

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
January 22, 1997

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its
charter)

North Carolina
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

1-6523
(Commission File Number)

56-0906609
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

NationsBank Corporate Center
Charlotte, North Carolina
(Address of principal executive offices)

28255
(Zip Code)

(704) 386-5000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area
code)

NB CAPITAL TRUST III
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its
charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

1-6523-03
(Commission File Number)

56-6490302
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

c/o NationsBank Corporate Center
Charlotte, North Carolina
(Address of principal executive offices)

28255
(Zip Code)

(704) 386-5972
(Registrant's telephone number, including area
code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

For a transaction effective January 22, 1997, the Trustees (the "Trustees") of NB Capital Trust III (the "Trust") approved the public offering of 500,000 of the Trust's Floating Rate Capital Securities (liquidation amount \$1,000 per security) having an aggregate initial offering price of \$500,000,000 (the "Capital Securities"), which Capital Securities represent the undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust, to various underwriters (the "Underwriters") and otherwise established the terms and conditions of the Capital Securities. In connection with the offering of the Capital Securities, the Trustees also approved the sale of the Trust's Common

Securities (the "Common Securities") to NationsBank Corporation ("NationsBank") and otherwise established the terms and conditions of the Common Securities. Also for a transaction effective January 22, 1997, the Trustees authorized the investment of the proceeds from the sale of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities in the Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes, due 2027 of NationsBank (the "Junior Notes"). The resolutions of the Trustees are included as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

By written consent dated January 22, 1997, a Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of NationsBank approved the sale to the Trust of a series of the Junior Notes having an aggregate principal amount of up to \$515,500,000 and otherwise established the terms and conditions of the Junior Notes. Resolutions of such Committee are included as Exhibit 99.2 hereto.

The terms of the offering, the Capital Securities, the Common Securities and the Junior Notes are described in the Registrants' Prospectus dated January 14, 1997, constituting a part of the Registration Statement (hereinafter described), as supplemented by a Prospectus Supplement dated January 22, 1997. The Underwriting Agreement is included as Exhibit 1.1 hereto. The offering was closed on February 3, 1997.

The Capital Securities were issued pursuant to the Registrants' Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration Nos. 333-18273 and 333-18273-01 (the "Registration Statement"), on a delayed basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Registration Statement registered up to \$1,031,000,000 aggregate initial price of NationsBank junior subordinated notes and up to \$1,000,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of preferred securities of NB Capital Trust III, NB Capital Trust IV and NB Capital Trust V together with related guarantees of such preferred securities by NationsBank. The Registration Statement was declared effective on January 14, 1997.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT
1.1	Underwriting Agreement dated January 22, 1997 with respect to the offering of the Capital Securities
4.1	Form of Capital Securities
4.2	Form of Junior Note (included in Exhibit 4.3)
4.3	Third Supplemental Indenture to be used in connection with the issuance of Junior Notes
4.4	Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of NB Capital Trust III
99.1	Resolutions of the Trustees of NB Capital Trust III dated January 22, 1997 with respect to the terms of the offering of the Capital Securities
99.2	Resolutions of a Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of NationsBank Corporation dated January 22, 1997 with respect to the Junior Notes
99.3	News Release disseminated on January 22, 1997 regarding the sale of the Capital Securities

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION

By: /s/CHARLES M. BERGER

CHARLES M. BERGER
Associate General Counsel

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

By: /S/ JOHN E. MACK

JOHN E. MACK
Regular Trustee

Dated: February 3, 1997

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500,000 Capital Securities

NB CAPITAL TRUST III
(a Delaware Trust)

Floating Rate Capital Securities
(Liquidation Amount of \$1,000 per Capital Security)

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

January 22, 1997

NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc.
Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.
Lehman Brothers Inc.
as Representatives of the several Underwriters
c/o NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc.
100 North Tryon Street, 7th Floor
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Attention: Mark T. Wilson
Director

Ladies and Gentlemen:

NB Capital Trust III (the "Trust"), a statutory business trust organized under the Business Trust Act (the "Delaware Act") of the State of Delaware (Chapter 38, Title 12, of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. C. (S) (S) 3801 et seq.), and NationsBank Corporation, a North Carolina corporation (the "Company" and, together with the Trust, the "Offerors"), confirm their agreement (the "Agreement") with NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc., Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc. and each of the several Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (collectively, the "Underwriters," which term shall also include any underwriter substituted as hereinafter provided in Section 9 hereof), for whom NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc., Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc. are acting as representatives (in such capacity, the "Representatives", however, if the Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto include only NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc., Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc., then all references in this Agreement to the Representatives shall be deemed references to the Underwriters), with respect to the sale by the Trust and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the respective numbers of Floating Rate Capital Securities (liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Capital security) of the Trust (the "Capital Securities") set forth in Schedule A attached hereto. The Capital Securities will be guaranteed on a subordinated basis by the Company, to the extent set forth in the Prospectus (as defined herein), with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise (the "Capital Securities Guarantee") pursuant to the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, to be dated as of

February 3, 1997, (the "Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement"), between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Guarantee Trustee"), and will be entitled to the benefits of certain backup undertakings described in the Prospectus (as defined herein) with respect to the Company's agreement pursuant to the Supplemental Indenture (as defined herein) to pay all expenses relating to administration of the Trust (other than payment obligations with respect to the Capital Securities). The Capital Securities and the related Capital Securities Guarantees are referred to herein as the "Securities."

The Offerors have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-18273) and a related prospectus for the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act") of (i) the Capital Securities, (ii) the Capital Securities Guarantee, and (iii) the Junior Subordinated Notes (as defined below) to be issued and sold to the Trust by the Company, have filed such amendments thereto, if any, and such amended prospectuses as may have been required to the date hereof, and will file such additional amendments thereto and such amended prospectuses as may hereafter be required. Such registration statement (as amended) and the prospectus constituting a part thereof (including, in each case, all documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act and the information, if any, deemed to be part thereof pursuant to Rule 430A(b) of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1933 Act (the "1933 Act Regulations")), as from time to time amended or supplemented pursuant to the 1933 Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), or otherwise, are hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement" and the "Prospectus," respectively, except that, if any revised prospectus shall be provided to the Underwriters by the Offerors for use in connection with the offering of the Capital Securities which differs from the Prospectus on file at the Commission

at the time the Registration Statement became effective (whether or not such revised prospectus is required to be filed by the Offerors pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations), the term "Prospectus" shall refer to such revised prospectus from and after the time it is first provided to the Underwriters for such use. All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information that is "contained," "included" or "stated" in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (and all other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information that are or are deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include the filing of any document under the 1934 Act that is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

The Offerors understand that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of the Securities as soon as the Representatives deem advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered and the Declaration (as defined herein), the Indenture (as defined herein) and the Capital Securities Guarantee have been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "1939 Act"). The entire proceeds to the Trust from the sale of the Capital

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Securities will be combined with the entire proceeds from the sale by the Trust to the Company of its common securities (the "Common Securities"), as guaranteed on a subordinated basis by the Company, to the extent set forth in the Prospectus, with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation and redemption thereof (the "Common Securities Guarantee" and together with the Capital Securities Guarantee, the "Guarantees") pursuant to the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement, to be dated as of February 3, 1997, (the "Common Securities Guarantee Agreement" and, together with the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, the "Guarantee Agreements") and will be used by the Trust to purchase \$515,500,000 aggregate principal amount of Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due 2027 (the "Junior Subordinated Notes") issued by the Company, under the Indenture (as defined herein). The Capital Securities and the Common Securities will be issued pursuant to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Trust, dated as of January 22, 1997 (the "Declaration"), among the Company, as Sponsor, John E. Mack, William L. Maxwell and Marc D. Oken, as trustees (the "Regular Trustees"), The Bank of New York (Delaware), a Delaware banking corporation (as "Delaware Trustee"), and The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, as property trustee (the "Property Trustee" and, together with the Delaware Trustee and Regular Trustees, the "Trustees"), and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust. The Junior Subordinated Notes will be issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of November 27, 1996 (the "Base Indenture"), between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Debt Trustee"), and a supplement to the Base Indenture, to be dated as of February 3, 1997 (the "Supplemental Indenture," and together with the Base Indenture, the "Indenture"), between the Company and the Debt Trustee.

SECTION 1. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. (a) The Offerors jointly and severally represent and warrant to each Underwriter as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Time (as hereinafter defined) as follows:

(i) At the time the Registration Statement became effective and as of the date hereof, the Registration Statement complied in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and the 1939 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1939 Act (the "1939 Act Regulations"), and did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The Prospectus, dated the date hereof (unless the term "Prospectus" refers to a prospectus that has been provided to the Underwriters by the Trust for use in connection with the offering of the Securities and that differs from the Prospectus on file at the Commission at the time the Registration Statement became effective, in which case, at the time it is first provided to the Underwriters for such use) and at Closing Time does not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, the Offerors make no representations or warranties as to (A) that part of the Registration Statement which constitutes the Statements of Eligibility and Qualification (Forms T-1) under the 1939 Act of the Debt

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Trustee, the Property Trustee or the Guarantee Trustee or (B) the information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto in

reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Offerors by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for inclusion in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and actually included therein.

(ii) The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or Prospectus, at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1934 Act (the "1934 Act Regulations").

(iii) To the best knowledge of the Offerors, Price Waterhouse LLP, the accountants who certified the financial statements and supporting schedules included in or incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, are independent public accountants as required by the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.

(iv) The Trust has been duly created and is validly existing and in good standing as a business trust under the Delaware Act with the power and authority to own property and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Capital Securities, the Common Securities and the Declaration; the Trust is not a party to or otherwise bound by any agreement other than those described in the Prospectus; the Trust is and will be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust and not as an association taxable as a corporation; and the Trust is and will be treated as a consolidated subsidiary of the Company pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles.

(v) The Common Securities have been duly authorized by the Trust pursuant to the Declaration and, when issued and delivered by the Trust to the Company against payment therefor as described in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, will be validly issued and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, fully paid and non-assessable undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust and will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus; the issuance of the Common Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights.

(vi) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each of the Offerors.

(vii) The Declaration has been duly authorized by the Company, as Sponsor, and will have been duly executed and delivered by the Company and the Trustees, and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery of the Declaration by the Property Trustee, the Declaration is and will be a valid and binding obligation of the Company, the

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Trust and the Regular Trustees, enforceable against the Company and the Regular Trustees in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement of remedies, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors now or hereafter in effect, and to equitable principles that may limit the right to specific enforcement of remedies, and further subject to 12 U.S.C. 1818(b)(6)(D) (or any successor statute) and any bank regulatory powers now or hereafter in effect and to the application of principles of public policy (collectively, the "Permitted Exceptions") and will conform to all statements relating thereto in the Prospectus; and the Declaration has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

(viii) Each of the Guarantee Agreements has been duly authorized by the Company and, when validly executed and delivered by the Company, and, in the case of the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery of the Capital Securities Guarantee by the Guarantee Trustee, will constitute a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions, and each of the Guarantees and the Guarantee Agreements will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus; and the Trust pursuant to the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement will have been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

(ix) The Capital Securities have been duly authorized by the Trust pursuant to the Declaration and, when issued and delivered pursuant to this Agreement against payment of the consideration therefor set forth in Schedule B hereto will be validly issued and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, fully paid and non-assessable

undivided beneficial interests in the Trust, will be entitled to the benefits of the Declaration and will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus; the issuance of the Capital Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights; and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, holders of Capital Securities will be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability under Delaware law as extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit.

(x) Each of the Regular Trustees of the Trust is an employee of the Company and has been duly authorized by the Company to execute and deliver the Declaration; the Declaration has been duly executed and delivered by the Regular Trustees and is a valid and binding obligation of each Regular Trustee, enforceable against such Regular Trustee in accordance with its terms except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions.

(xi) None of the Offerors is, and upon the issuance and sale of the Capital Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus none will be, an "investment company" or a company

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"controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

(xii) No authorization, approval, consent or order of any court or governmental authority or agency is necessary in connection with the issuance and sale of the Common Securities or the offering of the Capital Securities, the Junior Subordinated Notes or the Guarantees hereunder, except such as may be required under the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations or state securities laws and the qualification of the Declaration, the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement and the Indenture under the 1939 Act.

(b) The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Time as follows:

(i) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust or the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business.

(ii) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina with corporate power to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus, to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Declaration, as Sponsor, the Indenture and each of the Guarantee Agreements and to purchase, own, and hold the Common Securities issued by the Trust; the Company is duly registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended; and the Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the character or location of its properties or the nature or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except for any failures to be so qualified or in good standing which, taken as a whole, are not material to the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise.

(iii) NationsBank, National Association, NationsBank, National Association (South) and NationsBank of Texas, National Association (or the successors to such entities) (collectively, the "Principal Subsidiary Banks") are national banking associations formed under the laws of the United States and authorized thereunder to transact business; all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of each Principal Subsidiary Bank has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and non-assessable; and the capital stock of each Principal Subsidiary Bank owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, is owned free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity.

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(iv) The Indenture has been duly authorized by the Company and, when validly executed and delivered by the Company, will constitute a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions; the Indenture will conform to all statements relating thereto contained

in the Prospectus; and the Indenture has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

(v) The Junior Subordinated Notes have been duly authorized by the Company and have been duly executed by the Company and, when authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and delivered against payment therefor as described in the Prospectus, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions, will be in the form contemplated by, and subject to the Permitted Exceptions entitled to the benefits of, the Indenture and will conform to all statements relating thereto in the Prospectus.

(vi) The Company's obligations under the Guarantee Agreements are subordinate and junior in right of payment to all liabilities of the Company and are pari passu with the most senior preferred stock issued by the Company.

(vii) The Junior Subordinated Notes are subordinated and junior in right of payment to all "Senior Obligations" (as defined in the Indenture) of the Company.

(viii) Each holder of securities of the Company having rights to the registration of such securities under the Registration Statement has waived such rights or such rights have expired by reason of lapse of time following notification of the Company's intention to file the Registration Statement.

(ix) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of the Principal Subsidiary Banks pursuant to, any contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or other instrument to which the Company or any of the Principal Subsidiary Banks is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of the Principal Subsidiary Banks is subject (except for conflicts, breaches and defaults which would not, individually or in the aggregate, be materially adverse to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or materially adverse to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement), nor will such action result in any material violation of the provisions of the articles of incorporation or by-laws of the Company, or any applicable law, administrative regulation or administrative or court decree.

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(c) Each certificate signed by any officer of the Company and delivered to the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

(d) The Trust represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Time (as hereinafter defined) as follows:

(i) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, (A) there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and (B) there have been no transactions entered into by the Trust, other than in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Trust.

(ii) Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, there is no action, suit or proceeding before or by any government, governmental instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, now pending or, to the best knowledge of the Trust, threatened, against or affecting the Trust that is required to be disclosed in the Prospectus, other than actions, suits or proceedings which are not reasonably expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business; and there are no transactions, contracts or documents of the Trust that are required to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement by the 1933 Act or by the 1933 Act Regulations that have not been so filed.

(iii) The Trust possesses adequate certificates, authorities or permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies to conduct the business now operated by it, and the Trust has not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authority or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would materially and adversely affect the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust.

(iv) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Declaration and the Guarantee Agreements, the issuance and sale of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and therein and compliance by the Trust with its obligations hereunder and thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary action (corporate or otherwise) on the part of the Trust and do not and will not result in any violation of the Declaration or Certificate of Trust and do not and will not conflict with, or result in a breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Trust under (A) any contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or other agreement or

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instrument to which the Trust is a party or by which it may be bound or to which any of its properties may be subject or (B) any existing applicable law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any government, governmental instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, or any regulatory body or administrative agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Trust, or any of its properties (except for conflicts, breaches, violations or defaults which would not, individually or in the aggregate, be materially adverse to the Trust, or materially adverse to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement).

(e) Each certificate signed by any Trustee of the Trust and delivered to the Underwriters or counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Trust to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

(f) No action has been taken or will be taken in any jurisdiction by the Underwriters that would permit a public offering of the Securities in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Each Underwriter severally agrees with the Offerors that it will observe all applicable laws and regulations in each jurisdiction in which it may offer, sell or deliver the Securities. Each Underwriter severally agrees that it will not, directly or indirectly, offer, sell or deliver Securities or distribute the Prospectus or any other offering materials in relation to the Securities except under circumstances that will to the best of its knowledge and belief result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations.

(g) Each Underwriter represents and agrees that (a) it has not offered or sold and, prior to the expiry of six months from the Closing Time, will not offer or sell in the United Kingdom any Securities to persons in the United Kingdom except to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (whether as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted and will not result in an offer to the public in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Public Offers of Securities Regulation 1995 or the Financial Services Act 1986 (the "1986 Act"), (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the 1986 Act with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Securities in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom, and (c) it has only issued or passed on, and will only issue or pass on, in the United Kingdom any document received by it in connection with the issue of the Securities, other than any document which consists of or any part of listing particulars, supplementary listing particulars or any other document required or permitted to be published by listing rules under Part IV of the 1986 Act, to a person who is of a kind described in Article 11(3) of the Financial Services Act 1986 (Investment Advertisements) (Exemptions) Order 1996 or is a person to whom the document may otherwise lawfully be issued or passed on.

SECTION 2. SALE AND DELIVERY TO UNDERWRITERS; CLOSING.

(a) On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Trust agrees to sell to each Underwriter, severally and

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not jointly, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Trust, at the price per security set forth in the Schedule B, the number of Capital Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter (except as otherwise provided in Schedule B), plus any additional number of Capital Securities that such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 hereof.

The purchase price per security to be paid by the several Underwriters for the Capital Securities shall be an amount equal to the initial public offering price. The initial public offering price per Capital Security shall be a fixed price to be determined by agreement between the Underwriter and the Offerors. The initial public offering price and the purchase price are to be set forth in Schedule B. As compensation to the Underwriters for their commitments hereunder and in view of the fact that the proceeds of the sale of the Capital Securities will be used to purchase the Junior Subordinated Notes of the Company, the Company hereby agrees to pay at Closing Time directly to the Underwriters, a commission per Capital Security determined by agreement between the Representatives and the Company for the Capital Securities to be delivered by the Trust hereunder at Closing Time. The commission is set forth in Schedule B.

(b) Payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates for, the Capital Securities shall be made at the office of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives, the Company and the Trust, at 10:00 A.M. New York time on the fourth business day (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 9) after the date hereof, or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives, the Trust and the Company (such time and date of payment and delivery being herein called "Closing Time"). Payment shall be made to the Trust by wire transfer or certified or official bank check or similar same day funds payable to the order of the Trust to an account designated by the Trust, against delivery to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of certificates for the Capital Securities to be purchased by them. Unless otherwise agreed, certificates for the Capital Securities shall be in the form set forth in the Declaration, and such certificates shall be deposited with a custodian (the "Custodian") for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC.

At the Closing Time, the Company will pay, or cause to be paid, the commission payable at such time to the Underwriters under this Section 2 hereof by wire transfer or certified or official bank check or checks payable to the Representatives in same day funds.

SECTION 3. COVENANTS OF THE OFFERORS. Each of the Offerors jointly and severally covenants with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) The Offerors will notify the Representatives promptly, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) of the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto (including any post-effective amendment), (ii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration

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Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or for additional information, and (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose. The Offerors will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order and, if any stop order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(b) The Offerors will give the Representatives notice of their intention to file or prepare (i) any amendment to the Registration Statement (including any post-effective amendment), (ii) any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus (including any revised prospectus which the Offerors propose for use by the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Capital Securities which differs from the prospectus on file at the Commission at the time the Registration Statement became effective, whether or not such revised prospectus is required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations), or (iii) any document that would as a result thereof be incorporated by reference in the Prospectus whether pursuant to the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act or otherwise, will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such amendment, supplement or other document within a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file any such amendment, supplement or other document or use any such prospectus to which the Underwriters or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object. Subject to the foregoing, the Offerors will file the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) and Rule 430A under the Act not later than the Commission's close of business on the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

(c) The Offerors will deliver to the Representatives as many signed

copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) as the Representatives may reasonably request and will also deliver to the Representatives a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (without exhibits) for each of the Underwriters.

(d) The Offerors will furnish to each Underwriter, from time to time during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations.

(e) If at any time when the Prospectus is required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Capital Securities, any event shall occur as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented will include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein in light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading or if it shall be necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, the Offerors will, subject to paragraph (b) above, promptly prepare and file with the Commission such amendment or supplement which will correct such statement or omission

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or an amendment which will effect such compliance and the Offerors will furnish to the Underwriters a reasonable number of copies of such amendment or supplement.

(f) The Offerors will endeavor, in cooperation with the Underwriters, to qualify the Capital Securities (and the Capital Securities Guarantee) and the Junior Subordinated Notes for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and the other jurisdictions of the United States as the Underwriters may designate; provided, however, that none of the Offerors shall be obligated to qualify as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified.

(g) The Company will make generally available to its security holders and to the Underwriters as soon as practicable, but not later than 90 days after the close of the period covered thereby, an earnings statement (which need not be audited) of the Company and its subsidiaries, covering an applicable period beginning not later than the first day of the Company's fiscal quarter next following the "Effective Date" (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the 1933 Act) of the Registration Statement, which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.

(h) The Offerors will use best efforts to effect the listing of the Capital Securities on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange; if the Capital Securities are exchanged for Junior Subordinated Notes, the Company will use its best efforts to effect the listing of the Junior Subordinated Notes on the exchange on which the Capital Securities are then listed.

