applicable, (iii) actuarial reports and financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year, (iv) the most recent annual report (Form 5500) and all applicable schedules thereto or foreign equivalent and (v) all material, non-routine documents and correspondence relating thereto received from or provided to any Governmental Entity during the past year.
- (b) Each Parent Benefit Plan has been operated and administered in all material respects in accordance with its terms and all applicable Laws, including ERISA and the Code. Each Parent Benefit Plan intended to be "qualified" within the meaning of Section 401(a) of the Code is the subject of a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service as to its qualification and, to Parent's Knowledge, no event has occurred that could reasonably be expected to result in the disqualification of such Parent Benefit Plan. Since January 1, 2023, there have not been any actions pending against or involving or, to Parent's Knowledge, threatened against or threatened to involve any Parent Benefit Plan (other than routine claims for benefits). No events have occurred with respect to any Parent Benefit Plan that has resulted in, or to Parent's Knowledge, would reasonably be expected to result in, the assessment of any material excise Taxes or penalties against Parent. All contributions, premiums and payments that are due to have been made for each Parent Benefit Plan within the time periods prescribed by the terms of such plan and applicable Law have been made.
- (c) Parent does not sponsor, contribute to, have an obligation to contribute to or have any liability, and has not since January 1, 2019, sponsored, contributed to, had an obligation to contribute to or had any liability with respect to (i) a plan subject to Title IV of ERISA, including any defined benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(35) of ERISA), (ii) a multiple employer plan subject to Section 4063 or 4064 of ERISA, (iii) a plan subject to Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code, (iv) a multiple employer welfare arrangement (as defined in Section 3(40)(A) of ERISA) or (v) a voluntary employees' beneficiary association under Section 501(c)(9) of the Code. Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary contributes to a "multiemployer plan" (as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA). Other than routine claims for benefits, no liability under Title IV of ERISA has been incurred by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary that has not been satisfied in full when due, and no condition exists that could reasonably be expected to result in a material liability to Parent or any Parent Subsidiary under Title IV of ERISA.
- (d) The consummation of the Transactions will not (i) entitle any current or former employee, director, consultant or other individual service provider of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary to any compensation or benefits (including severance, retention or change in control pay, unemployment compensation or any other payment), (ii) accelerate the time of payment or vesting, or increase the amount, of compensation due any such current or former employee or director or (iii) limit or restrict the right of Parent and, after the consummation of the Transactions, Parent or the Surviving Corporation, to merge, amend or terminate any Parent Benefit Plans.

- (e) There are no material pending or, to Parent's Knowledge, threatened Claims against, by or on behalf of, or any Liens filed against or with respect to, any of the Parent Benefit Plans or otherwise involving any Parent Benefit Plan.
- (f) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary is a party to any agreement, contract or arrangement that would reasonably be expected to result, separately or in the aggregate, in the payment of any "excess parachute payments" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code.
- (g) Parent has no obligation to gross-up, indemnify or otherwise reimburse any current or former employee, director, consultant or other individual service provider for any Tax incurred by such individual, including under Section 409A or 4999 of the Code.
- (h) No Parent Benefit Plan provides any benefits, including death or medical benefits (whether or not insured), with respect to current or former employees or directors of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary beyond their retirement or other termination of service, other than (i) health continuation coverage pursuant to Section 4980B of the Code, (ii) coverage mandated solely by applicable Law, or (iii) benefits the full costs of which are borne by the current or former employee or director or his or her beneficiary.
- (i) Each Parent Benefit Plan that is in any part a "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" subject to Section 409A of the Code complies and has complied, both in form and operation, in all material respects, with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and the final regulations and other applicable guidance thereunder.

Section 4.11 Employment and Labor Matters.

(a) (i) To the Knowledge of Parent, since January 1, 2023, no Union has attempted to organize employees at Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board seeking to be certified as the bargaining representative of any employees of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary ("Parent Employees"), (ii) since January 1, 2023, there have been no actual or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened (A) work stoppages, lock-outs or strikes, (B) slowdowns, boycotts, handbilling, picketing, walkouts, demonstrations, leafleting, sit-ins or sick-outs by Parent Employees, causing significant disruption to the operations of a Parent facility, or (C) other form of Union disruption at Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, (iii) except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, there is no unfair labor practice, labor dispute, or labor arbitration proceeding pending or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened with respect to Parent Employees and (iv) neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary are required under applicable Law or Contract to provide notice to, or to enter into any consultation procedure with, any Union or similar foreign labor organization, in connection with the execution of this Agreement or the Transactions.