SECTION 4. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES. The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of each Offerors' obligations under this Agreement, and will pay: (i) the printing and filing of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto, (ii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates for the Capital Securities, (iii) the fees and disbursements of the Company's and the Trust's counsel and accountants, (iv) the qualification of the Capital Securities, the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Notes under securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(f) hereof, including filing fees and the fees and disbursements of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, counsel for the Underwriters, in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation of any blue sky survey, (v) the printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto, of each preliminary prospectus, and of the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, (vi) the printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of any blue sky survey, (vii) the fee of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD"), if applicable, (viii) the fees and expenses of the Debt Trustee, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Debt Trustee in connection with the Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Notes, (ix) the fees and expenses of the Property Trustee, the Delaware Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Delaware Trustee in connection with the Declaration and the Certificate of Trust; (x) any fees payable in connection with the rating of the Capital Securities and Junior Subordinated Notes; (xi) the cost and charges of any transfer agent or registrar

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(xii) the cost of qualifying the Capital Securities with DTC, and (xiii) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Capital Securities and, if applicable, the Junior Subordinated Notes on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

If this Agreement is terminated by the Representatives in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 or Section 9 hereof, the Company shall reimburse the Underwriters for all of their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, counsel for the Underwriters.

SECTION 5. CONDITIONS OF UNDERWRITERS' OBLIGATIONS. The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Offerors herein contained or in certificates of officers of the Company or trustees of the Trust, to the performance by the Offerors of their obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:

(a) The Registration Statement shall have become effective prior to the date hereof or at such later time and date as may be approved by the Representatives and at Closing Time no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the 1933 Act or proceedings therefor initiated or threatened by the Commission. The Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by the 1933 Regulations and in accordance with Section 3(b), and prior to Closing Time, the Offerors shall have provided evidence satisfactory to the Representatives of such timely filing.

(b) At Closing Time the Representatives shall have received:

(1) The favorable opinion of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., counsel for the Company, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect of paragraphs (i) and (v) through (xvii) below, and the favorable opinion of Paul J. Polking, General Counsel to the Company, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect of paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) below:

(i) The Company is a duly organized and validly existing corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, has the corporate power and authority to own its properties, conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and perform its obligations under this Agreement, and is duly registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended; the Principal Subsidiary Banks are national banking associations formed under the laws of the United States and authorized thereunder to transact business.

(ii) Except for those jurisdictions specifically enumerated in such opinion, neither the Company nor any of the Principal Subsidiary Banks is required to be qualified or licensed to do business as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction.

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(iii) All the outstanding shares of capital stock of each Principal Subsidiary Bank have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and (except as provided in 12 U.S.C. ss. 55, as amended) non-assessable, and, except as otherwise set forth in the Prospectus, all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Principal Subsidiary Banks (except directors' qualifying shares) are owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company free and clear of any perfected security interest and, to the best knowledge of such counsel, any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances.

(iv) To the best knowledge of such counsel, there is no pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, of a character required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement which is not adequately disclosed in the Prospectus, and there is no franchise, contract, or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit, which is not described or filed as required.

(v) The Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act; to the best knowledge of such counsel, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened; the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and each amendment thereof or supplement thereto (other than the financial statements and other financial and statistical information contained therein or incorporated by reference therein, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) comply as to form in all material respects

with the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations.

(vi) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a legal, valid and binding instrument enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms (subject to the Permitted Exceptions, and except insofar as the enforceability of the indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Agreement may be limited by federal and state securities laws).

(vii) No authorization, approval, consent or order of any court or governmental authority or agency is required in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Capital Securities, the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Notes by the Offerors, except (A) such as may be required under the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and such as may be required under the blue sky or insurance laws of any jurisdiction, and (B) the qualification of the Declaration, the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement and the Indenture under the 1939 Act.

(viii) The Declaration has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Regular Trustees and has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

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(ix) Each of the Guarantee Agreements has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, assuming it is duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Guarantee Trustee, constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions; and the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act. The Common Securities Guarantee Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions.

(x) The Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming due authorization, execution, and delivery thereof by the Debt Trustee, is a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions; the Indenture has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act; and the Indenture conforms to the description thereof in the Prospectus.

(xi) The Junior Subordinated Notes have been duly authorized and executed by the Company and, when authenticated by the Trustee in the manner provided in the Indenture and delivered against payment therefor, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exception; and the Junior Subordinated Notes conform to the description thereof in the Prospectus.

(xii) Neither the Company nor the Trust is, and upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus neither will be, an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the 1940 Act.

(xiii) The Common Securities, the Capital Securities and the Declaration conform in all material respects to all statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus.

(xiv) All of the issued and outstanding Common Securities of the Trust are directly owned by the Company free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equitable right.

(xv) The Trust is not a party to or otherwise bound by any agreement other than those described in the Prospectus.

(xvi) This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Trust.

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(xvii) If the Capital Securities are to be listed on the

Luxembourg Stock Exchange, authorization therefor has been given, or the Company, its agent, the Trust or its agent has filed a listing application with respect to the Capital Securities with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and such counsel has no reason to believe that the Capital Securities will not be authorized for listing.

In rendering such opinions, such counsels may rely (A) as to matters involving the application of laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of North Carolina or the United States, to the extent deemed proper and specified in such opinion, upon the opinion of other counsel of good standing believed to be reliable and who are satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters; and (B) as to matters of fact, to the extent deemed proper, on the representations and warranties of the Offerors contained herein or in the Declaration, the Indenture, the Guarantee Agreements, that certain subscription agreement, of even date herewith, between the Company and the Trust covering the Common Securities and that certain note purchase agreement, of even date herewith, between the Company and the Trust or on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and public officials.

(2) The favorable opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, Special Delaware counsel to the Offerors, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, to the effect that:

(i) The Trust has been duly created and is validly existing in good standing as a business trust under the Delaware Act; all filings required under the laws of the State of Delaware with respect to the formation and valid existence of the Trust as a business trust have been made; the Trust has all necessary power and authority to own property and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Capital Securities and the Common Securities.

(ii) Assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company and the Trustees, the Declaration is a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions.

(iii) The Common Securities have been duly authorized by the Declaration and are validly issued and represent undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust.

(iv) The Capital Securities have been duly authorized by the Declaration and are validly issued and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, when delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust; the holders of the Capital Securities will, subject to the terms of the Declaration, be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability under Delaware law as is extended to stockholders of private

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corporations for profit; and the issuance of the Capital Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights.

(v) This Agreement has been duly authorized by the Trust.

(vi) The issuance and sale by the Trust of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities, the execution, delivery and performance by the Trust of this Agreement, the consummation by the Trust of the transactions contemplated hereby and the compliance by the Trust with its obligations hereunder will not violate (A) any of the provisions of the Certificate of Trust or the Declaration or (B) any applicable Delaware law or administrative regulation.

(3) The favorable opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, Special Delaware counsel to The Bank of New York (Delaware), in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, to the effect that:

(i) The Bank of New York (Delaware) is a Delaware banking corporation with trust powers, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware with all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of the Declaration.

(ii) The execution, delivery and performance by the Delaware Trustee of the Declaration has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of, the Delaware Trustee. The Declaration has been duly executed and delivered by the Delaware Trustee, and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Delaware Trustee, enforceable against the Delaware Trustee in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the

Permitted Exceptions.

(iii) The execution, delivery and performance of the Declaration by the Delaware Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the articles of organization or bylaws of the Delaware Trustee.

(iv) No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any Delaware or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Delaware Trustee of the Declaration.

(4) The favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Emmett, Marvin & Martin, LLP, counsel of The Bank of New York, as Debt Trustee under the Indenture, as Guarantee Trustee under the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, and as Property Trustee under the Declaration, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, to the effect that:

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(i) The Bank of New York is a New York banking corporation with trust powers, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York with all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of the Declaration, the Indenture and the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement.

(ii) The execution, delivery and performance by the Debt Trustee of the Indenture, the execution, delivery and performance by the Property Trustee of the Declaration, and the execution, delivery and performance by the Guarantee Trustee of the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Debt Trustee, the Property Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively. The Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Debt Trustee, and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Debt Trustee, enforceable against the Debt Trustee in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions. The Declaration has been duly executed and delivered by the Property Trustee, and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Property Trustee, enforceable against the Property Trustee in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions. The Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Guarantee Trustee, and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Guarantee Trustee, enforceable against the Guarantee Trustee in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions.

(iii) The execution, delivery and performance of the Indenture by the Debt Trustee, does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the Articles of Organization or Bylaws of the Debt Trustee. The execution, delivery and performance of the Declaration by the Property Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the Articles of Organization or Bylaws of the Property Trustee. The execution, delivery and performance of the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement by the Guarantee Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the Articles of Organization or Bylaws of the Guarantee Trustee.

(iv) No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Debt Trustee of the Indenture. No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Property Trustee of the Declaration. No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Guarantee Trustee of the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement.

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(5) The favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, counsel for the Underwriters, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters with respect to the legal existence of the Company and the Trust, the Capital Securities, the Indenture, the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, this Agreement, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and other related matters as the Representatives may require.

In giving its opinion, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan may rely as

to certain matters of Delaware law upon the opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, counsel for the Offerors, which shall be delivered in accordance with Section 5(b)(2) hereto.

(6) The favorable opinion of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, special tax counsel to the Company and the Trust, as to certain Federal tax matters set forth in the Prospectus under "United States Federal Income Taxation."

(7) In giving their opinions required by subsection (b), of this Section, Mr. Polking and Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. shall each additionally state that nothing has come to their attention that has caused them to believe that the Registration Statement (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial or statistical data included or incorporated by reference, therein, as to which counsel need make no statement), at the time it became effective or as of the date of their respective opinions, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that the Prospectus (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial or statistical data included or incorporated by reference therein, as to which counsel need make no statement), as at the date hereof or at Closing Time, included an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(8) At Closing Time, there shall not have been, since the date hereof or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust or the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and the Representatives shall have received a certificate of a Vice President of the Company and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of the Company and a certificate of a Regular Trustee of the Trust, and dated as of Closing Time, to the effect that (i) there has been no such material adverse change, (ii) the representations and warranties in Section 1 hereof are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of Closing Time, (iii) the Trust or the Company, as the case may be, have complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to Closing Time, and (iv) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been initiated or threatened by the Commission.

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(9) At the Closing Time, Price Waterhouse LLP shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter or letters (which may refer to letters previously delivered to the Representatives), dated as of the Closing Time, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, confirming that the response, if any, to Item 10 of the Registration Statement is correct insofar as it relates to them and stating in effect that:

(i) They are independent accountants within the meaning of the 1933 Act and the 1934 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and the 1934 Act Regulations.

(ii) In their opinion, the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries audited by them and included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations with respect to registration statements on Form S-3 and the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations.

(iii) On the basis of procedures (but not an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards) consisting of:

(a) Reading the minutes of the meetings of the shareholders, the board of directors, executive committee and audit committee of the Company and the boards of directors and executive committees of its subsidiaries as set forth in the minute books through a specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of delivery of such letter;

(b) Performing the procedures specified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for a review of interim financial information as described in SAS No. 71, Interim Financial Information, on the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus and reading the unaudited interim financial data, if any, for the period from the date of the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus to the date of the latest available interim financial data; and

(c) Making inquiries of certain officials of the Company who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters regarding the specific items for which representations are requested below;

nothing has come to their attention as a result of the foregoing procedures that caused them to believe that:

(1) the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, do not comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable

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accounting requirements of the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations thereunder;

(2) any material modifications should be made to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles;

(3) (i) at the date of the latest available interim financial data and at the specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of the delivery of such letter, there was any change in the capital stock or the long-term debt (other than scheduled repayments of such debt) or any decreases in shareholders' equity of the Company and the subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as compared with the amounts shown in the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus or (ii) for the period from the date of the latest available financial data to a specified date not more than five business days prior to the delivery of such letter, there was any change in the capital stock or the long-term debt (other than scheduled repayments of such debt) or any decreases in shareholders' equity of the Company and the subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, except in all instances for changes or decreases which the Registration Statement and Prospectus discloses have occurred or may occur, or Price Waterhouse LLP shall state any specific changes or decreases.

(iv) The letter shall also state that Price Waterhouse LLP has carried out certain other specified procedures, not constituting an audit, with respect to certain amounts, percentages and financial information which are included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus and which are specified by the Representatives and agreed to by Price Waterhouse LLP, and has found such amounts, percentages and financial information to be in agreement with the relevant accounting, financial and other records of the Company and its subsidiaries identified in such letter.

In addition, at the time this Agreement is executed, Price Waterhouse LLP shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter or letters, dated the date of this Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, to the effect set forth in this subsection 9.

(10) At Closing Time, counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Capital Securities as herein

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contemplated and related proceedings, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Offerors, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Capital Securities as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, counsel for the Underwriters.

(11) At Closing Time, at least one "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined for purposes of Rule 436(g) under the 1933 Act), has rated the Capital Securities in one of its four highest rating categories and there shall not have occurred any decrease in the ratings of any of the securities of the Company or of the Capital Securities by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review its rating of any of the Company's securities or any of the Capital Securities for a

possible downgrade.

If any condition specified in this Section shall not have been fulfilled in all material respects when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representatives by notice to the Offerors, in writing or by telephone or telegraph confirmed in writing, at any time at or prior to Closing Time, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and except that Sections 1, 6, and 7 shall survive any such termination and will remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. INDEMNIFICATION AND CONTRIBUTION

(a) The Offerors jointly and severally agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter and each of its partners, officers, directors, and employees and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, and any action in respect thereof (including, but not limited to, any loss, claim, damage, liability or action relating to purchases and sales of the Capital Securities), joint or several, which arises out of, or is based upon, (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in (A) the Registration Statement, or any amendment or supplement thereto, including information deemed to be part of the Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 430A(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations, if applicable, (B) the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, or (C) any application or other document, any amendment or supplement thereto, executed by the Offerors or based upon information furnished by or on behalf of the Offerors filed in any jurisdiction in order to qualify the Capital Securities under the securities or blue sky laws thereof (each, an "Application") or (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state in the Registration Statement, or any amendment or supplement thereto, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Application, a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and shall reimburse as incurred each Underwriter and each such controlling person for any legal and other expenses incurred in investigating or defending or preparing to defend against or appearing as a third party witness in connection with any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that neither of the Offerors shall be liable to any Underwriter in any case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of, or is based upon, any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement made in the Prospectus, including any amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with

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information furnished in writing to the Offerors by or on behalf of such Underwriter specifically for inclusion and actually included therein; and provided further that, as to any Prospectus that has been amended or supplemented as provided herein, this indemnity agreement shall not inure to the benefit of any Underwriter, on account of any loss, claim, damage, liability or action arising out of the sale of Capital Securities to any person by such Underwriter if (A) such Underwriter failed to send or give a copy of the final Prospectus as so amended or supplemented to that person at or prior to the confirmation of the sale of such Capital Securities to such person in any case where such delivery is required by the 1933 Act, and (B) the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in any preliminary Prospectus was corrected in an amendment or supplement thereto (but only if the sale to such person occurred after the Offerors provided such Underwriter and the Underwriter received copies of such amendment or supplement for distribution). This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Offerors may otherwise have.

(b) Each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, will indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Trust, the Trustees and each of the Company's directors, each of its officers and each person, if any, who controls the Company or the Trust within the meaning of the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Offerors to each Underwriter, but only with reference to written information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Offerors by such Underwriter and specifically included in the Prospectus. This indemnity shall be in addition to any liability which such Underwriter may otherwise have. The Offerors acknowledge that the statements set forth in the last paragraph of the cover page (p. S-4) and under the heading "Underwriting" or "Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus constitute the only information furnished in writing by the several Underwriters for inclusion in the Prospectus.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 6 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against one or more indemnifying parties under this Section 6, notify such indemnifying party or parties of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party or parties will not relieve it or them from any liability which it or they may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under

subsection (a) or (b) of this Section 6 or to the extent that the indemnifying party was not adversely affected by such omission. In case any such action is brought against an indemnified party and it notifies an indemnifying party or parties of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party or parties against which a claim is to be made will be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it or they may wish, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, that if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be one or more legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnifying party shall not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties and such indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to defend such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. After notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof and approval by such indemnified party of counsel appointed to defend such action, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 6 for any legal or other expenses, other than reasonable costs of investigation, subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof, unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the next preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that in connection with such action the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (in addition to local counsel) in any one action or separate but substantially similar actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, designated by the lead Underwriter in the case of paragraph (a) of this Section 6, representing the indemnified parties under such paragraph (a) who are parties to such action or actions), or (ii) the indemnifying party has authorized in writing the employment of counsel for the indemnified party at the expense of the indemnifying party. After such notice from the

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indemnifying party to such indemnified party, the indemnifying party will not be liable for the costs and expenses of any settlement of such action effected by such indemnified party without the consent of the indemnifying party, which will not be unreasonably withheld, unless such indemnified party waived its rights under this Section 6 in writing in which case the indemnified party may effect such a settlement without such consent.

(d) The Company agrees to indemnify the Trust against all losses, claims, damages or liabilities due from the Trust under Section 6(a) hereof.

(e) If the indemnification provided for in the preceding paragraphs of this Section 6 is unavailable or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under paragraph (a) or (b) above in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then the Offerors or the Underwriters shall contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending same) to which the Offerors and one or more of the Underwriters may be subject in such proportion so that the Underwriters are responsible for that portion represented by the percentage that the total discounts and/or commissions received by the Underwriters bears to the sum of such discounts and/or commissions and the purchase price of the Capital Securities specified in Schedule B hereto and the Offerors are responsible for the balance; provided, however, that (y) in no case shall any Underwriter (except as may be provided in any agreement among Underwriters relating to the offering of the Capital Securities) be responsible for any amount in excess of the total discounts and/or commissions received by it with respect to the Capital Securities purchased by such Underwriter under this Agreement and (z) no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 6, each person who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of the 1933 Act shall have the same rights to

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contribution as such Underwriter, and each person who controls either of the Offerors within the meaning of either the 1933 Act or the 1934 Exchange Act, each officer or trustee of the Offerors who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director or trustee of the Offerors shall have the same rights to contribution as the Offerors, subject in each case to clause (y) of this paragraph (e). Any party entitled to contribution will, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action, suit or proceeding against such party in respect of which a claim for contribution may be made against another party or parties under this paragraph (e), notify such party or parties from whom contribution may be sought, but the omission to so notify such party or parties shall not relieve the party or parties from whom contribution may be sought from any other obligation it or they may have hereunder or otherwise than

under this paragraph (e).

SECTION 7. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND AGREEMENTS TO SURVIVE DELIVERY. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement, or contained in certificates of officers or Trustees of the Offerors submitted pursuant hereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or controlling person, or by or on behalf of the Offerors and shall survive delivery of the Capital Securities to the Underwriters.

SECTION 8. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT.

(a) The Representatives may terminate this Agreement, by notice to the Offerors, at any time at or prior to Closing Time (i) if there has been, since the date of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust or the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or elsewhere or any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable to market the Capital Securities or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Capital Securities, (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company or the Trust has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or the applicable exchange, or if trading generally on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange or on the NASDAQ National Market, has been suspended, limited or restricted or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices for securities have been required, by said exchanges or such system or by order of the Commission, the NASD or any governmental authority, (iv) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either federal, New York, North Carolina or Delaware authorities, or (v) if there has been any decrease in the ratings of any of the securities of the Company or of the Capital Securities by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined for purposes of Rule 436(g) under the 1933 Act) or if any such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review its rating of any of the Company's securities or any of the Capital Securities for possible downgrade.

(b) If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section 8, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof,

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and except that Sections 1, 6, and 7 shall survive any such termination and will remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. DEFAULT BY ONE OR MORE OF THE UNDERWRITERS. If one or more of the Underwriters shall fail at Closing Time to purchase the Capital Securities that it or they are obligated to purchase under this Agreement (the "Defaulted Securities"), the Representatives shall have the right, within 24 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Securities in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth; if, however, the Representatives shall not have completed such arrangements within such 24-hour period, then:

(a) if the number of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the Capital Securities each of the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations hereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters, or

(b) if the number of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the Capital Securities this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default.

In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement, either the Representatives or the Offerors shall have the right to postpone Closing Time for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the Registration Statement or Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements.

SECTION 10. NOTICES. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the

Underwriters shall be directed to them at NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc., 100 North Tryon Street, 7th Floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, attention of Mark T. Wilson, Director; notices to the Trust, and the Company shall be directed to them at NationsBank Corporation, NationsBank Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28255, attention of John E. Mack, Senior Vice President and Treasurer.

SECTION 11. PARTIES. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Underwriters and the Trust, the Company and their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the Underwriters and the Trust and the Company and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers, directors and trustees referred to

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in Section 6 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Underwriters and the Trust and the Company and their respective successors, and said controlling persons and officers, directors and trustees and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Capital Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

SECTION 12. GOVERNING LAW AND TIME. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed in said State. Except as otherwise set forth herein, specified times of day refer to New York City time.

SECTION 13. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such respective counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Trust a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement between the Underwriters and the Trust and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION

By: /s/ SUSAN Y. CALTON

Name: Susan Y. Calton
Title: Vice President

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

By: /s/ JOHN E. MACK

Name: John E. Mack
Title: Regular Trustee

CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED, as of the date first above written:

NATIONSBANC CAPITAL MARKETS, INC.
BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC.
LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.

For themselves and as Representatives
of the several Underwriters named in
Schedule A hereto.

By: NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc.

By: /S/ MARK T. WILSON

Name: Mark T. Wilson
Title: Managing Director

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 SCHEDULE A
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NAME OF UNDERWRITER	NUMBER OF CAPITAL SECURITIES
NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc.....	134,000
Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.....	133,000
Lehman Brothers Inc.....	133,000
Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation.....	20,000
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.....	20,000
Prudential Securities Incorporated.....	20,000
Salomon Brothers Inc.....	20,000
UBS Securities LLC.....	20,000
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 SCHEDULE B
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Underwriting Agreement dated January 22, 1997

Registration Statement No. 333-18273

Underwriters: NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc.
 Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.
 Lehman Brothers Inc.

Address of Underwriters: c/o NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc.
 100 North Tryon Street, 7th Floor
 Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
 Attention: Mark T. Wilson, Director

Title, Purchase Price and Description of Securities:

Title: Floating Rate Capital Securities due 2027

1. The initial public offering price per security for the Capital Securities, determined as provided in said Section 2, shall be \$984.90.

2. The purchase price per security for the Capital Securities to be paid by the several Underwriters shall be \$984.90, being an amount equal to the initial public offering price set forth above.

3. The compensation per Capital Securities to be paid by the Company to the several Underwriters in respect of their commitments hereunder shall be \$10.00.

AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION

OF TRUST

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

Dated as of January 22, 1997

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AMENDED AND RESTATED
DECLARATION OF TRUST
OF
NB CAPITAL TRUST III

January 22, 1997

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF TRUST ("Declaration") dated and effective as of January 22, 1997 by the Trustees (as defined herein), the Sponsor (as defined herein) and by the holders, from time to time, of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust to be issued pursuant to this Declaration;

WHEREAS, the Trustees and the Sponsor established NB CAPITAL TRUST III (the "Trust"), a trust under the Business Trust Act (as defined herein) pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated as of October 29, 1996, (the "Original Declaration"), and a Certificate of Trust filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on November 1, 1996, for the sole purpose of issuing and selling certain securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust and investing the gross proceeds thereof in certain Notes of the Note Issuer (each as defined herein);

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, no interests in the Trust have been issued;

WHEREAS, all of the Trustees and the Sponsor, by this Declaration, amend and restate each and every term and provision of the Original Declaration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it being the intention of the parties hereto to continue the Trust as a business trust under the Business Trust Act and that this Declaration constitute the governing instrument of such business trust, the Trustees declare that all assets contributed to the Trust will be held in trust for the benefit of the holders, from time to time, of the securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust issued hereunder, subject to the provisions of this Declaration.

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ARTICLE I
INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 Definitions.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) Capitalized terms used in this Declaration but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;

(b) a term defined anywhere in this Declaration has the same meaning throughout;

(c) all references to "the Declaration" or "this Declaration" are to this Declaration as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time and Annex I and Exhibits A and B shall be a part of this Declaration;

(d) all references in this Declaration to Articles and Sections and Annexes and Exhibits are to Articles and Sections of and Annexes and Exhibits to this Declaration unless otherwise specified;

(e) the following terms have the meanings given to them in the Third Supplemental Indenture: (i) Calculation Agent, (ii) Capital Treatment Event, (iii) Interest Determination Date, (iv) Investment Company Event (v) LIBOR, (vi) London Banking Day, (vii) Prepayment Price, (viii) Special Event, (ix) Tax Event, and (x) Telerate Page 3750.

(f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act (as defined herein) has the same meaning when used in this Declaration unless otherwise defined in this Declaration; and

(g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act or any successor rule thereunder.

"Agent" means any Paying Agent.

"Authorized Officer" of a Person means any Person that is authorized to bind such Person.

"Book-Entry" means a book-entry by a Clearing Agency as described in Section 9.4.

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"Book-Entry Interest" means a beneficial interest in a Global Security, ownership and transfers of which shall be maintained and made through Book Entries by a Clearing Agency as described in Section 9.4.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday that (i) is not a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or required by law or regulation to close and (ii) is a London Banking Day.

"Business Trust Act" means Chapter 38 of Title 12 of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. Code ss.3801 et seq., as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Capital Securities" shall mean the undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust denominated as "Floating Rate Capital Securities", the terms of which are further described in the Designation of Terms attached as Annex I hereto.

"Capital Security Beneficial Owner" means, with respect to a Book-Entry Interest, a Person who is the beneficial owner of such Book-Entry Interest, as reflected on the books of the Clearing Agency, or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Clearing Agency (directly as a Clearing Agency Participant or as an indirect participant, in each case in accordance with the rules of such Clearing Agency).

"Capital Security Certificate" means a certificate representing a Capital Security substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1.

"Capital Securities Guarantee" means the guarantee agreement to be dated as of February 3, 1997, of the Sponsor in respect of the Capital Securities.

"Certificate" means a Common Security Certificate or a Capital Security Certificate.

"Clearing Agency" means an organization registered as a "Clearing Agency" pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act that is acting as depositary for the Capital Securities and in whose name or in the name of a nominee of that organization shall be registered a Global Security and which shall undertake to effect Book-Entry transfers and pledges of the Capital Securities.

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"Clearing Agency Participant" means a broker, dealer, bank, other financial institution or other Person for whom from time to time the Clearing Agency effects Book-Entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Clearing Agency.

"Closing Date" means the "Closing Time" under the Underwriting Agreement.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Securities" shall mean the undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust denominated as "Floating Rate Common Securities", the terms of which are further described in Annex I hereto.

"Common Securities Guarantee" means the guarantee agreement to be dated as of February 3, 1997, of the Sponsor in respect of the Common Securities.

"Common Security Certificate" means a definitive certificate in fully registered form representing a Common Security substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 hereto.

"Company Indemnified Person" means (a) any Regular Trustee; (b) any Affiliate of any Regular Trustee; (c) any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives or agents of any Regular Trustee; or (d) any officer, employee or agent of the Trust or its Affiliates.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Property Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Property Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of

execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, Floor 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means: (a) any officer, director, shareholder, partner, member, representative, employee or agent of (i) the Trust or (ii) the Trust's Affiliates; and (b) any Holder of Securities.

"Definitive Capital Security Certificates" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4

"Delaware Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

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"Depository" means The Depository Trust Company or any successor Clearing Agency.

"Designation of Terms" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.1(a).

"Direct Action" has the meaning specified in Section 3.8(e).

"Distribution" means a distribution payable to Holders of Securities in accordance with Section 6.1.

"DTC" means The Depository Trust Company, the initial Clearing Agency.

"ERISA Plan" means (i) an employee benefit plan subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, (ii) the assets of an individual retirement account or plan subject to Section 4975 of the Code, or (iii) any entity in which such plan invests whose assets are deemed "plan assets."

"Event of Default" in respect of the Securities means an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture) has occurred and is continuing in respect of the Notes.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Fiduciary Indemnified Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 10.4(b).

"Global Security" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Certificate representing a Security is registered, such Person being a beneficial owner within the meaning of the Business Trust Act.

"Indemnified Person" means a Company Indemnified Person or a Fiduciary Indemnified Person.

"Indenture" means collectively the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, between the Note Issuer and the Note Trustee and any board resolution or supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Notes are to be issued.

"Investment Company" means an investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act.

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"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Legal Action" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(g).

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided in the terms of the Capital Securities or by the Trust Indenture Act, Holders of outstanding Securities voting together as a single class or, as the context may require, Holders of outstanding Capital Securities or Holders of outstanding Common Securities voting separately as a class, who

are the record owners of more than 50% of the aggregate liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all outstanding Securities of the relevant class.

"Nonpayment" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.7(a).

"Note Issuer" means NationsBank Corporation, a North Carolina corporation, or any successor entity in a merger or consolidation, in its capacity as issuer of the Notes under the Indenture.

"Note Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, as trustee under the Indenture until a successor is appointed thereunder, and thereafter means such successor trustee.

"Notes" means the series of Notes to be issued by the Note Issuer under the Indenture to be held by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Declaration shall include:

(a) a statement that each officer signing the Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definitions relating thereto;

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(b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Certificate;

(c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

"Paying Agent" has the meaning specified in Section 7.2.

"Payment Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.1.

"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Pro Rata" has the meaning set forth in Annex I hereto.

"Property Trustee" means the Trustee meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 5.3.

"Property Trustee Account" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.8(c).

"Quorum" means a majority of the Regular Trustees or, if there are only two Regular Trustees, both of them.

"Redemption/Distribution Notice" means a notice of any redemption of, or a notice of any distribution of, Notes in exchange for Securities.

"Redemption Price" means an amount equal to 100% of the Prepayment Price.

"Regular Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

"Related Party" means, with respect to the Sponsor, any direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sponsor or any

other Person that owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of the outstanding voting securities of the Sponsor.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Property Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Property Trustee, including any vice-president, any assistant vice-president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Property Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Rule 3a-5" means Rule 3a-5 under the Investment Company Act.

"Securities" means the Common Securities and the Capital Securities.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Securities Guarantees" means the Common Securities Guarantee and the Capital Securities Guarantee.

"Sponsor" means NationsBank Corporation, a North Carolina corporation, or any successor entity in a merger or consolidation, in its capacity as sponsor of the Trust.

"Stated Maturity" shall mean January 15, 2027, the date on which the Notes shall mature, unless previously prepaid or redeemed.

"Successor Delaware Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(b).

"Successor Entity" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.15(b)(i).

"Successor Securities" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.15(b)(i)(B).

"Super Majority" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.6(a)(ii).

"10% in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided in the terms of the Capital Securities or by the Trust Indenture Act, Holder(s) of outstanding Securities

voting together as a single class or, as the context may require, Holders of outstanding Capital Securities or Holders of outstanding Common Securities voting separately as a class, who are the record owners of 10% or more of the aggregate liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all outstanding Securities of the relevant class.

"Third Supplemental Indenture" means the Third Supplemental Indenture to be dated as of February 3, 1997 among the Note Issuer and the Note Trustee.

"Treasury Regulations" means the income tax regulations, including temporary and proposed regulations, promulgated under the Code by the United States Treasury, as such regulations may be amended from time to time (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

"Trustee" or "Trustees" means each Person who has signed this Declaration as a trustee, so long as such Person shall continue in office in accordance with the terms hereof, and all other Persons who may from time to time be duly appointed, qualified and serving as Trustees in accordance with the provisions hereof, and references herein to a Trustee or the Trustees shall refer to such Person or Persons solely in their capacity as trustees hereunder.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Underwriting Agreement" means the Underwriting Agreement for the offering and sale of Capital Securities and related Capital Securities Guarantees among the Sponsor, the Trust and the Underwriters named therein.

ARTICLE II
TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application.

(a) This Declaration is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of this Declaration and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions.

(b) The Property Trustee shall be the only Trustee which is a Trustee for the purposes of the Trust Indenture Act.

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(c) If and to the extent that any provision of this Declaration limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by ss.ss. 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

(d) The application of the Trust Indenture Act to this Declaration shall not affect the nature of the Securities as equity securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust.

SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities.

(a) Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall provide the Property Trustee (i) within 10 days after each record date for payment of Distributions, a list, in such form as the Property Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Securities ("List of Holders") as of such record date, provided that neither the Sponsor nor the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Property Trustee by the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust, and (ii) at any other time, within 30 days of receipt by the Trust of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Property Trustee. The Property Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information contained in Lists of Holders given to it or which it receives in the capacity as Paying Agent (if acting in such capacity) provided that the Property Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Property Trustee shall comply with its obligations under ss.ss. 311(a), 311(b) and 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Property Trustee.

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Property Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Capital Securities such reports as are required by ss. 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by ss. 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Property Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of ss. 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Property Trustee.

Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such documents, reports and information as required by ss. 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by ss. 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by ss. 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent.

Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the

Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Declaration that relate to any of the matters set forth in ss. 314(c) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to ss. 314(c)(1) may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

SECTION 2.6 Events of Default; Waiver.

(a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Capital Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Capital Securities, waive any past Event of Default in respect of the Capital Securities and its consequences, provided that, if the underlying Event of Default under the Indenture:

(i) is not waivable under the Indenture, the Event of Default under the Declaration shall also not be waivable; or

(ii) requires the consent or vote of greater than a majority in principal amount of the holders of the Notes (a "Super Majority") to be waived under the Indenture, the Event of Default under the Declaration may only be waived by the vote of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Capital Securities that the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding.

The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(a) shall be in lieu of ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act is hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act. Upon such waiver, any such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities arising therefrom shall be deemed to have

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been cured, for every purpose of this Declaration, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or an Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities or impair any right consequent thereon. Any waiver by the Holders of the Capital Securities of an Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities shall also be deemed to constitute a waiver by the Holders of the Common Securities of any such Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities for all purposes of this Declaration without any further act, vote, or consent of the Holders of the Common Securities.

(b) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Common Securities, waive any past Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities and its consequences, provided that, if the underlying Event of Default under the Indenture:

(i) is not waivable under the Indenture, except where the Holders of the Common Securities are deemed to have waived such Event of Default under the Declaration as provided below in this Section 2.6(b), the Event of Default under the Declaration shall also not be waivable; or

(ii) requires the consent or vote of a Super Majority to be waived, except where the Holders of the Common Securities are deemed to have waived such Event of Default under the Declaration as provided below in this Section 2.6(b), the Event of Default under the Declaration may only be waived by the vote of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Common Securities that the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding;

provided further, each Holder of Common Securities will be deemed to have waived any such Event of Default and all Events of Default with respect to the Common Securities and its consequences until all Events of Default with respect to the Capital Securities have been cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, and until such Events of Default have been so cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, the Property Trustee will be deemed to be acting solely on behalf of the Holders of the Capital Securities and only the Holders of the Capital Securities will have the right to direct the Property Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Securities. The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(b) shall be in lieu of ss.ss. 316(a)(1)(A) and 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such ss.ss. 316(a)(1)(A)

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and 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act are hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(b), upon such waiver, any such default shall cease to exist and any Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Declaration, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities or impair any right consequent thereon.

(c) A waiver of an Event of Default under the Indenture by the Property Trustee at the direction of the Holders of the Capital Securities, constitutes a waiver of the corresponding Event of Default under this Declaration. The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(c) shall be in lieu of ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act is hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.7 Event of Default or Nonpayment Notice.

(a) The Property Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default or a nonpayment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, when due, on the Notes ("Nonpayment") transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Securities, notices of all Events of Default or Nonpayments with respect to the Securities actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee, unless such Events of Default or Nonpayments have been cured before the giving of such notice;

(b) The Property Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any default except:

(i) an Event of Default under the Indenture or a Nonpayment; or

(ii) any default as to which the Property Trustee shall have received written notice or of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have actual knowledge.

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ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION

SECTION 3.1 Name.

The Trust is named "NB Capital Trust III," as such name may be modified from time to time by the Regular Trustees following written notice to the Holders of Securities. The Trust's activities may be conducted under the name of the Trust or any other name deemed advisable by the Regular Trustees.

SECTION 3.2 Office.

The address of the principal office of the Trust is c/o NationsBank Corporation, Attention: Treasurer, NationsBank Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255. On 10 Business Days written notice to the Holders of Securities, the Regular Trustees may designate another principal office.

SECTION 3.3 Purpose.

The exclusive purposes and functions of the Trust are (a) to issue and sell Securities and use the proceeds from such sale to acquire the Notes, and (b) except as otherwise limited herein, to engage in only those other activities necessary or incidental thereto. The Trust shall not borrow money, issue debt or reinvest proceeds derived from investments, pledge any of its assets, or otherwise undertake (or permit to be undertaken) any activity that would cause the Trust not to be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust.

SECTION 3.4 Authority.

Subject to the limitations provided in this Declaration and to the specific duties of the Property Trustee, the Regular Trustees shall have exclusive and complete authority to carry out the purposes of the Trust. An

action taken by the Regular Trustees in accordance with their powers shall constitute the act of and serve to bind the Trust and an action taken by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust in accordance with its powers shall constitute the act of and serve to bind the Trust. In dealing with the Trustees acting on behalf of the Trust, no person shall be required to inquire into the authority of the Trustees to bind the Trust. Persons dealing with the Trust are entitled to rely conclusively on the power and authority of the Trustees as set forth in this Declaration.

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SECTION 3.5 Title to Property of the Trust.

Except as provided in Section 3.8 with respect to the Notes and the Property Trustee Account or as otherwise provided in this Declaration, legal title to all assets of the Trust shall be vested in the Trust. The Holders shall not have legal title to any part of the assets of the Trust, but shall have an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of the Trust.

SECTION 3.6 Powers and Duties of the Regular Trustees.

The Regular Trustees shall have the exclusive power, duty and authority to cause the Trust to engage in the following activities:

(a) to issue and sell the Capital Securities and the Common Securities in accordance with this Declaration; provided, however, that the Trust may issue no more than one series of Capital Securities and no more than one series of Common Securities, and, provided further, that there shall be no interests in the Trust other than the Securities, and the issuance of Securities shall be limited to a simultaneous issuance of both Capital Securities and Common Securities on the Closing Date;

(b) in connection with the issue and sale of the Capital Securities, at the direction of the Sponsor, to:

(i) execute and file with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 prepared by the Sponsor, including any amendments thereto, pertaining to the Capital Securities;

(ii) execute and file any documents prepared by the Sponsor, or take any acts as determined by the Sponsor to be necessary in order to qualify or register all or part of the Capital Securities in any State in which the Sponsor has determined to qualify or register such Capital Securities for sale;

(iii) to determine whether to list Securities and to execute and file an application, prepared by the Sponsor, to any national or international stock exchange or the Nasdaq Stock Market's National Market for listing upon notice of issuance of any Capital Securities;

(iv) execute and file with the Commission a registration statement on Form 8-A, if required,

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including any amendments thereto, prepared by the Sponsor, relating to the registration of the Capital Securities under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act; and

(v) execute and enter into the Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale of the Capital Securities;

(c) to purchase the Notes with the proceeds of the sale of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities;

(d) to give the Sponsor and the Property Trustee prompt written notice of the occurrence of a Special Event;

(e) to establish a record date with respect to all actions to be taken hereunder that require a record date be established, including and with respect to, for the purposes of ss.316(c) of the Trust

Indenture Act, Distributions, voting rights, redemptions and exchanges, and to issue relevant notices to the Holders of Capital Securities and Holders of Common Securities as to such actions and applicable record dates;

(f) to take all actions and perform such duties as may be required of the Regular Trustees pursuant to the terms of the Securities;

(g) to bring or defend, pay, collect, compromise, arbitrate, resort to legal action, or otherwise adjust claims or demands of or against the Trust ("Legal Action");

(h) to employ or otherwise engage employees and agents (who may be designated as officers with titles) and managers, contractors, advisors, and consultants and pay reasonable compensation for such services;

(i) to cause the Trust to comply with the Trust's obligations under the Trust Indenture Act;

(j) to give the certificate required by ss. 314(a)(4) of the Trust Indenture Act to the Property Trustee, which certificate may be executed by any Regular Trustee;

(k) to incur expenses that are necessary or incidental to carry out any of the purposes of the Trust;

(l) to act as, or appoint another Person to act as, registrar and transfer agent or calculation agent for the Securities;

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(m) to give prompt written notice to the Holders of the Securities of any notice received from the Note Issuer of its election to defer payments of interest on the Notes by extending the interest payment period under the Indenture;

(n) to execute all documents or instruments, perform all duties and powers, and do all things for and on behalf of the Trust in all matters necessary or incidental to the foregoing;

(o) to take all action that may be necessary or appropriate for the preservation and the continuation of the Trust's valid existence, rights, franchises and privileges as a statutory business trust under the laws of the State of Delaware and of each other jurisdiction in which such existence is necessary to protect the limited liability of the Holders of the Capital Securities or to enable the Trust to effect the purposes for which the Trust was created;

(p) to take any action, not inconsistent with this Declaration or with applicable law, that the Regular Trustees determine in their discretion to be necessary or desirable in carrying out the activities of the Trust as set out in this Section 3.6, including, but not limited to:

(i) causing the Trust not to be deemed to be an Investment Company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act;

(ii) causing the Trust to be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust; and

(iii) cooperating with the Note Issuer to ensure that the Notes will be treated as indebtedness of the Note Issuer for United States federal income tax purposes,

provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of Holders; and

(q) to take all action necessary to cause all applicable tax returns and tax information reports that are required to be filed with respect to the Trust to be duly prepared and filed by the Regular Trustees, on behalf of the Trust.

The Regular Trustees must exercise the powers set forth in this Section 3.6 in a manner that is consistent with the

purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3, and the Regular Trustees shall not take any action that is inconsistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set forth in Section 3.3.

Subject to this Section 3.6, the Regular Trustees shall have none of the powers or the authority of the Property Trustee set forth in Section 3.8.

Any expenses incurred by the Regular Trustees pursuant to this Section 3.6 shall be reimbursed by the Note Issuer.

SECTION 3.7 Prohibition of Actions by the Trust and the Trustees.