- (b) Except for such matters that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (i) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries are, and since January 1, 2023 have been, in compliance with all applicable state, federal, and local Laws respecting labor and employment, including all Laws relating to discrimination, disability, labor relations, unfair labor practices, hours of work, payment of wages, employee benefits, retirement benefits, compensation, immigration, workers' compensation, working conditions, occupational safety and health, family and medical leave, reductions in force, plant closings, notification of employees, and employee terminations and (ii) neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has any liabilities under the WARN Act or any state or local Laws requiring notice with respect to such layoffs or terminations.
- (c) Except for such matters that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, since January 1, 2023, (i) no Governmental Entity has initiated or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened to initiate, any material complaints, charges, lawsuits, grievances, claims, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, or other proceeding(s) or investigation(s) with respect to Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries arising out of, in connection with, or otherwise relating to any Parent Employees or any Laws governing labor or employment, and (ii) no Governmental Entity has issued or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened to issue any significant citation, order, judgment, fine or decree against Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries with respect to any Parent Employees or any Laws governing labor or employment.
- (d) To the Knowledge of Parent, no Parent Employee is in any respect in violation of any term of any employment agreement, nondisclosure agreement, common law nondisclosure obligation, fiduciary duty, non-competition agreement, restrictive covenant or other obligation (i) to Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or (ii) to a former employer of any such employee relating (A) to the right of any such employee to be employed by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or (B) to the knowledge or use of trade secrets or proprietary information.
- (e) Since January 1, 2023, neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary is or has been party to a settlement agreement with a current or former officer, employee or independent contractor of Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries that involves allegations relating to harassment or discrimination of any kind by either (i) an officer of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or (ii) an employee of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary at the level of Senior Vice President or above. To the Knowledge of Parent, since January 1, 2023, no allegations of harassment or discrimination of any kind have been made against (i) any officer of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or (ii) an employee of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary at a level of Senior Vice President or above.

Section 4.12 Environmental Laws and Regulations.

- (a) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect:
- (i) there is no pending or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened claim, lawsuit, or administrative proceeding against Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, under or pursuant to any Environmental Law, and neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has received notice from any Person, including any Governmental Entity, alleging that Parent has been or is in violation or potentially in violation of any applicable Environmental Law or otherwise may be liable under any applicable Environmental Law, which violation or liability is unresolved;

- (ii) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries are and, since January 1, 2020, have been in compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws and with all material permits, licenses and approvals required under Environmental Laws for the conduct of their business or the operation of their facilities:
- (iii) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries have all material permits, licenses, authorizations and any other approvals required for the ownership operation of the businesses and their facilities pursuant to applicable Environmental Law, all such permits, licenses and approvals are in effect, and, to the Knowledge of Parent, there is no actual or threatened proceeding to revoke, modify or terminate such permits, licenses, authorizations and approvals;
- (iv) there has been no release of Hazardous Materials at any real property currently or, to the Knowledge of Parent, formerly owned, leased, or operated by Parent or any Subsidiary in concentrations or under conditions or circumstances that (A) would reasonably be expected to result in liability to Parent or any Parent Subsidiary under any Environmental Laws or (B) would require reporting, investigation, remediation, or other corrective or response action by Parent or any Subsidiary under any Environmental Law and that has not otherwise been addressed through such reporting, investigation, remediation, or other corrective or responsive action by Parent or any Subsidiary;
- (v) Parent is not party to any order, judgment or decree that imposes any obligations under any Environmental Law and, to the Knowledge of Parent, has not, either expressly or by operation of Law, undertaken any such obligations, including any obligation for corrective or remedial action, of any other person; and
- (vi) this Agreement and the Transactions will not trigger, or otherwise be subject to, any Environmental Law requiring the investigation or remediation of environmental conditions at any property currently owned or leased by Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries as a result of such transactions, including the Industrial Site Recovery Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq. and all implementing rules and regulations, and neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has any unresolved obligations under any such Environmental Laws.
- (b) Parent has delivered or otherwise made available for inspection to the Company (including through documents or discussions) information reasonably describing any (i) material unresolved liabilities under Environmental Law, (ii) Hazardous Materials in, on, beneath or adjacent to any property currently or formerly owned, operated or leased by Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries that would be reasonably likely to form the basis of any material claim against Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries under Environmental Law or (iii) material non-compliance with Environmental Laws by Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries.