(a) The Trust shall not, and the Trustees (including the Property Trustee) shall not, engage in any activity other than as required or authorized by this Declaration. In particular, the Trust shall not and the Trustees (including the Property Trustee) shall cause the Trust not to:

(i) invest any proceeds received by the Trust from holding the Notes, but shall distribute all such proceeds to Holders of Securities pursuant to the terms of this Declaration and of the Securities;

(ii) acquire any assets other than as expressly provided herein;

(iii) possess Trust property for other than a Trust purpose;

(iv) make any loans or incur any indebtedness other than loans represented by the Notes;

(v) possess any power or otherwise act in such a way as to vary the Trust assets or the terms of the Securities in any way whatsoever;

(vi) issue any securities or other evidences of beneficial ownership of, or beneficial interest in, the Trust other than the Securities; or

(vii) other than as provided in this Declaration, (A) direct the time, method and place of exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (B) waive any past default that is waivable under the Indenture, (C) exercise any right to rescind or annul any declaration

that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, or (D) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture or the Notes where such consent shall be required unless the Trust shall have received an opinion of counsel to the effect that such modification will not cause more than an insubstantial risk that for United States federal income tax purposes the Trust will not be classified as a grantor trust.

SECTION 3.8 Powers and Duties of the Property Trustee.

(a) The legal title to the Notes shall be owned by and held of record in the name of the Property Trustee in trust for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities. The right, title and interest of the Property Trustee to the Notes shall vest automatically in each Person who may hereafter be appointed as Property Trustee in accordance with Section 5.7. Such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents with regard to the Notes have been executed and delivered.

(b) The Property Trustee shall not transfer its right, title and interest in the Notes to the Regular Trustees or to the Delaware Trustee (if the Property Trustee does not also act as Delaware Trustee).

(c) The Property Trustee shall:

(i) establish and maintain a segregated non-interest-bearing trust account (the "Property Trustee Account") in the name of and under the exclusive control of the Property Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Securities and, upon the receipt of payments of funds made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee, deposit such funds into the Property Trustee Account and make payments to the Holders of the Capital Securities and Holders of the Common Securities from the Property Trustee Account in accordance with Section 6.1. Funds in the Property Trustee Account shall be held uninvested until disbursed in accordance with this Declaration. The Property Trustee Account shall be an account that is maintained with a banking institution the rating of whose long-term unsecured indebtedness is at least equal to the rating assigned to the Capital Securities by a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization", as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Securities Act;

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(ii) engage in such ministerial activities as shall be necessary or appropriate to effect the redemption of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities to the extent the Notes are prepaid or mature; and

(iii) upon written notice of distribution issued by the Regular Trustees in accordance with the terms of the Securities, engage in such ministerial activities as shall be necessary or appropriate to effect the distribution of the Notes to Holders of Securities upon the occurrence of certain special events (as may be defined in the terms of the Securities) or other specified circumstances pursuant to the terms of the Securities.

(d) The Property Trustee shall take all actions and perform such duties as may be specifically required of the Property Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Securities.

(e) The Property Trustee shall take any Legal Action which arises out of or in connection with an Event of Default of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee has actual knowledge or the Property Trustee's duties and obligations under this Declaration or the Trust Indenture Act; provided however, that if a Nonpayment has occurred and is continuing, a Holder of Capital Securities may institute directly a proceeding for enforcement of payment to such Holder of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Securities of such Holder (a "Direct Action") after the respective due date specified in the Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, the rights of the Holders of the Common Securities will be subrogated to the rights of such Holder of Capital Securities to the extent of any payment made by the Note Issuer to such Holder of Capital Securities in such Direct Action.

(f) The Property Trustee shall not resign as a Trustee unless either:

(i) the Trust has been completely liquidated and the proceeds of the liquidation distributed to the Holders of Securities pursuant to the terms of the Securities; or

(ii) a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted that appointment in accordance with Section 5.7.

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(g) The Property Trustee shall have the legal power to exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges of a holder of Notes under the Indenture and, if an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee occurs and is continuing, the Property Trustee shall, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, enforce its rights as holder of the Notes subject to the rights of the Holders pursuant to the terms of such Securities.

(h) The Property Trustee may authorize one or more Paying Agents to pay Distributions, redemption payments or liquidation payments on behalf of the Trust with respect to all securities and any such Paying Agent shall comply with ss. 317(b) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any Paying Agent may be removed by the Property Trustee at any time and a successor Paying Agent or additional Paying Agents may be appointed at any time by the Property Trustee.

(i) Subject to this Section 3.8, the Property Trustee shall have none of the duties, liabilities, powers or the authority of the Regular Trustees set forth in Section 3.6.

The Property Trustee must exercise the powers set forth in this Section 3.8 in a manner that is consistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3, and the Property Trustee shall not take any action that is inconsistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3.

SECTION 3.9 Certain Duties and Responsibilities of the Property Trustee.

(a) The Property Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Declaration and no implied covenants shall be read into this Declaration against the Property Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee has actual knowledge, the Property Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Declaration, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

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(b) No provision of this Declaration shall be construed to relieve the Property Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:

(A) the duties and obligations of the Property Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Declaration and the Property Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Declaration, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Declaration against the Property Trustee; and

(B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Property Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Declaration; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Declaration;

(ii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Property Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(iii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the

Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under this Declaration;

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(iv) no provision of this Declaration shall require the Property Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Declaration or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Property Trustee against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it;

(v) the Property Trustee's sole duty with respect to the custody, safekeeping and physical preservation of the Notes and the Property Trustee Account shall be to deal with such property in a similar manner as the Property Trustee deals with similar property for its own account, subject to the protections and limitations on liability afforded to the Property Trustee under this Declaration and the Trust Indenture Act;

(vi) the Property Trustee shall have no duty or liability for or with respect to the value, genuineness, existence or sufficiency of the Notes or the payment of any taxes or assessments levied thereon or in connection therewith;

(vii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any interest on any money received by it except as it may otherwise agree in writing with the Sponsor. Money held by the Property Trustee need not be segregated from other funds held by it except in relation to the Property Trustee Account maintained by the Property Trustee pursuant to Section 3.8(c)(i) and except to the extent otherwise required by law; and

(viii) the Property Trustee shall not be responsible for monitoring the compliance by the Regular Trustees or the Sponsor with their respective duties under this Declaration, nor shall the Property Trustee be liable for any default or misconduct of the Regular Trustees or the Sponsor.

SECTION 3.10 Certain Rights of Property Trustee.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.9:

(i) the Property Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining

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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, sent or presented by the proper party or parties;

(ii) any direction or act of the Sponsor or the Regular Trustees contemplated by this Declaration shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate;

(iii) whenever in the administration of this Declaration, the Property Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Property Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Sponsor or the Regular Trustees;

(iv) the Property Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument

(including any financing or continuation statement or any filing under tax or securities laws) or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof;

(v) the Property Trustee may consult with counsel or other experts of its selection and the advice or opinion of such counsel and experts with respect to legal matters or advice within the scope of such experts' area of expertise shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion, such counsel may be counsel to the Sponsor or any of its Affiliates, and may include any of its employees. The Property Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this Declaration from any court of competent jurisdiction;

(vi) the Property Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Declaration at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Property Trustee security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Property

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Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Property Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Property Trustee provided, that, nothing contained in this Section 3.10(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Property Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Declaration;

(vii) the Property 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 Property Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit;

(viii) the Property Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, custodians, nominees or attorneys, and the Property 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;

(ix) any action taken by the Property Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Trust and the Holders of the Securities, and the signature of the Property Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action and no third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Property Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Property Trustee's or its agent's taking such action;

(x) whenever in the administration of this Declaration the Property Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Property Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of the Securities which instructions may only be given by the Holders of the same proportion in liquidation amount of the Securities

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as would be entitled to direct the Property Trustee under the terms of the Securities in respect of such remedy, right or action, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying

on or acting in or accordance with such instructions;

(xi) except as otherwise expressly provided by this Declaration, the Property Trustee shall not be under any obligation to take any action that is discretionary under the provisions of this Declaration; and

(xii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Declaration.

(b) No provision of this Declaration shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Property Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it, in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Property Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts, or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Property Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.11 Delaware Trustee.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration other than Section 5.2, the Delaware Trustee shall not be entitled to exercise any powers, nor shall the Delaware Trustee have any of the duties and responsibilities of the Regular Trustees or the Property Trustee described in this Declaration. Except as set forth in Section 5.2, the Delaware Trustee shall be a Trustee for the sole and limited purpose of fulfilling the requirements of ss. 3807 of the Business Trust Act.

SECTION 3.12 Execution of Documents.

Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, and except as otherwise required by the Business Trust Act, any Regular Trustee is authorized to execute on behalf of the Trust any documents that the Regular Trustees have the power and authority to execute pursuant to Section 3.6; provided that, the registration statement referred to in Section 3.6(b), including

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any amendments thereto, shall be signed by a majority of the Regular Trustees holding office at the time of such signing.

SECTION 3.13 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.

The recitals contained in this Declaration and the Securities shall be taken as the statements of the Sponsor, and the Trustees do not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Trustees make no representations as to the value or condition of the property of the Trust or any part thereof. The Trustees make no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Declaration or the Securities.

SECTION 3.14 Duration of Trust.

The Trust, unless terminated pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII hereof, shall have existence for 55 years from January 1, 1997.

SECTION 3.15 Mergers.

(a) The Trust may not consolidate, merge with or into, or be replaced by, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any corporation or other body, except as described in Section 3.15(b) and (c).

(b) The Trust may, with the consent of a majority of the Regular Trustees and without the consent of the Holders of the Securities, the Delaware Trustee or the Property Trustee, consolidate, merge with or into, or be replaced by a trust organized as such under the laws of any State; provided that:

(i) if the Trust is not the survivor, such successor entity (the "Successor Entity") either:

(A) expressly assumes all of the obligations of the Trust under the Securities; or

(B) substitutes for the Securities other

securities having substantially the same terms as the Securities (the "Successor Securities") so long as the Successor Securities rank the same as the Securities rank with respect to Distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise;

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(ii) the Note Issuer expressly acknowledges a trustee of the Successor Entity that possesses the same powers and duties as the Property Trustee as the Holder of the Notes;

(iii) the Capital Securities or any Successor Securities which are Capital Securities are listed, or any Successor Securities of the Capital Securities will be listed upon notification of issuance, on any national or international securities exchange or with another organization, if any, on which the Capital Securities are then listed or quoted;

(iv) such merger, consolidation or replacement does not cause the Capital Securities (including any Successor Securities of the Capital Securities) to be downgraded by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization;

(v) such merger, consolidation or replacement does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the Holders of the Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect (other than with respect to any dilution of such Holders' interests in the new or successor entity as a result of such merger, consolidation or replacement);

(vi) such Successor Entity has a purpose identical to that of the Trust;

(vii) prior to such merger, consolidation or replacement, the Sponsor has received an opinion of a nationally recognized independent counsel to the Trust experienced in such matters to the effect that:

(A) such merger, consolidation or replacement does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the Holders of the Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect (other than with respect to any dilution of the Holders' interest in the new entity);

(B) following such merger, consolidation or replacement, neither the Trust nor the Successor Entity will be required to register as an Investment Company; and

(C) following such merger, consolidation or replacement, the Trust (or the

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Successor Entity) will continue to be classified as a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes; and

(viii) the Sponsor guarantees the obligations of such Successor Entity under the Successor Securities at least to the extent provided by the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Common Securities Guarantee.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 3.15(b), the Trust shall not, except with the consent of Holders of 100% in liquidation amount of the Securities, consolidate, merge with or into, or be replaced by any other entity or permit any other entity to consolidate, merge with or into, or replace it if such consolidation, merger or replacement would cause the Trust or Successor Entity to be classified as other than a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes.

ARTICLE IV
SPONSOR

SECTION 4.1 Sponsor's Purchase of Common Securities.

On the Closing Date the Sponsor will purchase all of the Common Securities issued by the Trust, in an amount at least equal to 3% of the capital of the Trust, at the same time as the Capital Securities are sold.

SECTION 4.2 Responsibilities of the Sponsor.

In connection with the issue and sale of the Capital Securities, the Sponsor shall have the exclusive right and responsibility to engage in the following activities:

(a) to prepare for filing by the Trust with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 in relation to the Capital Securities, including any amendments thereto;

(b) to determine the States in which to take appropriate action to qualify or register for sale all or part of the Capital Securities and to do any and all such acts, other than actions which must be taken by the Trust, and advise the Trust of actions it must take, and prepare for execution and filing any documents to be executed and filed by the Trust, as the Sponsor deems necessary or advisable in order to comply with the applicable laws of any such States;

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(c) to prepare for filing when required by the Trust an application to any national or international stock exchange or the Nasdaq National Market for listing upon notice of issuance of any Capital Securities if the Capital Securities are to be listed;

(d) to prepare for filing by the Trust with the Commission (i) any required registration statement on Form 8-A relating to the registration of the Capital Securities under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, including any amendments thereto and (ii) any other filings required under the Exchange Act;

(e) to negotiate the terms of the Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale of the Capital Securities and the Capital Securities Guarantee; and

(f) to negotiate the terms of a Calculation Agency Agreement providing for the determination of a variable interest rate on the Notes.

In addition, the Sponsor shall have the right at any time to cause the Trust to be dissolved and the Notes held by the Trust to be distributed to Holders of the Securities.

SECTION 4.3 Covenants of the Sponsor.

For so long as the Capital Securities remain outstanding, the Sponsor will covenant (i) to maintain 100% direct or indirect ownership of the Common Securities, (ii) to use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Trust (a) to remain a statutory business trust, except as permitted by this Declaration in connection with the Trust's liquidation, merger, or consolidation, and (b) to not be classified as an association taxable as a corporation or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes and (iii) to use its reasonable best efforts to cause each Holder of Securities to be treated as owning an undivided beneficial ownership interest in the assets of the Trust.

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ARTICLE V
TRUSTEES

SECTION 5.1 Number of Trustees.

The number of Trustees of this Trust shall be five, and:

(a) at any time before the issuance of any Securities, the Sponsor may, by written instrument, increase

or decrease the number of Trustees; and

(b) after the issuance of any Securities, the number of Trustees may be increased or decreased by vote of the Holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities voting as a class at a meeting of the Holders of the Common Securities; provided, however, that, the number of Trustees shall in no event be less than two; provided further that (1) one Trustee, in the case of a natural person, shall be a person who is a resident of the State of Delaware or that, if not a natural person, is an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware (the "Delaware Trustee"); (2) there shall be at least one Trustee who is an employee or officer of, or is affiliated with the Sponsor (a "Regular Trustee"); and (3) one Trustee shall be the Property Trustee for so long as this Declaration is required to qualify as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act, and such Trustee may also serve as Delaware Trustee if it meets the applicable requirements.

SECTION 5.2 Qualifications of Delaware Trustee.

If required by the Business Trust Act, the Delaware Trustee shall be:

(a) a natural person who is a resident of the State of Delaware; or

(b) if not a natural person, an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware, and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law,

provided that, if the Property Trustee has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law, then the Property Trustee shall also be the Delaware Trustee and Section 3.11 shall have no application.

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SECTION 5.3 Property Trustee; Eligibility.

(a) There shall at all times be one Trustee which shall act as Property Trustee which shall:

(i) not be an Affiliate of the Sponsor; and

(ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Commission to act as a Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then for the purposes of this Section 5.3(a)(ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.

(b) If at any time the Property Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 5.3(a), the Property Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set forth in Section 5.7(c).

(c) If the Property Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of ss. 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Property Trustee and the Holder of the Common Securities (as if it were the obligor referred to in ss. 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act) shall in all respects comply with the provisions of ss. 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(d) The Capital Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Declaration for purposes of clause (i) of the first provision contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(e) The initial Property Trustee shall be:

SECTION 5.4 Certain Qualifications of Regular Trustees and Delaware Trustee Generally.

Each Regular Trustee and the Delaware Trustee (unless the Property Trustee also acts as Delaware Trustee) shall be either a natural person who is at least 21 years of age or a legal entity that shall act through one or more Authorized Officers.

SECTION 5.5 Regular Trustees.

As of the date of this Declaration, the Regular Trustees shall be:

John E. Mack
William L. Maxwell
Marc D. Oken

(a) Except as expressly set forth in this Declaration and except if a meeting of the Regular Trustees is called with respect to any matter over which the Regular Trustees have power to act, any power of the Regular Trustees may be exercised by, or with the consent of, any one such Regular Trustee.

(b) Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, and except as otherwise required by the Business Trust Act or applicable law, any Regular Trustee is authorized to execute on behalf of the Trust any documents which the Regular Trustees have the power and authority to cause the Trust to execute pursuant to Section 3.6, provided, that, the registration statement referred to in Section 3.6, including any amendments thereto, shall be signed by a majority of the Regular Trustees; and

(c) a Regular Trustee may, by power of attorney consistent with applicable law, delegate to any other natural person over the age of 21 his or her power for the purposes of signing any documents which the Regular Trustees have power and authority to cause the Trust to execute pursuant to Section 3.6.

SECTION 5.6 Appointment of Delaware Trustee.

The initial Delaware Trustee shall be:

The Bank of New York (Delaware).

SECTION 5.7 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Trustees.

(a) Except during an Event of Default and subject to Section 5.7(b), Trustees may be appointed or removed without cause at any time:

(i) until the issuance of any Securities, by written instrument executed by the Sponsor; and

(ii) after the issuance of any Securities, by vote of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities voting as a class at a meeting of the Holders of the Common Securities.

(b) (i) the Property Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section 5.7(a) until a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Property Trustee and delivered to the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor; and

(ii) the Delaware Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section 5.7(a) until a successor Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Delaware Trustee under Sections 5.2 and 5.4 (a "Successor Delaware Trustee") has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Delaware Trustee and delivered to the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor.

(c) A Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until his successor shall have been appointed or until his death, removal or resignation. Any Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing signed by the Trustee and delivered to the Sponsor and the Trust, which resignation shall take effect upon such delivery or upon such later date as is specified therein; provided, however, that:

(i) No such resignation of the Property Trustee shall be effective:

(A) until a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument executed by such Successor Property Trustee and delivered to the Trust, the Sponsor and the resigning Property Trustee; or

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(B) until the assets of the Trust have been completely liquidated and the proceeds thereof distributed to the holders of the Securities; and

(ii) no such resignation of the Delaware Trustee shall be effective until a Successor Delaware Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument executed by such Successor Delaware Trustee and delivered to the Trust, the Sponsor and the resigning Delaware Trustee.

(d) The Holders of the Common Securities shall use their best efforts to promptly appoint a Successor Delaware Trustee or Successor Property Trustee as the case may be if the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee delivers an instrument of resignation in accordance with this Section 5.7.

(e) If no Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 5.7 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of resignation or removal, the Property Trustee or Delaware Trustee resigning or being removed, as applicable, may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper and prescribe, appoint a Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee, as the case may be.

(f) No Property Trustee or Delaware Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Property Trustee or successor Delaware Trustee, as the case may be.

SECTION 5.8 Vacancies among Trustees.

If a Trustee ceases to hold office for any reason and the number of Trustees is not reduced pursuant to Section 5.1, or if the number of Trustees is increased pursuant to Section 5.1, a vacancy shall occur. A resolution certifying the existence of such vacancy by the Regular Trustees or, if there are more than two, a majority of the Regular Trustees shall be conclusive evidence of the existence of such vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled with a Trustee appointed in accordance with Section 5.7.

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SECTION 5.9 Effect of Vacancies.

The death, resignation, retirement, removal, bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation, incompetence or incapacity to perform the duties of a Trustee shall not operate to annul the Trust. Whenever a vacancy in the number of Regular Trustees shall occur, until such vacancy is filled by the appointment of a Regular Trustee in accordance with Section 5.7, the Regular Trustees in office, regardless of their number, shall have all the powers granted to the Regular Trustees and shall discharge all the duties imposed upon the Regular Trustees by this Declaration.

SECTION 5.10 Meetings.

If there is more than one Regular Trustee, meetings of the Regular Trustees shall be held from time to time upon the call of any Regular Trustee. Regular meetings of the Regular Trustees may be held at a time and

place fixed by resolution of the Regular Trustees. Notice of any in-person meetings of the Regular Trustees shall be hand delivered or otherwise delivered in writing (including by facsimile, with a hard copy by overnight courier) not less than 48 hours before such meeting. Notice of any telephonic meetings of the Regular Trustees or any committee thereof shall be hand delivered or otherwise delivered in writing (including by facsimile, with a hard copy by overnight courier) not less than 24 hours before a meeting. Notices shall contain a brief statement of the time, place and anticipated purposes of the meeting. The presence (whether in person or by telephone) of a Regular Trustee at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a Regular Trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any activity on the ground that the meeting has not been lawfully called or convened. Unless provided otherwise in this Declaration, any action of the Regular Trustees may be taken at a meeting by vote of a majority of the Regular Trustees present (whether in person or by telephone) and eligible to vote with respect to such matter, provided that a Quorum is present, or without a meeting by the unanimous written consent of the Regular Trustees. Any and all actions of the Regular Trustees also may be evidenced by a written consent of such Regular Trustee.

SECTION 5.11 Delegation of Power.

(a) Any Regular Trustee may, by power of attorney consistent with applicable law, delegate to any other natural person over the age of 21 his or her power for the purpose of executing any documents contemplated in Section 3.6, including any registration statement or amendment

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thereto filed with the Commission, or making any other governmental filing; and

(b) the Regular Trustees shall have power to delegate from time to time to such of their number or to officers of the Trust the doing of such things and the execution of such instruments either in the name of the Trust or the names of the Regular Trustees or otherwise as the Regular Trustees may deem expedient, to the extent such delegation is not prohibited by applicable law or contrary to the provisions of the Trust, as set forth herein.

SECTION 5.12 Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business.

Any corporation into which the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, may be merged or converted or with which either may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, shall be the successor of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, hereunder, provided such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE VI
DISTRIBUTIONS

SECTION 6.1 Distributions.

Holders shall receive Distributions at the times and in accordance with the applicable terms of the relevant Holder's Securities. If and to the extent that the Note Issuer makes a payment of interest (including Compounded Interest, as defined in the Indenture) and Additional Interest (as defined in the Indenture), premium or principal on the Notes held by the Property Trustee (the amount of any such payment being a "Payment Amount"), the Property Trustee shall and is directed, to the extent funds are available for that purpose and without further action by the Regular Trustees, to make a Distribution of the Payment Amount to Holders. The term "Distributions" as used herein includes such cash distributions and any such interest payable unless otherwise stated. Distributions shall be made on the Capital Securities and the Common Securities in accordance with the preferences set forth in their respective terms.

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ARTICLE VII
ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES

SECTION 7.1 General Provisions Regarding Securities.

(a) The Regular Trustees shall on behalf of the Trust issue the Capital Securities which shall have such terms as are set forth in a completed Designation of Terms in the form attached hereto as Annex I (the "Designation of Terms") and one class of common securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust having such terms as are set forth in a completed Designation of Terms. The Trust shall issue no securities or other interests in the assets of the Trust other than the Capital Securities and the Common Securities.

(b) The Securities are subject to redemption as provided in the Designation of Terms.

(c) The Certificates shall be signed on behalf of the Trust by a Regular Trustee. Such signature shall be the manual signature of any present or any future Regular Trustee. In case any Regular Trustee of the Trust who shall have signed any of the Certificates shall cease to be such Regular Trustee before the Certificates so signed shall be delivered by the Trust, such Certificates nevertheless may be delivered as though the person who signed such Certificates had not ceased to be such Regular Trustee; and any Certificate may be signed on behalf of the Trust by such persons who, at the actual date of execution of such Security, shall be the Regular Trustees of the Trust, although at the date of the execution and delivery of the Declaration any such person was not such a Regular Trustee. Certificates shall be typed, printed, lithographed or engraved or may be produced in any other manner as is reasonably acceptable to the Regular Trustees, as evidenced by their execution thereof, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements as the Regular Trustees may deem appropriate, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage.

(d) The consideration received by the Trust for the issuance of the Securities shall constitute a contribution to the capital of the Trust and shall not constitute a loan to the Trust.

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(e) Upon issuance of the Securities as provided in this Declaration, the Securities so issued shall be deemed to be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

(f) Every Person, by virtue of having become a Holder or a Capital Security Beneficial Owner in accordance with the terms of this Declaration, shall be deemed to have expressly assented and agreed to the terms of, and shall be bound by, this Declaration, including the Designation of Terms.

SECTION 7.2 Paying Agent.

In the event that the Capital Securities are not in Book-Entry only form, the Trust shall maintain in New York, New York, an office or agency where the Capital Securities may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Trust may appoint the Paying Agent and may appoint one or more additional paying agents in such other locations as it shall determine and shall make such appointment in any other location required by law or by the rules of any securities exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed. The term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Trust may change any Paying Agent without prior notice to any Holder. The Trust shall notify the Property Trustee of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Declaration. If the Trust fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Paying Agent, the Property Trustee shall act as such. The Trust or any of its Affiliates may act as Paying Agent. The Property Trustee shall initially act as Paying Agent for the Capital Securities. The Trust shall initially act as Paying Agent for the Common Securities.

ARTICLE VIII
TERMINATION OF TRUST

SECTION 8.1 Termination of Trust.

- (a) The Trust shall dissolve:
- (i) upon the bankruptcy of the Sponsor;
 - (ii) upon the filing of a certificate of

dissolution or its equivalent with respect to the Sponsor; upon the consent of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities voting together as a single class to dissolve the Trust or the revocation of the Sponsor's charter and the expiration of 90 days after the date of revocation without a reinstatement thereof;

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(iii) upon the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Holder of the Common Securities, the Sponsor or the Trust;

(iv) when all of the Securities shall have been called for redemption and the amounts necessary for redemption thereof shall have been paid to the Holders in accordance with the terms of the Securities;

(v) at the election of the Sponsor at any time pursuant to which the Trust shall have been dissolved in accordance with the terms of the Securities and all of the Notes endorsed thereon shall have been distributed to the Holders of Securities in exchange for all of the Securities; or

(vi) before the issuance of any Securities, with the consent of all of the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor.

(b) As soon as is practicable after the occurrence of an event referred to in Section 8.1(a), the Trustees shall, after satisfaction of all obligations of the Trust, file a certificate of cancellation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and the Trust shall terminate.

(c) The provisions of Section 3.9 and Article X shall survive the termination of the Trust.

ARTICLE IX TRANSFER OF INTERESTS

SECTION 9.1 Transfer of Securities.

(a) Securities may only be transferred, in whole or in part, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Declaration and in the terms of the Securities. Any transfer or purported transfer of any Security not made in accordance with this Declaration shall be null and void.

(b) Subject to this Article IX, Capital Securities shall be freely transferable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Capital Securities may not be acquired by any Person who is, or who in acquiring such Capital Securities is using the assets of, an ERISA Plan unless one of the following class exemptions or another applicable exemption is available to the ERISA Plan: (i) Prohibited Transaction

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Class Exemption 90-1 ("PTCE 90-1"), regarding investments by insurance company pooled separate accounts, (ii) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 91-38 ("PTCE 91-38") regarding investments by bank collective investment funds, (iii) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 84-14 ("PTCE 84-14"), regarding transactions effected by qualified professional asset managers, (iv) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 96-23 ("PTCE 96-23"), regarding transactions effected by in-house asset managers, or (v) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 95-60 ("PTCE 95-60"), regarding investments by insurance company general accounts. The acquisition of Capital Securities by any Person who is, or who in acquiring such Capital Securities is using the assets of, an ERISA Plan shall be deemed to constitute a representation by such Person to the Trust that (i) such Person is eligible for exemptive relief available pursuant to either one of PTCE 90-1, PTCE 91-38, PTCE 84-14, PTCE 96-23, PTCE 95-60 or another applicable exemption with respect to the acquisition and holding of such Capital Securities, and (ii) neither the Sponsor nor the Trust is a "fiduciary", within the meaning of Section 3(21) of ERISA and the regulations thereunder, with respect to such Person's interest in the Capital Securities or the

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(c) Subject to this Article IX and Section 4.3, the Sponsor and any Related Party may only transfer Common Securities to the Sponsor or a Related Party of the Sponsor; provided that, any such transfer is subject to the condition precedent that the transferor obtain the written opinion of a nationally recognized independent counsel experienced in such matters that such transfer would not cause more than an insubstantial risk that:

(i) the Trust would not be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as an association or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation; and

(ii) the Trust would be an Investment Company or the transferee would become an Investment Company.

SECTION 9.2 Transfer of Certificates.

The Regular Trustees shall provide for the registration of Certificates and of transfers of Certificates, which will be effected without charge but only upon payment (with such indemnity as the Regular Trustees may require) in respect of any tax or other government charges that may be imposed in relation to it. Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Certificate, the Regular Trustees shall cause one or more new Certificates to be issued in the name of the designated

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transferee or transferees. Every Certificate surrendered for registration of transfer shall be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Regular Trustees duly executed by the Holder or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing. Each Certificate surrendered for registration of transfer shall be canceled by the Regular Trustees. A transferee of a Certificate shall be entitled to the rights and subject to the obligations of a Holder hereunder upon the receipt by such transferee of a Certificate. By acceptance of a Certificate, each transferee shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by this Declaration.

SECTION 9.3 Deemed Security Holders.

The Trustees may treat the Person in whose name any Certificate shall be registered on the books and records of the Trust as the sole holder of such Certificate and of the Securities represented by such Certificate for purposes of receiving Distributions and for all other purposes whatsoever and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such Certificate or in the Securities represented by such Certificate on the part of any Person, whether or not the Trust shall have actual or other notice thereof.

SECTION 9.4 Book-Entry Interests.

Unless otherwise specified in the terms of the Capital Securities, the Capital Securities Certificates, on original issuance, will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered, global Capital Security Certificates (each a "Global Security"), to be delivered to DTC, the initial Clearing Agency, by, or on behalf of, the Trust. Such Global Securities shall initially be registered on the books and records of the Trust in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC, and no Capital Security Beneficial Owner will receive a definitive Capital Security Certificate representing such Capital Security Beneficial Owner's interests in such Global Securities, except as provided in Section 9.7. Unless and until definitive, fully registered Capital Security Certificates (the "Definitive Capital Security Certificates") have been issued to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners pursuant to Section 9.7:

(a) the provisions of this Section 9.4 shall be in full force and effect;

(b) the Trust and the Trustees shall be entitled to deal with the Clearing Agency for all purposes of this Declaration (including the payment of Distributions on the Global Securities and receiving approvals, votes or consents

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hereunder) as the sole Holder of the Capital Securities and shall have no obligation to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners;

(c) to the extent that the provisions of this Section 9.4 conflict with any other provisions of this Declaration, the provisions of this Section 9.4 shall control;

(d) the rights of the Capital Security Beneficial Owners shall be exercised only through the Clearing Agency and shall be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Capital Security Beneficial Owners and the Clearing Agency and/or the Clearing Agency Participants. DTC will make Book-Entry transfers among the Clearing Agency Participants and receive and transmit payments of Distributions on the Global Securities to such Clearing Agency Participants; and

(e) Capital Securities sold outside the United States may be held by the Clearing Agency for the account of Cedel Bank, societe anonyme and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Brussels office, as operator of the Euroclear System.

SECTION 9.5 Notices to Clearing Agency.

Whenever a notice or other communication to the Capital Security Holders is required under this Declaration, unless and until Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall have been issued to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners pursuant to Section 9.7, the Regular Trustees shall give all such notices and communications specified herein to be given to the Capital Security Holders to the Clearing Agency and shall have no notice obligations to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners.

SECTION 9.6 Appointment of Successor Clearing Agency.

If any Clearing Agency elects to discontinue its services as securities depository with respect to the Capital Securities, the Regular Trustees may, in their sole discretion, appoint a successor Clearing Agency with respect to such Capital Securities.

SECTION 9.7 Definitive Capital Security Certificates.

If:

(a) a Clearing Agency elects to discontinue its services as securities depository with respect to the

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Capital Securities and a successor Clearing Agency is not appointed within 90 days after such discontinuance pursuant to Section 9.6; or

(b) the Regular Trustees elect after consultation with the Sponsor to terminate the Book-Entry system through the Clearing Agency with respect to the Capital Securities,

then:

(c) Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall be prepared by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust with respect to such Capital Securities; and

(d) upon surrender of the Global Securities by the Clearing Agency, accompanied by registration instructions, the Regular Trustees shall cause Definitive Capital Security Certificates to be delivered to Capital Security Beneficial Owners in accordance with the instructions of the Clearing Agency. Neither the Trustees nor the Trust shall be liable for any delay in delivery of such instructions and each of them may conclusively rely on and shall be protected in relying on, said instructions of the Clearing Agency. The Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall be typed, printed, lithographed or engraved or may be produced in any other manner as is reasonably acceptable to the Regular Trustees, as evidenced by their execution thereof, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements as the Regular Trustees may deem appropriate, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which Capital Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage.

Otherwise, Definitive Capital Security Certificates will not be issued.

SECTION 9.8 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Certificates.

If:

(a) any mutilated Certificates should be surrendered to the Regular Trustees, or if the Regular Trustees shall receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Certificate; and

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(b) there shall be delivered to the Regular Trustees such security or indemnity as may be required by them to keep each of them harmless.

then, in the absence of notice that such Certificate shall have been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, any Regular Trustee on behalf of the Trust shall execute and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificate, a new Certificate of like denomination. In connection with the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section 9.8, the Regular Trustees may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith. Any duplicate Certificate issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute conclusive evidence of an ownership interest in the relevant Securities, as if originally issued, whether or not the lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate shall be found at any time.

ARTICLE X
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY OF
HOLDERS OF SECURITIES, TRUSTEES OR OTHERS

SECTION 10.1 Liability.

(a) Except as expressly set forth in this Declaration, the Securities Guarantees and the terms of the Securities, the Sponsor shall not:

(i) be personally liable for the return of any portion of the capital contributions (or any return thereon) of the Holders of the Securities which shall be made solely from assets of the Trust; and

(ii) be required to pay to the Trust or to any Holder of Securities any deficit upon dissolution of the Trust or otherwise.

(b) Pursuant to ss. 3803(a) of the Business Trust Act, the Holders of the Capital Securities shall be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations organized for profit under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

SECTION 10.2 Exculpation.

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Trust or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim

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incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith on behalf of the Trust and in a manner such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Declaration or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's gross negligence (or negligence in the case of the Trustee) or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Trust and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Trust by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Trust, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Securities might properly be paid.

SECTION 10.3 Fiduciary Duty.

(a) To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Indemnified Person has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Trust or to any other Covered Person, an Indemnified Person acting under this Declaration shall not be liable to the Trust or to any other Covered Person for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Declaration. The provisions of this Declaration, to the extent that they restrict the duties and liabilities of an Indemnified Person otherwise existing at law or in equity (other than the duties imposed on the Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act), are agreed by the parties hereto to replace such other duties and liabilities of such Indemnified Person.

(b) Unless otherwise expressly provided herein:

(i) whenever a conflict of interest exists or arises between any Covered Persons; or

(ii) whenever this Declaration or any other agreement contemplated herein or therein provides that an Indemnified Person shall act in a manner that is, or provides terms that are, fair and reasonable to the Trust or any Holder of Securities,

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the Indemnified Person shall resolve such conflict of interest, take such action or provide such terms, considering in each case the relative interest of each party (including its own interest) to such conflict, agreement, transaction or situation and the benefits and burdens relating to such interests, any customary or accepted industry practices, and any applicable generally accepted accounting practices or principles. In the absence of bad faith by the Indemnified Person, the resolution, action or term so made, taken or provided by the Indemnified Person shall not constitute a breach of this Declaration or any other agreement contemplated herein or of any duty or obligation of the Indemnified Person at law or in equity or otherwise.

(c) Whenever in this Declaration an Indemnified Person is permitted or required to make a decision:

(i) in its "discretion" or under a grant of similar authority, the Indemnified Person shall be entitled to consider such interests and factors as it desires, including its own interests, and shall have no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of or factors affecting the Trust or any other Person; or

(ii) in its "good faith" or under another express standard, the Indemnified Person shall act under such express standard and shall not be subject to any other or different standard imposed by this Declaration or by applicable law.

SECTION 10.4 Indemnification.

(a) (i) The Note Issuer shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any Company Indemnified Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Trust) by reason of the fact that he is or was a Company Indemnified Person against expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction,

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or upon a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the Company Indemnified Person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the

best interests of the Trust, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

(ii) The Note Issuer shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any Company Indemnified Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Trust to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a Company Indemnified Person against expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust and except that no such indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such Company Indemnified Person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Trust unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery of Delaware or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

(iii) To the extent that a Company Indemnified Person shall be successful on the merits or otherwise (including dismissal of an action without prejudice or the settlement of an action without admission of liability) in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a), or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified, to the full extent permitted by law, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

(iv) Any indemnification under paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a) (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Note Issuer only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination

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that indemnification of the Company Indemnified Person is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in paragraphs (i) and (ii). Such determination shall be made (1) by the Regular Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of such Regular Trustees who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the Holders of the Common Securities.

(v) Expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by a Company Indemnified Person in defending a civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a) shall be paid by the Note Issuer in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Company Indemnified Person to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Note Issuer as authorized in this Section 10.4(a). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no advance shall be made by the Note Issuer if a determination is reasonably and promptly made (i) by the Regular Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees, (ii) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion or (iii) the Common Security Holder of the Trust, that, based upon the facts known to the Regular Trustees, counsel or the Common Security Holder at the time such determination is made, such Company Indemnified Person acted in bad faith or in a manner that such person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust, or, with respect to any criminal proceeding, that such Company Indemnified Person believed or had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. In no event shall any advance be made in instances where the Regular Trustees, independent legal counsel or Common Security

Holder reasonably determine that such person deliberately breached his duty to the Trust or to the Holders of the Common or Capital Securities.

(vi) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other paragraphs of this Section 10.4(a) shall not be deemed

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exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification and advancement of expenses may be entitled under any agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors of the Note Issuer or Capital Security Holders of the Trust or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. All rights to indemnification under this Section 10.4(a) shall be deemed to be provided by a contract between the Note Issuer and each Company Indemnified Person who serves in such capacity at any time while this Section 10.4(a) is in effect. Any repeal or modification of this Section 10.4(a) shall not affect any rights or obligations then existing.

(vii) The Note Issuer or the Trust may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Company Indemnified Person against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Note Issuer would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Section 10.4(a).

(viii) For purposes of this Section 10.4(a), references to "the Trust" shall include, in addition to the resulting or surviving entity, any constituent entity (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger, so that any person who is or was a director, trustee, officer or employee of such constituent entity, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent entity as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent of another entity, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Section 10.4(a) with respect to the resulting or surviving entity as he would have with respect to such constituent entity if its separate existence had continued.

(ix) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Section 10.4(a) shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Company Indemnified Person and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(b) The Note Issuer agrees to indemnify the (i) Property Trustee, (ii) the Delaware Trustee, (iii) any Affiliate of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee,

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and (iv) any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, custodians, nominees or agents of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee (each of the Persons in (i) through (iv) being referred to as a "Fiduciary Indemnified Person") for, and to hold each Fiduciary Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense including taxes (other than taxes based on the income of such Fiduciary Indemnified Person) incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration or the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against or investigating any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 10.4(b) shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Declaration.

SECTION 10.5 Outside Businesses.

Any Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee may engage in or possess an interest in other business ventures of any nature or description, independently or with others, similar or

dissimilar to the business of the Trust, and the Trust and the Holders of Securities shall have no rights by virtue of this Declaration in and to such independent ventures or the income or profits derived therefrom, and the pursuit of any such venture, even if competitive with the business of the Trust, shall not be deemed wrongful or improper. No Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee, or the Property Trustee shall be obligated to present any particular investment or other opportunity to the Trust even if such opportunity is of a character that, if presented to the Trust, could be taken by the Trust, and any Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee shall have the right to take for its own account (individually or as a partner or fiduciary) or to recommend to others any such particular investment or other opportunity. Any Covered Person, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee may engage or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Sponsor or any Affiliate of the Sponsor, or may act as depository for, trustee or agent for, or act on any committee or body of holders of, securities or other obligations of the Sponsor or its Affiliates.

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ARTICLE XI
ACCOUNTING

SECTION 11.1 Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year ("Fiscal Year") of the Trust shall be the calendar year or such other year as is required by the Code.

SECTION 11.2 Certain Accounting Matters.

(a) At all times during the existence of the Trust, the Regular Trustees shall keep, or cause to be kept, full books of account, records and supporting documents, which shall reflect in reasonable detail, each transaction of the Trust. The books of account shall be maintained on the accrual method of accounting, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied. The Trust shall use the accrual method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes. The books of account and the records of the Trust shall be examined by and reported upon as of the end of each Fiscal Year of the Trust by a firm of independent certified public accountants selected by the Regular Trustees;

(b) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be prepared and delivered to each of the Holders of Securities, within 90 days after the end of each Fiscal Year of the Trust, annual financial statements of the Trust, including a balance sheet of the Trust as of the end of such Fiscal Year, and the related statements of income or loss;

(c) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be duly prepared and delivered to each of the Holders of Securities, any annual United States federal income tax information statement, required by the Code, containing such information with regard to the Securities held by each Holder as is required by the Code and the Treasury Regulations. Notwithstanding any right under the Code to deliver any such statement at a later date, the Regular Trustees shall endeavor to deliver all such statements within 30 days after the end of each Fiscal Year of the Trust; and

(d) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be duly prepared and filed with the appropriate taxing authority, an annual United States federal income tax return, on a Form 1041 or such other form required by United States federal income tax law, and any other annual income tax returns required to be filed by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust with any state or local taxing authority.

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SECTION 11.3 Banking.

The Trust shall maintain one or more bank accounts in the name and for the sole benefit of the Trust; provided, however, that all payments of funds in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee shall be made directly to the Property Trustee Account and no other funds of the Trust shall be deposited in the Property Trustee Account. The sole signatories for such accounts shall be designated by the Regular Trustees; provided, however, that the Property Trustee shall designate the signatories for the Property Trustee Account.

SECTION 11.4 Withholding.

The Trust and the Regular Trustees shall comply with all withholding requirements under United States federal, state and local law. The Trust shall request, and the Holders shall provide to the Trust, such forms or certificates as are necessary to establish an exemption from withholding with respect to each Holder, and any representations and forms as shall reasonably be requested by the Trust to assist it in determining the extent of, and in fulfilling, its withholding obligations. The Regular Trustees shall file required forms with applicable jurisdictions and, unless an exemption from withholding is properly established by a Holder, shall remit amounts withheld with respect to the Holder to applicable jurisdictions. To the extent that the Trust is required to withhold and pay over any amounts to any authority with respect to distributions or allocations to any Holder, the amount withheld shall be deemed to be a distribution in the amount of the withholding to the Holder. In the event of any claim over withholding, the Holders shall be limited to an action against the applicable jurisdiction. If the amount required to be withheld was not withheld from actual Distributions made, the Trust may reduce subsequent Distributions by the amount of such withholding.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS AND MEETINGS

SECTION 12.1 Amendments.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration or by any applicable terms of the Securities, this Declaration may only be amended by a written instrument approved and executed by:

(i) the Regular Trustees (or, if there are more than two Regular Trustees a majority of the Regular Trustees);

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(ii) if the amendment affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee; and

(iii) if the amendment affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Delaware Trustee, the Delaware Trustee.