Section 4.13 <u>Insurance</u>. Except as would not have or would not be reasonably expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (a) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries are insured with reputable insurers against such risks and in such amounts as the management of Parent reasonably has determined in good faith to be prudent and consistent with industry practice, and Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with their insurance policies and are not in default under any of the terms thereof and (b) all material fire and casualty, general liability, director and officer, business interruption, product liability, and sprinkler and water damage insurance policies maintained by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary ("<u>Parent Insurance Policies</u>") are in full force and effect, all premiums due with respect to all Parent Insurance Policies have been paid and neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has received any written notice of cancellation, invalidation or non-renewal of any Parent Insurance Policies.

Section 4.14 Required Vote of Parent Stockholders; Merger Sub Approval.

- (a) The affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the Parent Common Stock present or represented and entitled to vote on the Parent Common Stock Issuance at the Parent Stockholder Meeting (so long as a quorum is present) is the only vote of the holders of any class or series of Parent capital stock necessary to approve the Parent Common Stock Issuance (the "Parent Stockholder Approval"), and no other vote of the holders of any class or series of Parent capital stock is necessary to approve the Parent Common Stock Issuance or to approve this Agreement or the Transactions.
- (b) The board of directors of Merger Sub, by written consent duly adopted prior to the date hereof, (i) determined that this Agreement and the Transactions are advisable and in the best interests of Merger Sub and its stockholder, (ii) duly approved this Agreement and the Transactions, which approval has not been rescinded or modified and (iii) submitted this Agreement for adoption, and the Transactions for approval, by Parent, as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub. Parent, as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub, has duly adopted this Agreement and approved the Transactions.
- Section 4.15 <u>Lack of Ownership of Company Common Stock</u>. Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, any shares of Company Common Stock or other securities convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for shares of Company Common Stock or any securities of any Company Subsidiary (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, any shares of Company Common Stock that may be held by Parent Benefit Plans), and neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has any rights to acquire any shares of Company Common Stock except pursuant to this Agreement. There are no voting trusts or other agreements or understandings to which Parent or any Parent Subsidiary is a party with respect to the voting of the capital stock or other equity interest of the Company or any Company Subsidiary.

Section 4.16 Regulatory Matters.

(a) Section 4.16(a) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule lists each Parent Subsidiary that is subject to regulation by a state regulatory commission as a public utility or public service company (or similar designation) and the states where such Parent Subsidiary is subject to such regulation (the "Regulated Parent Subsidiaries"). Other than as set forth in Section 4.16(a) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule, as of the date hereof, neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary is subject to regulation as a public utility or public service company (or similar designation) by any state in the U.S. or in any foreign country. No asset of Parent or any of the Regulated Parent Subsidiaries is currently disallowed from recovery in rates based on its value and associated expenses in any ratemaking procedure before any Applicable PSC, as applicable.

- (b) All filings (other than immaterial filings) required to be made by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary since January 1, 2023 with any applicable state public utility commissions and under applicable state Law, as the case may be, have been made, including all forms, statements, reports, agreements and all documents, exhibits, amendments and supplements appertaining thereto, including all rates, tariffs, franchises, service agreements, and related documents, and all such filings complied, as of their respective dates, with all applicable requirements of applicable Laws, except for filings the failure of which to make or the failure of which to make in compliance with all applicable requirements of applicable Laws, would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) Each of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries, as applicable, is legally entitled to provide services in all areas (i) where it currently provides service to its customers and (ii) as identified in its respective Permits, in each case, except for failures to be so entitled that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.
- (d) As of the date hereof, neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary all or part of whose rates or services are regulated by a Governmental Entity (i) is a party to any rate proceeding before a Governmental Entity with respect to rates charged by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (ii) other than as set forth in Section 4.16(d) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule, has rates in any amounts that have been or are being collected subject to refund, pending final resolution of any rate proceeding pending before a Governmental Entity or on appeal to a court (other than rates based on estimated costs or revenues that are subject to adjustment once the actual costs or revenues become known) or (iii) is a party to any contract with any Governmental Entity entered into other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice imposing conditions on rates or services in effect as of the date hereof or which, to the Knowledge of Parent, are as of the date hereof scheduled to go into effect at a later time, except, in the case of clauses (i) through (iii), that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.17 <u>Water Quality and Water Rights</u>. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (a) the drinking water supplied by Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries to their respective customers is and has been, since January 1, 2023, in compliance with all applicable federal and state drinking water standards and (b) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries have all rights, authorizations, permits, easements, prescriptive rights and rights of way, whether or not of record, which are necessary to extract and deliver water to their respective customers in a manner adequate and sufficient for the conduct of its business as currently conducted (the "<u>Parent Water Rights</u>"). To the Knowledge of Parent, (i) there is not any existing breach or default by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary under any of the Parent Water Rights which (with or without notice, lapse of time or both) would cause any of the Parent Water Rights to be lost, revoked or compromised or not be satisfied and (ii) there is no other reason to believe that any Parent Water Rights will be lost, revoked or compromised or will not be satisfied, except, in each of clauses (i) and (ii), as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.18 Intellectual Property; Information Technology; Data Protection.

- (a) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries own or have a valid right to use all Intellectual Property Rights used in connection with and reasonably necessary for the business of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries as currently conducted. To the Knowledge of Parent, neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has infringed, misappropriated or violated in any material respect any Intellectual Property Rights of any third party except where such infringement, misappropriation or violation would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect. To the Knowledge of Parent, no third party is infringing, misappropriating or violating any Intellectual Property Rights owned or exclusively licensed by or to Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, except where such infringement, misappropriation or violation would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, the computer systems (including the software, hardware, networks, platforms and related systems) used in connection with the business of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary are adequate and sufficient for the operation of the business of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries as currently conducted.
- (c) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, since January 1, 2023, Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries have in all material respects Processed Personal Data in compliance with Information Privacy Requirements. Since January 1, 2023, to the Knowledge of Parent, no Claim or investigation has been filed, commenced or threatened in writing against Parent or any Parent Subsidiary alleging, and neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary have given any written Claim of, any material failure to comply with any Information Privacy Requirement. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, since January 1, 2023, Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries have implemented and maintained industry standard administrative, technical, physical and organizational security measures, including written policies and procedures designed to protect the integrity, confidentiality and security of Personal Data Processed by Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries.

Section 4.19 Real Property.

(a) Except as would not have or would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, each of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries has either good, valid or marketable fee title to each parcel of real property owned in whole or in part by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, together with all buildings and other structures, facilities or improvements located thereon and all easements, licenses, rights and appurtenances of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary relating to the foregoing (collectively, the "Parent Owned Real Property") free and clear of all Liens, other than Parent Permitted Liens. Except as would not have or would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, there are no outstanding agreements, options, rights of first offer or rights of first refusal, leases, licenses or other occupancy agreements granting to any third party any right to purchase, use, occupy or enjoy any Parent Owned Real Property or any portion thereof or interest therein.

- (b) Except as would not have or would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, each of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries holds a valid and existing leasehold or other real property interest in all leasehold or subleasehold estates, license or occupancy agreements (collectively, the "Parent Real Property Leases"), easements, rights of ways or other real property rights to the land, buildings, wires, pipes, structures and other improvements thereon and fixtures thereto necessary to permit it to conduct its business as currently conducted (whether written or oral), and all amendments or modifications thereto (collectively, the "Parent Leased Real Property"). Except as would not reasonably be expected to interfere in any material respect with the current use and operation of the Parent Leased Real Property by Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries, each Parent Real Property Lease is in full force and effect, and Parent or a Parent Subsidiary holds a valid and existing leasehold or other real property interest in all of the Parent Leased Real Property, free and clear of all subtenancies and other occupancy rights, and Liens other than Parent Permitted Liens. All parties to each Parent Real Property Lease are in material compliance with the terms thereof and there are no material defaults thereunder or events, which with the passage of time or notice, or both, would constitute a material default.
- (c) With respect to each Parent Owned Real Property and each Parent Leased Real Property, (i) neither Parent nor any of the Parent Subsidiaries has received written notice of any pending or threatened eminent domain, condemnation, or similar taking proceedings, (ii) neither Parent nor any of the Parent Subsidiaries has received any written notice that would reasonably be likely to cause either Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries to materially curtail its operations at such property, or that would reasonably be expected to materially impair such operations, (iii) to the Knowledge of Parent, each Parent Owned Real Property and each Parent Leased Real Property is in compliance with all applicable Laws, except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect and (iv) all utilities presently serving the Parent Owned Real Property and Parent Leased Real Property are presently adequate to service the existing normal operations of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries, in each case, except as would not have or would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.
- (d) Except as would not have or would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, the Parent Owned Real Property and Parent Leased Real Property, including all structures, buildings, fixtures, building systems, facilities, improvements or the like located thereon, are in good operating condition and repair, ordinary wear and tear and deferred maintenance excepted, and are sufficient for the uses in which such properties are presently employed.