(b) No amendment shall be made, and any such purported amendment shall be void and ineffective:

(i) unless, in the case of any proposed amendment, the Property Trustee shall have first received an Officers' Certificate from each of the Trust and the Sponsor that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities);

(ii) unless, in the case of any proposed amendment which affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall have first received:

(A) an Officers' Certificate from each of the Trust and the Sponsor that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities); and

(B) an opinion of counsel (who may be counsel to the Sponsor or the Trust) that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities); and

(iii) to the extent the result of such amendment would be to:

(A) cause the Trust to fail to continue to be classified for purposes of United States federal income taxation as a grantor trust;

(B) reduce or otherwise adversely affect the powers of the Property Trustee in contravention of the Trust Indenture Act; or

(C) cause the Trust to be deemed to be an Investment Company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act.

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(c) At such time after the Trust has issued any Securities that remain outstanding, any amendment that would adversely affect the rights, privileges or preferences of any Holder of Securities may be effected only with such additional requirements as may be set forth in the terms of such Securities.

(d) Section 10.1(b) and this Section 12.1 shall not be amended without the consent of all of the Holders of the Securities.

(e) Article IV shall not be amended without the consent of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities.

(f) The rights of the holders of the Common Securities under Article V to increase or decrease the number of, and appoint and remove Trustees shall not be amended without the consent of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities.

(g) Notwithstanding Section 12.1(c), this Declaration may be amended without the consent of the Holders of the Securities to:

(i) cure any ambiguity;

(ii) correct or supplement any provision in this Declaration that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision of this Declaration;

(iii) add to the covenants, restrictions or obligations of the Sponsor;

(iv) conform to any change in Rule 3a-5 or any written change in interpretation or application of Rule 3a-5 by any legislative body, court, government agency or regulatory authority which amendment does not have a material adverse effect on the right, preferences or privileges of the Holders; and

(v) modify, eliminate and add to any provision of this Declaration to such extent as may be necessary to carry out its provisions, including making any redemption of the Notes or dissolution of the Trust and distribution of the Notes to the Holders of the Securities in exchange for all of the Securities.

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SECTION 12.2 Meetings of the Holders of Securities; Action by Written Consent.

(a) Meetings of the Holders of any class of Securities may be called at any time by the Regular Trustees (or as provided in the terms of the Securities) to consider and act on any matter on which Holders of such class of Securities are entitled to act under the terms of this Declaration, the terms of the Securities or the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed or admitted for trading. The Regular Trustees shall call a meeting of the Holders of such class if directed to do so by the Holders of at least 10% in liquidation amount of such class of Securities. Such direction shall be given by delivering to the Regular Trustees one or more calls in a writing stating that the signing Holders of Securities wish to call a meeting and indicating the general or specific purpose for which the meeting is to be called. Any Holders of Securities calling a meeting shall specify in writing the Security Certificates held by the Holders of Securities exercising the right to call a meeting and only those Securities specified shall be counted for purposes of determining whether the required percentage set forth in the second sentence of this paragraph has been met.

(b) Except to the extent otherwise provided in the terms of the Securities, the following provisions shall

apply to meetings of Holders of Securities:

(i) notice of any such meeting shall be given to all the Holders of Securities having a right to vote thereat at least seven days and not more than 60 days before the date of such meeting. Whenever a vote, consent or approval of the Holders of Securities is permitted or required under this Declaration or the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed or admitted for trading, such vote, consent or approval may be given at a meeting of the Holders of Securities. Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Holders of Securities may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by the Holders of Securities owning not less than the minimum amount of Securities in liquidation amount that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all Holders of Securities having a right to vote thereon were present and voting. Prompt notice of the taking of action without a meeting shall be given to the Holders of Securities entitled to vote who have not consented in writing. The Regular Trustees may

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specify that any written ballot submitted to the Security Holder for the purpose of taking any action without a meeting shall be returned to the Trust within the time specified by the Regular Trustees;

(ii) each Holder of a Security may authorize any Person to act for it by proxy on all matters in which a Holder of Securities is entitled to participate, including waiving notice of any meeting, or voting or participating at a meeting. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of 11 months from the date thereof unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the Holder of Securities executing it. Except as otherwise provided herein, all matters relating to the giving, voting or validity of proxies shall be governed by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware relating to proxies, and judicial interpretations thereunder, as if the Trust were a Delaware corporation and the Holders of the Securities were stockholders of a Delaware corporation;

(iii) each meeting of the Holders of the Securities shall be conducted by the Regular Trustees or by such other Person that the Regular Trustees may designate; and

(iv) unless the Business Trust Act, this Declaration, the terms of the Securities, the Trust Indenture Act or the listing rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are then listed or trading, otherwise provides, the Regular Trustees, in their sole discretion, shall establish all other provisions relating to meetings of Holders of Securities, including notice of the time, place or purpose of any meeting at which any matter is to be voted on by any Holders of Securities, waiver of any such notice, action by consent without a meeting, the establishment of a record date, quorum requirements, voting in person or by proxy or any other matter with respect to the exercise of any such right to vote.

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ARTICLE XIII
REPRESENTATIONS OF PROPERTY TRUSTEE
AND DELAWARE TRUSTEE

SECTION 13.1 Representations and Warranties of Property Trustee.

The Trustee that acts as initial Property Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and to the Sponsor at the date of this Declaration, and each Successor Property Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and the Sponsor at the time of the Successor Property Trustee's acceptance of its appointment as Property Trustee that:

(a) the Property Trustee is a New York banking corporation

with trust powers and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of, this Declaration;

(b) the execution, delivery and performance by the Property Trustee of the Declaration has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Property Trustee. The Declaration has been duly executed and delivered by the Property Trustee, and it constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Property Trustee, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity and the discretion of the court (regardless of whether the enforcement of such remedies is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);

(c) the execution, delivery and performance of this Declaration by the Property Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the charter or by-laws of the Property Trustee; and

(d) no consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York State or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Property Trustee of this Declaration.

SECTION 13.2 Representations and Warranties of Delaware Trustee.

The Trustee that acts as initial Delaware Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and to the Sponsor at the date of this Declaration, and each Successor Delaware Trustee

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represents and warrants to the Trust and the Sponsor at the time of the Successor Delaware Trustee's acceptance of its appointment as Delaware Trustee that:

(a) The Delaware Trustee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with trust power and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of, this Declaration.

(b) The Delaware Trustee has been authorized to perform its obligations under the Certificate of Trust and the Declaration. The Declaration under Delaware law constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Delaware Trustee, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity and the discretion of the court (regardless of whether the enforcement of such remedies is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(c) No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Delaware Trustee of this Declaration.

(d) The Delaware Trustee is a natural person who is a resident of the State of Delaware or, if not a natural person, an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE XIV
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 14.1 Notices.

All notices provided for in this Declaration shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) if given to the Trust, in care of the Regular Trustees at the Trust's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Trust may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

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NB Capital Trust III
c/o NationsBank Corporation
Attention: Treasurer
NationsBank Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(b) if given to the Delaware Trustee, at the mailing address set forth below (or such other address as Delaware Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

The Bank of New York (Delaware)
White Clay Center, Route 273
Newark, Delaware 19711
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration

(c) if given to the Property Trustee, at the Property Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Property Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration

(d) if given to the Holder of the Common Securities, at the mailing address of the Sponsor set forth below (or such other address as the Holder of the Common Securities may give notice to the Trust):

NationsBank Corporation
NationsBank Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Attention: Treasurer

(e) if given to any other Holder, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Trust.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was

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given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

SECTION 14.2 Governing Law.

This Declaration and the rights of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and all rights and remedies shall be governed by such laws without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

SECTION 14.3 Intention of the Parties.

It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Trust be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust. The provisions of this Declaration shall be interpreted to further this intention of the parties.

SECTION 14.4 Headings.

Headings contained in this Declaration are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Declaration or any provision hereof.

SECTION 14.5 Successors and Assigns

Whenever in this Declaration any of the parties hereto is named or referred to, the successors and assigns of such party shall be deemed to be included, and all covenants and agreements in this Declaration by the Sponsor and the Trustees shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed.

SECTION 14.6 Partial Enforceability.

If any provision of this Declaration, or the application of such provision to any Person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Declaration, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 14.7 Counterparts; Acceptance.

This Declaration may contain more than one counterpart of the signature page and this Declaration may be executed by the affixing of the signature of each of the Trustees to one of such counterpart signature pages. All of such counterpart signature pages shall be read as though one, and they shall have the same

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force and effect as though all of the signers had signed a single signature page.

Each Trustee, by its execution of a counterpart of this Declaration, acknowledges and accepts its appointment as Trustee.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these presents to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

/s/ John E. Mack
John E. Mack, as Regular Trustee

/s/ William L. Maxwell
William L. Maxwell, as Regular
Trustee

/s/ Marc D. Oken
Marc D. Oken, as Regular Trustee

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (DELAWARE),
as Delaware Trustee

By: /s/ Walter Gitlin
Name: Walter Gitlin
Title: Authorized Signatory

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,
as Property Trustee

By: /s/ Byron Merino
Name: Byron Merino
Title: Assistant Treasurer

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION,
as Sponsor

By: /s/ Susan Y. Calton
Name: Susan Y. Calton
Title: Vice President

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ANNEX I

FLOATING RATE CAPITAL SECURITIES AND
FLOATING RATE COMMON SECURITIES

Pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, dated as of January 22, 1997 (as amended from time to time, the "Declaration"), the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities are set out below (each capitalized term used but not defined herein has the meaning set forth in the Declaration or, if not defined in such Declaration, as defined in the Prospectus referred to below):

1. Designation and Number.

(a) Capital Securities. 500,000 Floating Rate Capital Securities of the Trust (liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Security) with an aggregate liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the Trust of \$500,000,000, are hereby designated for purposes of identification only as "Floating Rate Capital Securities" (the "Capital Securities"). The Capital Security Certificates evidencing the Capital Securities shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1 to the Declaration, with such changes and additions thereto or deletions therefrom as may be required by ordinary usage, custom or practice or to conform to the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed.

(b) Common Securities. 15,500 Floating Rate Common Securities of the Trust (liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Security) with an aggregate liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the Trust of \$15,500,000, are hereby designated for purposes of identification only as "Floating Rate Common Securities" (the "Common Securities"). The Common Security Certificates evidencing the Common Securities shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 to the Declaration, with such changes and additions thereto or deletions therefrom as may be required by ordinary usage, custom or practice.

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2. Distributions.

(a) Distributions payable on each Security will be payable in respect of the liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Capital Security at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55% such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee. A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Accrued Distributions on any Security will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of such Security by an accrued interest factor. Such accrued interest factor will be computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day from and including February 3, 1997, or from but excluding the last date to which interest has been paid, as the case may be, to and including the date for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor (expressed as a decimal) for each such day is computed by dividing the rate in effect on such day by 360. All percentages resulting from any calculation of Distributions on the securities will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (E.G., 5.687665% (or .05687665) would be rounded to 5.68767% (or .0568767)), and all dollar amounts used or resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upward).

(b) Distributions on the Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from February 3, 1997 and will be payable quarterly in arrears, on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 1997, except as otherwise described below. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest on the Notes by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods (each an "Extension Period"), during which Extension Period no interest shall be due and payable on the Notes, provided that no Extension Period shall extend beyond the Stated Maturity. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred on the Capital Securities for the same period. Despite such deferral, quarterly Distributions to which Holders of such Capital Securities are entitled will accumulate additional Distributions thereon at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may further extend such

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Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 20 consecutive quarterly periods or extend beyond the Stated Maturity. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust or the Clearing Agency, as the case may be, on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

(c) Distributions on the Securities will be payable to the Holders thereof as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the relevant record dates. While the Capital Securities remain in Book-Entry only form, the relevant record dates shall be one Business Day prior to the relevant payment dates which payment dates correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. Payment of Distributions on the Securities held in Book-Entry only form will be made to the Depository in immediately available funds. The Depository's practice is to credit Clearing Agency Participants' accounts on the relevant payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on the Depository's records unless the Depository has reason to believe that it will not receive payments on such payment date. Payments by (i) Clearing Agency Participants and (ii) securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies and other entities that clear transactions through or maintain a direct or indirect custodial relationship with a Clearing Agency Participant (an "Indirect Participant") to Capital Security Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of such Clearing Agency Participants and Indirect Participants and not of the Depository, the Trust or the Sponsor, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of Distributions to the Depository is the responsibility of the Trust, disbursement of such payments to Clearing Agency Participants is the responsibility of the Depository, and disbursement of such payments to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of the Clearing Agency Participants and Indirect Participants. The relevant record dates for the Common Securities shall be the same record date as for the Capital Securities. If the Capital Securities shall not continue to remain in Book-Entry only form, the regular record dates for the Capital Securities shall be the January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 prior to the relevant payment dates, which payment dates correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. Distributions payable on any Securities that are not punctually paid on any Distribution payment date, as a result of the Note Issuer having failed to make a payment under the Notes, will cease to be payable to the Person in whose name such Securities are registered on the relevant record date, and such defaulted

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Distribution will instead be payable to the Person in whose name such Securities are registered on the special record date or other specified date determined in accordance with the Indenture. If any date on which Distributions are payable on the Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Distribution payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay) except that, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date.

(d) In the event that there is any money or other property held by or for the Trust that is not accounted for hereunder, such property shall be distributed Pro Rata (as defined herein) among the Holders of the Securities.

3. Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution.

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust, the Holders of the Securities on the date of the dissolution, winding-up or termination, as the case may be, will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Trust available for distribution to Holders of Securities after satisfaction of liabilities of creditors an amount equal to the aggregate of the stated liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Security plus accrued and unpaid Distributions thereon to the date of payment (such amount being the "Liquidation Distribution"), unless, in connection with such dissolution, winding-up or termination, Notes in an aggregate stated principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of such Securities, with an interest rate equal to the Coupon Rate of, and bearing accrued and unpaid interest in an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid Distributions on, such Securities, shall be distributed on a Pro Rata basis to the Holders of the Securities in exchange for such Securities.

If, upon any such dissolution, the Liquidation Distribution can be paid only in part because the Trust has insufficient assets available to

pay in full the aggregate Liquidation Distribution, then the amounts payable directly by the Trust on the Securities shall be paid on a Pro Rata basis. Holders of the Common Securities will be entitled to receive distributions upon any such dissolution Pro Rata with Holders of the Capital Securities, except that if a Declaration Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Capital Securities shall have a preference over the Common Securities with respect to such distributions.

4. Redemption and Distribution.

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(a) The Securities are subject to redemption at the Stated Maturity, at any time after January 15, 2007 and in certain circumstances, following the occurrence of a Special Event on or before January 15, 2007 as follows:

(i) Upon payment of the Notes at a payment price equal to the principal amount of, plus accrued interest on the Notes, the proceeds from such payment shall be simultaneously applied to redeem the Securities at the Redemption Price.

(ii) In the event of a prepayment arising from the occurrence of a Special Event prior to January 15, 2007, the proceeds from such prepayment shall be simultaneously applied to redeem the Capital Securities at the Redemption Price.

(iii) If fewer than all the outstanding Securities are to be so redeemed, the Common Securities and the Capital Securities will be redeemed Pro Rata and the Capital Securities to be redeemed will be as described in Section 4(f)(ii) below.

(b) If the Sponsor has given a notice of its election to terminate the Trust, the Regular Trustees shall dissolve the Trust and, after satisfaction of creditors, cause Notes held by the Property Trustee, having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of, with and accrued and unpaid interest equal to accrued and unpaid Distributions on, and having the same record date for payment as, the Securities, to be distributed to the Holders of the Securities in liquidation of such Holders' interests in the Securities within 90 days following receipt of the Sponsor's notice of election.

(c) On and from the date fixed by the Regular Trustees for any distribution of Notes and dissolution of the Trust: (i) the Securities will no longer be deemed to be outstanding, (ii) the Depositary or its nominee as the record Holder of the Capital Securities, will receive a registered Global Security or Securities representing the Notes to be delivered upon such distribution and any certificates representing Securities, except for certificates representing Capital Securities held by the Depositary or its nominee (or any successor Clearing Agency or its nominee), will be deemed to represent beneficial interests in the Notes having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of, with an identical interest rate and accrued and unpaid interest equal to accrued and unpaid Distributions on such Securities until such

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certificates are presented to the Note Issuer or its agent for transfer or reissue.

(d) The Trust may not redeem fewer than all the outstanding Securities unless all accrued and unpaid Distributions have been paid on all Securities for all semi-annual Distribution periods terminating on or before the date of redemption.

(e) If the Notes are distributed to holders of the Securities, pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, the Note Issuer will use its best efforts to have the Notes listed on the securities exchange, if any, on which the Capital Securities were listed immediately prior to the distribution of the Notes.

(f) Redemption or Distribution Procedures shall be as follows:

(i) A Redemption/Distribution Notice will be given by the Trust by mail to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed or exchanged not fewer than 15 nor more than 60 days before the date fixed for redemption or exchange thereof which, in the case of a redemption, will

be the date fixed for redemption of the Notes. For purposes of the calculation of the date of redemption or exchange and the dates on which notices are given pursuant to this Section 4(f) (i), a Redemption/Distribution Notice shall be deemed to be given on the day such notice is first mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to Holders of Securities. Each Redemption/Distribution Notice shall be addressed to the Holders of Securities at the address of each such Holder appearing in the books and records of the Trust. No defect in the Redemption/Distribution Notice or in the mailing of either with respect to any Holder shall affect the validity of the redemption or exchange proceedings with respect to any other Holder.

(ii) In the event that fewer than all the outstanding Securities are to be redeemed, the Securities to be redeemed shall be redeemed Pro Rata from each Holder of Capital Securities, it being understood that, in respect of Capital Securities registered in the name of and held of record by the Depository or its nominee (or any successor Clearing Agency or its nominee) or any nominee, the distribution of the proceeds of such redemption will be made to each Clearing Agency Participant (or Person on whose behalf such nominee holds such securities) in accordance with the procedures applied by such agency or nominee.

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(iii) If Securities are to be redeemed and the Trust gives a Redemption/Distribution Notice, which notice may only be issued if the Notes are repaid as set out in this Section 4 (which notice will be irrevocable), then (A) while the Capital Securities are in Book-Entry only form, with respect to the Capital Securities, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the redemption date, provided that the Note Issuer has paid the Property Trustee a sufficient amount of cash in connection with the related prepayment or maturity of the Notes, the Property Trustee will deposit irrevocably with the Depository or its nominee (or successor Clearing Agency or its nominee) funds sufficient to pay the applicable Redemption Price with respect to the Capital Securities and will give the Depository irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the Redemption Price to the Holders of the Capital Securities, and (B) with respect to Capital Securities issued in definitive form and Common Securities, provided that the Note Issuer has paid the Property Trustee a sufficient amount of cash in connection with the related prepayment or maturity of the Notes, the Property Trustee will pay the relevant Redemption Price to the Holders of such Securities by check mailed to the address of the relevant Holder appearing on the books and records of the Trust on the redemption date. If a Redemption/Distribution Notice shall have been given and funds deposited as required, if applicable, then immediately prior to the close of business on the date of such deposit, or on the redemption date, as applicable, Distributions will cease to accrue on the Securities so called for redemption and all rights of Holders of such Securities so called for redemption will cease, except the right of the Holders of such Securities to receive the Redemption Price, but without interest on such Redemption Price. Neither the Regular Trustees nor the Trust shall be required to register or cause to be registered the transfer of any Securities that have been so called for redemption. If any date fixed for redemption of Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Redemption Price payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay) except that, if such Business Day falls in the next calendar year, such payment will be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date fixed for redemption. If payment of the Redemption Price in respect of any Securities is improperly withheld or refused and not paid either by the Property Trustee or by the Sponsor as guarantor pursuant to the relevant Securities Guarantee, Distributions on such Securities will continue to accrue from the original redemption date to the actual date of payment, in which case

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the actual payment date will be considered the date fixed for redemption for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price.

(iv) Redemption/Distribution Notices shall be sent by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust to (A) in respect of the Capital Securities, the Depository or its nominee (or any successor

Clearing Agency or its nominee) if the Global Securities have been issued or, if Definitive Capital Security Certificates have been issued, to the Holder thereof, and (B) in respect of the Common Securities, to the Holder thereof.

(v) Subject to the foregoing and applicable law (including, without limitation, United States federal securities laws), provided the acquiror is not the Holder of the Common Securities or the obligor under the Indenture, the Sponsor or any of its subsidiaries may at any time and from time to time purchase outstanding Capital Securities by tender, in the open market or by private agreement.

5. Voting Rights - Capital Securities.

(a) Except as provided under Sections 5(b) and 7 of this Designation of Terms and as otherwise required by law and the Declaration, the Holders of the Capital Securities will have no voting rights.

(b) Subject to the requirements set forth in this paragraph, the Holders of a Majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Securities, voting separately as a class may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the Declaration, including the right to direct the Property Trustee, as holder of the Notes, to (i) exercise the remedies available under the Indenture conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Note Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (ii) waive any past Event of Default and its consequences that is waivable under Section 5.01 of the Indenture, (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, or (iv) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture as a holder of the Notes provided, however, that, where a consent or action under the Indenture would require the consent or act of the Holders of greater than a Super Majority affected thereby the Property Trustee may only give such consent or take such action at the written direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Capital Securities which

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the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding. The Property Trustee shall not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the Holders of the Capital Securities. Other than with respect to directing the time, method and place of conducting any remedy available to the Property Trustee or the Note Trustee as set forth above, the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Capital Securities under this paragraph unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than a grantor trust on account of such action. If a Nonpayment occurs on the date such interest or principal is otherwise payable (or in the case of redemption, on the redemption date), and such Nonpayment is continuing, a Holder of Capital Securities may institute a Direct Action after the respective due date specified in the Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, the rights of the Holders of the Common Securities will be subrogated to the rights of such Holder of Capital Securities to the extent of any payment made by the Note Issuer to such Holder of Capital Securities in such Direct Action.

Except as provided in this Section, the Holders of Capital Securities will not be able to exercise directly any other remedy available to the holders of the Notes.

Any approval or direction of Holders of Capital Securities may be given at a separate meeting of Holders of Capital Securities convened for such purpose, at a meeting of all of the Holders of Securities or pursuant to written consent. The Regular Trustees will cause a notice of any meeting at which Holders of Capital Securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such Holders is to be taken, to be mailed to each Holder of record of Capital Securities. Each such notice will include a statement setting forth (i) the date of such meeting or the date by which such action is to be taken, (ii) a description of any resolution proposed for adoption at such meeting on which such Holders are entitled to vote or of such matter upon which written consent is sought, and (iii) instructions for the delivery of proxies or consents.

No vote or consent of the Holders of the Capital Securities will be required for the Trust to redeem and cancel Capital Securities or to distribute the Notes in accordance with the Declaration and the terms of the Securities.

Notwithstanding that Holders of Capital Securities are entitled to vote or consent under any of the circumstances

described above, any of the Capital Securities that are owned by the Sponsor or any Affiliate of the Sponsor shall not be entitled to vote or consent and shall, for purposes of such vote or consent, be treated as if they were not outstanding.

6. Voting Rights - Common Securities.

(a) Except as provided under Sections 6(b) and (c), 7(a) and (b) and 8 of this Designation of Terms or as otherwise required by law and the Declaration, the Holders of the Common Securities will have no voting rights.

(b) The Holders of the Common Securities are entitled, in accordance with Article V of the Declaration, to vote to appoint, remove or replace any Trustee or to increase or decrease the number of Trustees.

(c) Subject to Section 2.6 of the Declaration and only after the Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities has been cured, waived, or otherwise eliminated and subject to the requirements of the second to last sentence of this paragraph, the Holders of as a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities, voting separately as a class, may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the Declaration, including (i) directing the time, method, place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Note Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (ii) waive any past default and its consequences that is waivable under Section 5.01 of the Indenture, or (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, provided that, where a consent or action under the Indenture would require the consent or act of the Holders of a Super Majority, the Property Trustee may only give such consent or take such action at the written direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Common Securities which the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding. Pursuant to this Section 6(c), the Property Trustee shall not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the Holders of the Capital Securities. Other than with respect to directing the time, method and place of conducting any remedy available to the Property Trustee or the Note Trustee as set forth above, the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Common Securities under this paragraph unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than

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a grantor trust on account of such action. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the Declaration, any Holder of Common Securities may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, institute a legal proceeding directly against any Person to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Declaration, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other Person.

Any approval or direction of Holders of Common Securities may be given at a separate meeting of Holders of Common Securities convened for such purpose, at a meeting of all of the Holders of Securities in the Trust or pursuant to written consent. The Regular Trustees will cause a notice of any meeting at which Holders of Common Securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such Holders is to be taken, to be mailed to each Holder of record of Common Securities. Each such notice will include a statement setting forth (i) the date of such meeting or the date by which such action is to be taken, (ii) a description of any resolution proposed for adoption at such meeting on which such Holders are entitled to vote or of such matter upon which written consent is sought and (iii) instructions for the delivery of proxies or consents.

No vote or consent of the Holders of the Common Securities will be required for the Trust to redeem and cancel Common Securities or to distribute the Notes in accordance with the Declaration and the terms of the Securities.

7. Amendments to Declaration and Indenture.

(a) In addition to any requirements under Section 12.1 of the Declaration, if any proposed amendment to the Declaration provides for, or the Regular Trustees otherwise propose to effect, (i) any action that would adversely affect the powers, preferences or special rights of the Securities, whether by way of amendment to the Declaration or otherwise, or (ii) the

dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust, other than as described in Section 8.1 of the Declaration, then the Holders of outstanding Securities voting together as a single class, will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal (but not on any other amendment or proposal) and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective except with the approval of the Holders of at least as a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, affected thereby, provided, however, if any amendment or proposal referred to in clause (i) above would adversely affect only the Capital Securities or only the Common Securities, then only the affected class will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective

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except with the approval of a Majority in liquidation amount of such class of Securities.

(b) In the event the consent of the Property Trustee as the holder of the Notes is required under the Indenture with respect to any amendment, modification or termination on the Indenture or the Notes, the Property Trustee shall request the written direction of the Holders of the Securities with respect to such amendment, modification or termination and shall vote with respect to such amendment, modification or termination as directed by a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities voting together as a single class; provided, however, that where as a consent under the Indenture would require the consent of the holders of as a Super Majority, the Property Trustee may only give such consent at the direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Securities which the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding; provided, further, that the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Securities under this Section 7(b) unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for the purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than a grantor trust on account of such action.

8. Pro Rata.

A reference in these terms of the Securities to any payment, distribution or treatment as being "pro rata" shall mean pro rata to each Holder of Securities according to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Securities held by the relevant Holder in relation to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Securities outstanding unless, in relation to a payment, a Declaration Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, in which case any funds available to make such payment shall be paid first to each Holder of the Capital Securities pro rata according to the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities held by the relevant Holder relative to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Capital Securities outstanding, and only after satisfaction of all amounts owed to the Holders of the Capital Securities, to each Holder of Common Securities pro rata according to the aggregate liquidation amount of Common Securities held by the relevant Holder relative to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Common Securities outstanding.

9. Ranking.

The Capital Securities rank pari passu and payment thereon shall be made pro rata with the Common Securities except that, where a Declaration Event of Default occurs and is

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continuing the rights of Holders of the Common Securities to payment in respect of Distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise are subordinated to the rights to payment of the Holders of the Capital Securities.

10. Listing.

Application shall be made by the Regular Trustees to list the Capital Securities on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. As long as the Capital Securities are listed on any exchange, the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees shall comply with the rules and regulations of such exchange. Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, Capital Securities shall not be listed for quotation on any other stock exchange.

11. Acceptance of Securities Guarantee and Indenture.

Each Holder of Capital Securities and Common Securities, by the acceptance thereof, agrees to the provisions of the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Common Securities Guarantee, respectively, including the subordination provisions therein and to the provisions of the Indenture.

12. No Preemptive Rights.

The Holders of the Securities shall have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any additional securities.

13. Miscellaneous.

These terms constitute a part of the Declaration.

The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration and the Capital Securities Guarantee or the Common Securities Guarantee (as may be appropriate), and the Indenture to a Holder without charge on written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Dated: January 22, 1997.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION
as Sponsor

By: _____
Susan Y. Calton
Vice President

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Accepted:

NB Capital Trust III
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John E. Mack
Regular Trustee

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EXHIBIT A-1

FORM OF CAPITAL SECURITY CERTIFICATE

This Capital Security is a Global Security within the meaning of the Declaration hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company (the "Depository") or a nominee of the Depository. This Capital Security is exchangeable for Capital Securities registered in the name of a person other than the Depository or its nominee only in the limited circumstances described in the Declaration and no transfer of this Capital Security (other than a transfer of this Capital Security as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or to another nominee of the Depository) may be registered except in limited circumstances.

Unless this Capital Security is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company (55 Water Street, New York, New York) to the Trust or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Capital Security issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company and any payment hereon is made to Cede & Co., ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY A PERSON IS WRONGFUL since the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

THIS INSTRUMENT IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A BANK DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONSBANK CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND INVOLVES INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

Certificate Number

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Certificate Evidencing _____ Floating Rate Capital
Securities

of

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

Floating Rate Capital Securities

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(liquidation amount \$1,000 per Capital Security)

NB CAPITAL TRUST III, a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Trust"), hereby certifies that CEDE & CO. (the "Holder") is the registered owner of _____ Capital Securities of the Trust representing undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust designated the Floating Rate Capital Securities (liquidation amount \$1,000 per Capital Security) (the "Capital Securities"). The Capital Securities are transferable on the books and records of the Trust, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Capital Securities represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Trust dated as of January 22, 1997, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), including the designation of the terms of the Capital Securities as set forth in Annex I to the Declaration. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Declaration. The Holder is entitled to the benefits of the Capital Securities Guarantee to the extent provided therein. The Declaration permits the Sponsor to dissolve the Trust at any time. The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration, the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Indenture to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Holder is bound by the Declaration and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

By acceptance, the Holder agrees to treat, for United States federal income tax purposes, the Notes as indebtedness and the Capital Securities as evidence of indirect beneficial ownership of the Notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trust has executed this certificate as of _____, 1997.

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

By: _____
Name: John E. Mack
Title: Regular Trustee

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[FORM OF REVERSE OF SECURITY]

Distributions payable on each Capital Security will be payable in respect of the liquidation amount of \$1,000 per capital security at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust. Distributions in arrears will continue to accumulate at the same rate, compounded quarterly. A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Accrued Distributions on any Security will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of such Security by an accrued interest factor. Such accrued interest factor will be computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day from and including February 3, 1997, or from but excluding the last date to which interest has been paid, as the case may be, to and including the date for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor (expressed as a decimal) for each such day is computed by dividing the rate in effect on such day by 360. All percentages resulting from any calculation of Distributions on the securities will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (E.G., 5.687665% (or .05687665) would be rounded to 5.68767% (or .0568767)), and all dollar amounts used or resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent

being rounded upward).

Except as otherwise described below, Distributions on the Capital Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from the date of original issuance and will be payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 1997 to the person in whose name the Capital Security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such installment, which shall be the close of business on the Business Day next preceding such payment date. IF PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE DECLARATION, THE SECURITIES ARE NO LONGER REPRESENTED BY A GLOBAL SECURITY --which shall be the close of business on January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods (each an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period shall last beyond the date of the maturity of the Notes. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred hereunder for the same period. Despite such deferral, quarterly Distributions to which Holders of such Capital Securities are entitled will continue to accumulate additional Distributions thereon at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55% compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may

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further extend such Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 20 consecutive quarterly periods or extend beyond the maturity date of the Notes. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

THE CAPITAL SECURITIES SHALL BE REDEEMABLE AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION.

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers this Capital Security Certificate to:

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(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

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(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints

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_____ agent to transfer this Capital Security Certificate on the books of the Trust. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Capital Security Certificate)

Signature Guarantee: _____

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1 Signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with

EXHIBIT A-2

FORM OF COMMON SECURITY CERTIFICATE

THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "ACT"), AND ARE "RESTRICTED SECURITIES" AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE ACT. THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE ACT, THE AVAILABILITY OF WHICH IS TO BE ESTABLISHED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE TRUST.

THE COMMON SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY A PERSON WHO MAY BE AN "AFFILIATE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144 UNDER THE ACT. CONSEQUENTLY, THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SAID RULE OR UNLESS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR SUCH SECURITIES UNDER THE ACT OR AN OPINION OF COUNSEL FOR THE TRUST THAT REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE ACT.

THIS INSTRUMENT IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A BANK DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONSBANK CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND INVOLVES INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

Certificate Number

___-R_____

Certificate Evidencing _____ Floating Rate Common
Securities

of

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

Floating Rate Common Securities
(liquidation amount \$1,000 per Common Security)

NB CAPITAL TRUST III, a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Trust"), hereby certifies that NATIONSBANK CORPORATION (the "Holder") is the registered owner of _____ Common Securities of the Trust representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the

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Trust designated the Floating Rate Common Securities (liquidation amount \$1,000 per Common Security) (the "Common Securities"). The Common Securities are transferable on the books and records of the Trust, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Common Securities represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Trust dated as of January 22, 1997, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), including the designation of the terms of the Common Securities as set forth in Annex I to the Declaration. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Declaration. The Holder is entitled to the benefits of the Common Securities Guarantee to the extent provided therein. The Declaration permits the Sponsor to dissolve the Trust at any time. The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration, the Common Securities Guarantee and the Indenture to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Sponsor is bound by the Declaration and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

By acceptance, the Holder agrees to treat, for United States federal income tax purposes, the Notes as indebtedness and the Common Securities as evidence of indirect beneficial ownership in the Notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trust has executed this certificate as of _____, 1997.

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

By: _____
Name: John E. Mack
Title: Regular Trustee

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[FORM OF REVERSE OF SECURITY]

Distributions payable on each Common Security will be payable in respect of the liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Capital Security at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee. Distributions in arrears will continue to accumulate at the same rate, compounded quarterly. A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Accrued Distributions on any Security will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of such Security by an accrued interest factor. Such accrued interest factor will be computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day from and including February 3, 1997, or from but excluding the last date to which interest has been paid, as the case may be, to and including the date for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor (expressed as a decimal) for each such day is computed by dividing the rate in effect on such day by 360. All percentages resulting from any calculation of Distributions on the securities will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (E.G., 5.687665% (or .05687665) would be rounded to 5.68767% (or .0568767)), and all dollar amounts used or resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upward).

Except as otherwise described below, Distributions on the Common Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from the date of original issuance and will be payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 1997, to Holders of record 15 days prior to such payment dates, which payment dates shall correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods (each an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period shall last beyond the date of the maturity of the Notes. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred hereunder for the same period. Despite such deferral, quarterly Distributions to which Holders of such Common Securities are entitled will continue to accumulate additional Distributions thereon at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may further extend such Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 20 consecutive quarterly

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periods or extend beyond the maturity date of the Notes. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

THE COMMON SECURITIES SHALL BE REDEEMABLE AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION.

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers this Common Security Certificate to:

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(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

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(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints _____

_____ agent to transfer this Common Security Certificate on the books of the Trust. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: _____

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

Signature Guarantee2: _____

Signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION

OF TRUST

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

Dated as of January 22, 1997

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* This Cross-Reference Table does not constitute part of the Declaration and shall not affect the interpretation of any of its terms or provisions.

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AMENDED AND RESTATED
DECLARATION OF TRUST
OF
NB CAPITAL TRUST III

January 22, 1997

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF TRUST ("Declaration") dated and effective as of January 22, 1997 by the Trustees (as defined herein), the Sponsor (as defined herein) and by the holders, from time to time, of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust to be issued pursuant to this Declaration;

WHEREAS, the Trustees and the Sponsor established NB CAPITAL TRUST III (the "Trust"), a trust under the Business Trust Act (as defined herein) pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated as of October 29, 1996, (the "Original Declaration"), and a Certificate of Trust filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on November 1, 1996, for the sole purpose of issuing and selling certain securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust and investing the gross proceeds thereof in certain Notes of the Note Issuer (each as defined herein);

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, no interests in the Trust have been issued;

WHEREAS, all of the Trustees and the Sponsor, by this Declaration, amend and restate each and every term and provision of the Original Declaration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it being the intention of the parties hereto to continue the Trust as a business trust under the Business Trust Act and that this Declaration constitute the governing instrument of such business trust, the Trustees declare that all assets contributed to the Trust will be held in trust for the benefit of the holders, from time to time, of the securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust issued hereunder, subject to the provisions of this Declaration.

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ARTICLE I
INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 Definitions.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) Capitalized terms used in this Declaration but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;

(b) a term defined anywhere in this Declaration has the same meaning throughout;

(c) all references to "the Declaration" or "this Declaration" are to this Declaration as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time and Annex I and Exhibits A and B shall be a part of this Declaration;

(d) all references in this Declaration to Articles and Sections and Annexes and Exhibits are to Articles and Sections of and Annexes and Exhibits to this Declaration unless otherwise specified;

(e) the following terms have the meanings given to them in the Third Supplemental Indenture: (i) Calculation Agent, (ii) Capital Treatment Event, (iii) Interest Determination Date, (iv) Investment Company Event (v) LIBOR, (vi) London Banking Day, (vii) Prepayment Price, (viii) Special Event, (ix) Tax Event, and (x) Telerate Page 3750.

(f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act (as defined herein) has the same meaning when used in this Declaration unless otherwise defined in this Declaration; and

(g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act or any successor rule thereunder.

"Agent" means any Paying Agent.

"Authorized Officer" of a Person means any Person that is authorized to bind such Person.

"Book-Entry" means a book-entry by a Clearing Agency as described in Section 9.4.

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"Book-Entry Interest" means a beneficial interest in a Global Security, ownership and transfers of which shall be maintained and made through Book Entries by a Clearing Agency as described in Section 9.4.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday that (i) is not a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or required by law or regulation to close and (ii) is a London Banking Day.

"Business Trust Act" means Chapter 38 of Title 12 of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. Code ss.3801 et seq., as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Capital Securities" shall mean the undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust denominated as "Floating Rate Capital Securities", the terms of which are further described in the Designation of Terms attached as Annex I hereto.

"Capital Security Beneficial Owner" means, with respect to a Book-Entry Interest, a Person who is the beneficial owner of such Book-Entry Interest, as reflected on the books of the Clearing Agency, or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Clearing Agency (directly as a Clearing Agency Participant or as an indirect participant, in each case in accordance with the rules of such Clearing Agency).

"Capital Security Certificate" means a certificate representing a Capital Security substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1.

"Capital Securities Guarantee" means the guarantee agreement to be dated as of February 3, 1997, of the Sponsor in respect of the Capital Securities.

"Certificate" means a Common Security Certificate or a Capital Security Certificate.

"Clearing Agency" means an organization registered as a "Clearing Agency" pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act that is acting as depository for the Capital Securities and in whose name or in the name of a nominee of that organization shall be registered a Global Security and which shall undertake to effect Book-Entry transfers and pledges of the Capital Securities.

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"Clearing Agency Participant" means a broker, dealer, bank, other financial institution or other Person for whom from time to time the Clearing Agency effects Book-Entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Clearing Agency.

"Closing Date" means the "Closing Time" under the Underwriting Agreement.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Securities" shall mean the undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust denominated as "Floating Rate Common Securities", the terms of which are further described in Annex I hereto.

"Common Securities Guarantee" means the guarantee agreement to be dated as of February 3, 1997, of the Sponsor in respect of the Common Securities.

"Common Security Certificate" means a definitive certificate in fully registered form representing a Common Security substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 hereto.

"Company Indemnified Person" means (a) any Regular Trustee; (b) any Affiliate of any Regular Trustee; (c) any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives or agents of any Regular Trustee; or (d) any officer, employee or agent of the Trust or its Affiliates.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Property Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Property Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of

execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, Floor 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means: (a) any officer, director, shareholder, partner, member, representative, employee or agent of (i) the Trust or (ii) the Trust's Affiliates; and (b) any Holder of Securities.

"Definitive Capital Security Certificates" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4

"Delaware Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

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"Depository" means The Depository Trust Company or any successor Clearing Agency.

"Designation of Terms" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.1(a).

"Direct Action" has the meaning specified in Section 3.8(e).

"Distribution" means a distribution payable to Holders of Securities in accordance with Section 6.1.

"DTC" means The Depository Trust Company, the initial Clearing Agency.

"ERISA Plan" means (i) an employee benefit plan subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, (ii) the assets of an individual retirement account or plan subject to Section 4975 of the Code, or (iii) any entity in which such plan invests whose assets are deemed "plan assets."

"Event of Default" in respect of the Securities means an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture) has occurred and is continuing in respect of the Notes.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Fiduciary Indemnified Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 10.4(b).

"Global Security" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Certificate representing a Security is registered, such Person being a beneficial owner within the meaning of the Business Trust Act.

"Indemnified Person" means a Company Indemnified Person or a Fiduciary Indemnified Person.

"Indenture" means collectively the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, between the Note Issuer and the Note Trustee and any board resolution or supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Notes are to be issued.

"Investment Company" means an investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act.

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"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Legal Action" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(g).

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided in the terms of the Capital Securities or by the Trust Indenture Act, Holders of outstanding Securities voting together as a single class or, as the context may require, Holders of outstanding Capital Securities or Holders of outstanding Common Securities voting separately as a class, who

are the record owners of more than 50% of the aggregate liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all outstanding Securities of the relevant class.

"Nonpayment" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.7(a).

"Note Issuer" means NationsBank Corporation, a North Carolina corporation, or any successor entity in a merger or consolidation, in its capacity as issuer of the Notes under the Indenture.

"Note Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, as trustee under the Indenture until a successor is appointed thereunder, and thereafter means such successor trustee.

"Notes" means the series of Notes to be issued by the Note Issuer under the Indenture to be held by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Declaration shall include:

(a) a statement that each officer signing the Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definitions relating thereto;

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(b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Certificate;

(c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

"Paying Agent" has the meaning specified in Section 7.2.