Section 4.20 Material Contracts.

- (a) Except for this Agreement, as set forth in <u>Section 4.20</u> of the Parent Disclosure Schedule and Parent Benefit Plans, as of the date hereof, neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary is a party to or bound by any Contract that:
 - (i) is a "material contract" (as such term is defined in Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC);
 - (ii) would, after giving effect to the Merger, materially limit or materially restrict the Surviving Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries or any successor thereto, from engaging or competing in any line of business that it currently engages in or is a reasonable extension thereof (including with respect to Parent after the Effective Time) or in any geographic area (including through exclusivity, non-solicitation or "most favored nation" provisions with respect to customers);
 - (iii) limits or otherwise restricts the ability of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary to pay dividends or make distributions to its stockholders;
 - (iv) (A) is an indenture, credit agreement, loan agreement, security agreement, guarantee, note, mortgage or other agreement or commitment that provides for or relates to any Indebtedness of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, including any sale and leaseback transactions or other similar financing arrangements or (B) provides for the guarantee, support, indemnification, assumption or endorsement by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary of, or any similar commitment by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary with respect to, the obligations, liabilities or Indebtedness of any other Person of the nature described in clause (A), in the case of each of clauses (A) and (B), in the principal amount of \$200,000,000 or more;
 - (v) is a settlement, consent or similar Contract to resolve litigation and that contains any material continuing obligations of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary;
 - (vi) is a collective bargaining agreement, work rules or other agreement with any Union;
 - (vii) (A) is a joint venture, partnership or limited liability company agreement or other similar Contract relating to the formation, creation, operation, management or control of any Joint Venture of Parent (other than any such Contract solely among any of Parent and the wholly owned Parent Subsidiaries), in each case, that is material to Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries taken as a whole or (B) is a shareholder or stockholder agreement between Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, on the one hand, and any other Person, on the other hand;
 - (viii) grants any right of first refusal, right of first offer, or right of first negotiation with respect to any assets, rights or properties of Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries that are material to Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries taken as a whole; or

(ix) relates to any past or pending acquisition or disposition of any Person, business or assets constituting a business and under which Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries have any material continuing guarantee, "earnout" or other contingent, deferred or fixed payment obligations.

- (b) Each Contract of the type described in this Section 4.20, whether or not set forth on Section 4.20 of the Parent Disclosure Schedule and whether or not entered into on or prior to the date hereof, is referred to herein as a "Parent Material Contract." Parent has made available to the Company true, correct and complete copies of each Parent Material Contract in effect as of the date hereof (other than any Contracts publicly available and filed as exhibits to the Parent SEC Documents prior to the date of this Agreement), excluding any schedules, annexes, exhibits, work orders, statements of work or other ancillary documents with respect to any such Parent Material Contracts that are no longer in force or effect or do not contain terms that are, individually or in the aggregate, material to Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (c) Each Parent Material Contract is a valid and binding obligation of Parent or the Parent Subsidiary party thereto enforceable against Parent or such Parent Subsidiary in accordance with its terms (except that such enforcement may be subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exceptions) and, to Parent's Knowledge, each other party thereto, and is in full force and effect, and each of Parent and each of the Parent Subsidiaries which is a party thereto has performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it to the date hereof under each Parent Material Contract and, to Parent's Knowledge, each other party to each Parent Material Contract has performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it under such Parent Material Contract, except, in each case, as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect. Parent has no Knowledge of, and none of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary has received notice of, any violation of or default under (or any condition which with the passage of time or the giving of notice would cause such a violation of or default under) any Parent Material Contract to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties or assets is bound, except for violations or defaults that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 4.21 Opinion of Financial Advisor. The Parent Board has received the oral opinion of BofA Securities, Inc., which opinion will be subsequently confirmed in writing, to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion and based upon and subject to the various factors, limitations, qualifications, assumptions and other matters set forth therein, the Exchange Ratio provided for in the Merger is fair, from a financial point of view, to Parent. Parent shall, promptly following receipt of said opinion in written form, furnish an accurate and complete copy of said opinion to the Company solely for informational purposes and on a non-reliance basis.

Section 4.22 <u>Finders or Brokers</u>. Except for BofA Securities, Inc. (the fees and expenses of which will be the responsibility of Parent), neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has employed any investment banker, broker or finder in connection with the Transactions who might be entitled to any fee or any commission in connection with or upon consummation of the Merger or the Transactions.