"Payment Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.1.

"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Pro Rata" has the meaning set forth in Annex I hereto.

"Property Trustee" means the Trustee meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 5.3.

"Property Trustee Account" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.8(c).

"Quorum" means a majority of the Regular Trustees or, if there are only two Regular Trustees, both of them.

"Redemption/Distribution Notice" means a notice of any redemption of, or a notice of any distribution of, Notes in exchange for Securities.

"Redemption Price" means an amount equal to 100% of the Prepayment Price.

"Regular Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

"Related Party" means, with respect to the Sponsor, any direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sponsor or any

other Person that owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of the outstanding voting securities of the Sponsor.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Property Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Property Trustee, including any vice-president, any assistant vice-president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Property Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Rule 3a-5" means Rule 3a-5 under the Investment Company Act.

"Securities" means the Common Securities and the Capital Securities.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Securities Guarantees" means the Common Securities Guarantee and the Capital Securities Guarantee.

"Sponsor" means NationsBank Corporation, a North Carolina corporation, or any successor entity in a merger or consolidation, in its capacity as sponsor of the Trust.

"Stated Maturity" shall mean January 15, 2027, the date on which the Notes shall mature, unless previously prepaid or redeemed.

"Successor Delaware Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(b).

"Successor Entity" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.15(b)(i).

"Successor Securities" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.15(b)(i)(B).

"Super Majority" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.6(a)(ii).

"10% in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided in the terms of the Capital Securities or by the Trust Indenture Act, Holder(s) of outstanding Securities

voting together as a single class or, as the context may require, Holders of outstanding Capital Securities or Holders of outstanding Common Securities voting separately as a class, who are the record owners of 10% or more of the aggregate liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all outstanding Securities of the relevant class.

"Third Supplemental Indenture" means the Third Supplemental Indenture to be dated as of February 3, 1997 among the Note Issuer and the Note Trustee.

"Treasury Regulations" means the income tax regulations, including temporary and proposed regulations, promulgated under the Code by the United States Treasury, as such regulations may be amended from time to time (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

"Trustee" or "Trustees" means each Person who has signed this Declaration as a trustee, so long as such Person shall continue in office in accordance with the terms hereof, and all other Persons who may from time to time be duly appointed, qualified and serving as Trustees in accordance with the provisions hereof, and references herein to a Trustee or the Trustees shall refer to such Person or Persons solely in their capacity as trustees hereunder.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Underwriting Agreement" means the Underwriting Agreement for the offering and sale of Capital Securities and related Capital Securities Guarantees among the Sponsor, the Trust and the Underwriters named therein.

ARTICLE II
TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application.

(a) This Declaration is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of this Declaration and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions.

(b) The Property Trustee shall be the only Trustee which is a Trustee for the purposes of the Trust Indenture Act.

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(c) If and to the extent that any provision of this Declaration limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by ss.ss. 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

(d) The application of the Trust Indenture Act to this Declaration shall not affect the nature of the Securities as equity securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust.

SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities.

(a) Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall provide the Property Trustee (i) within 10 days after each record date for payment of Distributions, a list, in such form as the Property Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Securities ("List of Holders") as of such record date, provided that neither the Sponsor nor the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Property Trustee by the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust, and (ii) at any other time, within 30 days of receipt by the Trust of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Property Trustee. The Property Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information contained in Lists of Holders given to it or which it receives in the capacity as Paying Agent (if acting in such capacity) provided that the Property Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Property Trustee shall comply with its obligations under ss.ss. 311(a), 311(b) and 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Property Trustee.

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Property Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Capital Securities such reports as are required by ss. 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by ss. 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Property Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of ss. 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Property Trustee.

Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such documents, reports and information as required by ss. 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by ss. 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by ss. 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent.

Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the

Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Declaration that relate to any of the matters set forth in ss. 314(c) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to ss. 314(c)(1) may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

SECTION 2.6 Events of Default; Waiver.

(a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Capital Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Capital Securities, waive any past Event of Default in respect of the Capital Securities and its consequences, provided that, if the underlying Event of Default under the Indenture:

(i) is not waivable under the Indenture, the Event of Default under the Declaration shall also not be waivable; or

(ii) requires the consent or vote of greater than a majority in principal amount of the holders of the Notes (a "Super Majority") to be waived under the Indenture, the Event of Default under the Declaration may only be waived by the vote of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Capital Securities that the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding.

The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(a) shall be in lieu of ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act is hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act. Upon such waiver, any such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities arising therefrom shall be deemed to have

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been cured, for every purpose of this Declaration, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or an Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities or impair any right consequent thereon. Any waiver by the Holders of the Capital Securities of an Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities shall also be deemed to constitute a waiver by the Holders of the Common Securities of any such Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities for all purposes of this Declaration without any further act, vote, or consent of the Holders of the Common Securities.

(b) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Common Securities, waive any past Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities and its consequences, provided that, if the underlying Event of Default under the Indenture:

(i) is not waivable under the Indenture, except where the Holders of the Common Securities are deemed to have waived such Event of Default under the Declaration as provided below in this Section 2.6(b), the Event of Default under the Declaration shall also not be waivable; or

(ii) requires the consent or vote of a Super Majority to be waived, except where the Holders of the Common Securities are deemed to have waived such Event of Default under the Declaration as provided below in this Section 2.6(b), the Event of Default under the Declaration may only be waived by the vote of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Common Securities that the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding;

provided further, each Holder of Common Securities will be deemed to have waived any such Event of Default and all Events of Default with respect to the Common Securities and its consequences until all Events of Default with respect to the Capital Securities have been cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, and until such Events of Default have been so cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, the Property Trustee will be deemed to be acting solely on behalf of the Holders of the Capital Securities and only the Holders of the Capital Securities will have the right to direct the Property Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Securities. The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(b) shall be in lieu of ss.ss. 316(a)(1)(A) and 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such ss.ss. 316(a)(1)(A)

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and 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act are hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(b), upon such waiver, any such default shall cease to exist and any Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Declaration, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities or impair any right consequent thereon.

(c) A waiver of an Event of Default under the Indenture by the Property Trustee at the direction of the Holders of the Capital Securities, constitutes a waiver of the corresponding Event of Default under this Declaration. The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(c) shall be in lieu of ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act is hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.7 Event of Default or Nonpayment Notice.

(a) The Property Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default or a nonpayment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, when due, on the Notes ("Nonpayment") transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Securities, notices of all Events of Default or Nonpayments with respect to the Securities actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee, unless such Events of Default or Nonpayments have been cured before the giving of such notice;

(b) The Property Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any default except:

(i) an Event of Default under the Indenture or a Nonpayment; or

(ii) any default as to which the Property Trustee shall have received written notice or of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have actual knowledge.

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ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION

SECTION 3.1 Name.

The Trust is named "NB Capital Trust III," as such name may be modified from time to time by the Regular Trustees following written notice to the Holders of Securities. The Trust's activities may be conducted under the name of the Trust or any other name deemed advisable by the Regular Trustees.

SECTION 3.2 Office.

The address of the principal office of the Trust is c/o NationsBank Corporation, Attention: Treasurer, NationsBank Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255. On 10 Business Days written notice to the Holders of Securities, the Regular Trustees may designate another principal office.

SECTION 3.3 Purpose.

The exclusive purposes and functions of the Trust are (a) to issue and sell Securities and use the proceeds from such sale to acquire the Notes, and (b) except as otherwise limited herein, to engage in only those other activities necessary or incidental thereto. The Trust shall not borrow money, issue debt or reinvest proceeds derived from investments, pledge any of its assets, or otherwise undertake (or permit to be undertaken) any activity that would cause the Trust not to be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust.

SECTION 3.4 Authority.

Subject to the limitations provided in this Declaration and to the specific duties of the Property Trustee, the Regular Trustees shall have exclusive and complete authority to carry out the purposes of the Trust. An

action taken by the Regular Trustees in accordance with their powers shall constitute the act of and serve to bind the Trust and an action taken by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust in accordance with its powers shall constitute the act of and serve to bind the Trust. In dealing with the Trustees acting on behalf of the Trust, no person shall be required to inquire into the authority of the Trustees to bind the Trust. Persons dealing with the Trust are entitled to rely conclusively on the power and authority of the Trustees as set forth in this Declaration.

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SECTION 3.5 Title to Property of the Trust.

Except as provided in Section 3.8 with respect to the Notes and the Property Trustee Account or as otherwise provided in this Declaration, legal title to all assets of the Trust shall be vested in the Trust. The Holders shall not have legal title to any part of the assets of the Trust, but shall have an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of the Trust.

SECTION 3.6 Powers and Duties of the Regular Trustees.

The Regular Trustees shall have the exclusive power, duty and authority to cause the Trust to engage in the following activities:

(a) to issue and sell the Capital Securities and the Common Securities in accordance with this Declaration; provided, however, that the Trust may issue no more than one series of Capital Securities and no more than one series of Common Securities, and, provided further, that there shall be no interests in the Trust other than the Securities, and the issuance of Securities shall be limited to a simultaneous issuance of both Capital Securities and Common Securities on the Closing Date;

(b) in connection with the issue and sale of the Capital Securities, at the direction of the Sponsor, to:

(i) execute and file with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 prepared by the Sponsor, including any amendments thereto, pertaining to the Capital Securities;

(ii) execute and file any documents prepared by the Sponsor, or take any acts as determined by the Sponsor to be necessary in order to qualify or register all or part of the Capital Securities in any State in which the Sponsor has determined to qualify or register such Capital Securities for sale;

(iii) to determine whether to list Securities and to execute and file an application, prepared by the Sponsor, to any national or international stock exchange or the Nasdaq Stock Market's National Market for listing upon notice of issuance of any Capital Securities;

(iv) execute and file with the Commission a registration statement on Form 8-A, if required,

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including any amendments thereto, prepared by the Sponsor, relating to the registration of the Capital Securities under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act; and

(v) execute and enter into the Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale of the Capital Securities;

(c) to purchase the Notes with the proceeds of the sale of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities;

(d) to give the Sponsor and the Property Trustee prompt written notice of the occurrence of a Special Event;

(e) to establish a record date with respect to all actions to be taken hereunder that require a record date be established, including and with respect to, for the purposes of ss.316(c) of the Trust

Indenture Act, Distributions, voting rights, redemptions and exchanges, and to issue relevant notices to the Holders of Capital Securities and Holders of Common Securities as to such actions and applicable record dates;

(f) to take all actions and perform such duties as may be required of the Regular Trustees pursuant to the terms of the Securities;

(g) to bring or defend, pay, collect, compromise, arbitrate, resort to legal action, or otherwise adjust claims or demands of or against the Trust ("Legal Action");

(h) to employ or otherwise engage employees and agents (who may be designated as officers with titles) and managers, contractors, advisors, and consultants and pay reasonable compensation for such services;

(i) to cause the Trust to comply with the Trust's obligations under the Trust Indenture Act;

(j) to give the certificate required by ss. 314(a)(4) of the Trust Indenture Act to the Property Trustee, which certificate may be executed by any Regular Trustee;

(k) to incur expenses that are necessary or incidental to carry out any of the purposes of the Trust;

(l) to act as, or appoint another Person to act as, registrar and transfer agent or calculation agent for the Securities;

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(m) to give prompt written notice to the Holders of the Securities of any notice received from the Note Issuer of its election to defer payments of interest on the Notes by extending the interest payment period under the Indenture;

(n) to execute all documents or instruments, perform all duties and powers, and do all things for and on behalf of the Trust in all matters necessary or incidental to the foregoing;

(o) to take all action that may be necessary or appropriate for the preservation and the continuation of the Trust's valid existence, rights, franchises and privileges as a statutory business trust under the laws of the State of Delaware and of each other jurisdiction in which such existence is necessary to protect the limited liability of the Holders of the Capital Securities or to enable the Trust to effect the purposes for which the Trust was created;

(p) to take any action, not inconsistent with this Declaration or with applicable law, that the Regular Trustees determine in their discretion to be necessary or desirable in carrying out the activities of the Trust as set out in this Section 3.6, including, but not limited to:

(i) causing the Trust not to be deemed to be an Investment Company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act;

(ii) causing the Trust to be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust; and

(iii) cooperating with the Note Issuer to ensure that the Notes will be treated as indebtedness of the Note Issuer for United States federal income tax purposes,

provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of Holders; and

(q) to take all action necessary to cause all applicable tax returns and tax information reports that are required to be filed with respect to the Trust to be duly prepared and filed by the Regular Trustees, on behalf of the Trust.

The Regular Trustees must exercise the powers set forth in this Section 3.6 in a manner that is consistent with the

purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3, and the Regular Trustees shall not take any action that is inconsistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set forth in Section 3.3.

Subject to this Section 3.6, the Regular Trustees shall have none of the powers or the authority of the Property Trustee set forth in Section 3.8.

Any expenses incurred by the Regular Trustees pursuant to this Section 3.6 shall be reimbursed by the Note Issuer.

SECTION 3.7 Prohibition of Actions by the Trust and the Trustees.

(a) The Trust shall not, and the Trustees (including the Property Trustee) shall not, engage in any activity other than as required or authorized by this Declaration. In particular, the Trust shall not and the Trustees (including the Property Trustee) shall cause the Trust not to:

(i) invest any proceeds received by the Trust from holding the Notes, but shall distribute all such proceeds to Holders of Securities pursuant to the terms of this Declaration and of the Securities;

(ii) acquire any assets other than as expressly provided herein;

(iii) possess Trust property for other than a Trust purpose;

(iv) make any loans or incur any indebtedness other than loans represented by the Notes;

(v) possess any power or otherwise act in such a way as to vary the Trust assets or the terms of the Securities in any way whatsoever;

(vi) issue any securities or other evidences of beneficial ownership of, or beneficial interest in, the Trust other than the Securities; or

(vii) other than as provided in this Declaration, (A) direct the time, method and place of exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (B) waive any past default that is waivable under the Indenture, (C) exercise any right to rescind or annul any declaration

that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, or (D) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture or the Notes where such consent shall be required unless the Trust shall have received an opinion of counsel to the effect that such modification will not cause more than an insubstantial risk that for United States federal income tax purposes the Trust will not be classified as a grantor trust.

SECTION 3.8 Powers and Duties of the Property Trustee.

(a) The legal title to the Notes shall be owned by and held of record in the name of the Property Trustee in trust for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities. The right, title and interest of the Property Trustee to the Notes shall vest automatically in each Person who may hereafter be appointed as Property Trustee in accordance with Section 5.7. Such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents with regard to the Notes have been executed and delivered.

(b) The Property Trustee shall not transfer its right, title and interest in the Notes to the Regular Trustees or to the Delaware Trustee (if the Property Trustee does not also act as Delaware Trustee).

(c) The Property Trustee shall:

(i) establish and maintain a segregated non-interest-bearing trust account (the "Property Trustee Account") in the name of and under the exclusive control of the Property Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Securities and, upon the receipt of payments of funds made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee, deposit such funds into the Property Trustee Account and make payments to the Holders of the Capital Securities and Holders of the Common Securities from the Property Trustee Account in accordance with Section 6.1. Funds in the Property Trustee Account shall be held uninvested until disbursed in accordance with this Declaration. The Property Trustee Account shall be an account that is maintained with a banking institution the rating of whose long-term unsecured indebtedness is at least equal to the rating assigned to the Capital Securities by a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization", as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Securities Act;

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(ii) engage in such ministerial activities as shall be necessary or appropriate to effect the redemption of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities to the extent the Notes are prepaid or mature; and

(iii) upon written notice of distribution issued by the Regular Trustees in accordance with the terms of the Securities, engage in such ministerial activities as shall be necessary or appropriate to effect the distribution of the Notes to Holders of Securities upon the occurrence of certain special events (as may be defined in the terms of the Securities) or other specified circumstances pursuant to the terms of the Securities.

(d) The Property Trustee shall take all actions and perform such duties as may be specifically required of the Property Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Securities.

(e) The Property Trustee shall take any Legal Action which arises out of or in connection with an Event of Default of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee has actual knowledge or the Property Trustee's duties and obligations under this Declaration or the Trust Indenture Act; provided however, that if a Nonpayment has occurred and is continuing, a Holder of Capital Securities may institute directly a proceeding for enforcement of payment to such Holder of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Securities of such Holder (a "Direct Action") after the respective due date specified in the Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, the rights of the Holders of the Common Securities will be subrogated to the rights of such Holder of Capital Securities to the extent of any payment made by the Note Issuer to such Holder of Capital Securities in such Direct Action.

(f) The Property Trustee shall not resign as a Trustee unless either:

(i) the Trust has been completely liquidated and the proceeds of the liquidation distributed to the Holders of Securities pursuant to the terms of the Securities; or

(ii) a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted that appointment in accordance with Section 5.7.

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(g) The Property Trustee shall have the legal power to exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges of a holder of Notes under the Indenture and, if an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee occurs and is continuing, the Property Trustee shall, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, enforce its rights as holder of the Notes subject to the rights of the Holders pursuant to the terms of such Securities.

(h) The Property Trustee may authorize one or more Paying Agents to pay Distributions, redemption payments or liquidation payments on behalf of the Trust with respect to all securities and any such Paying Agent shall comply with ss. 317(b) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any Paying Agent may be removed by the Property Trustee at any time and a successor Paying Agent or additional Paying Agents may be appointed at any time by the Property Trustee.

(i) Subject to this Section 3.8, the Property Trustee shall have none of the duties, liabilities, powers or the authority of the Regular Trustees set forth in Section 3.6.

The Property Trustee must exercise the powers set forth in this Section 3.8 in a manner that is consistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3, and the Property Trustee shall not take any action that is inconsistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3.

SECTION 3.9 Certain Duties and Responsibilities of the Property Trustee.

(a) The Property Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Declaration and no implied covenants shall be read into this Declaration against the Property Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee has actual knowledge, the Property Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Declaration, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

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(b) No provision of this Declaration shall be construed to relieve the Property Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:

(A) the duties and obligations of the Property Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Declaration and the Property Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Declaration, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Declaration against the Property Trustee; and

(B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Property Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Declaration; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Declaration;

(ii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Property Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(iii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the

Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under this Declaration;

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(iv) no provision of this Declaration shall require the Property Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Declaration or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Property Trustee against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it;

(v) the Property Trustee's sole duty with respect to the custody, safekeeping and physical preservation of the Notes and the Property Trustee Account shall be to deal with such property in a similar manner as the Property Trustee deals with similar property for its own account, subject to the protections and limitations on liability afforded to the Property Trustee under this Declaration and the Trust Indenture Act;

(vi) the Property Trustee shall have no duty or liability for or with respect to the value, genuineness, existence or sufficiency of the Notes or the payment of any taxes or assessments levied thereon or in connection therewith;

(vii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any interest on any money received by it except as it may otherwise agree in writing with the Sponsor. Money held by the Property Trustee need not be segregated from other funds held by it except in relation to the Property Trustee Account maintained by the Property Trustee pursuant to Section 3.8(c)(i) and except to the extent otherwise required by law; and

(viii) the Property Trustee shall not be responsible for monitoring the compliance by the Regular Trustees or the Sponsor with their respective duties under this Declaration, nor shall the Property Trustee be liable for any default or misconduct of the Regular Trustees or the Sponsor.

SECTION 3.10 Certain Rights of Property Trustee.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.9:

(i) the Property Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining

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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, sent or presented by the proper party or parties;

(ii) any direction or act of the Sponsor or the Regular Trustees contemplated by this Declaration shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate;

(iii) whenever in the administration of this Declaration, the Property Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Property Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Sponsor or the Regular Trustees;

(iv) the Property Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument

(including any financing or continuation statement or any filing under tax or securities laws) or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof;

(v) the Property Trustee may consult with counsel or other experts of its selection and the advice or opinion of such counsel and experts with respect to legal matters or advice within the scope of such experts' area of expertise shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion, such counsel may be counsel to the Sponsor or any of its Affiliates, and may include any of its employees. The Property Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this Declaration from any court of competent jurisdiction;

(vi) the Property Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Declaration at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Property Trustee security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Property

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Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Property Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Property Trustee provided, that, nothing contained in this Section 3.10(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Property Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Declaration;

(vii) the Property 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 Property Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit;

(viii) the Property Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, custodians, nominees or attorneys, and the Property 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;

(ix) any action taken by the Property Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Trust and the Holders of the Securities, and the signature of the Property Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action and no third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Property Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Property Trustee's or its agent's taking such action;

(x) whenever in the administration of this Declaration the Property Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Property Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of the Securities which instructions may only be given by the Holders of the same proportion in liquidation amount of the Securities

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as would be entitled to direct the Property Trustee under the terms of the Securities in respect of such remedy, right or action, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying

on or acting in or accordance with such instructions;

(xi) except as otherwise expressly provided by this Declaration, the Property Trustee shall not be under any obligation to take any action that is discretionary under the provisions of this Declaration; and

(xii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Declaration.

(b) No provision of this Declaration shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Property Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it, in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Property Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts, or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Property Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.11 Delaware Trustee.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration other than Section 5.2, the Delaware Trustee shall not be entitled to exercise any powers, nor shall the Delaware Trustee have any of the duties and responsibilities of the Regular Trustees or the Property Trustee described in this Declaration. Except as set forth in Section 5.2, the Delaware Trustee shall be a Trustee for the sole and limited purpose of fulfilling the requirements of ss. 3807 of the Business Trust Act.

SECTION 3.12 Execution of Documents.

Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, and except as otherwise required by the Business Trust Act, any Regular Trustee is authorized to execute on behalf of the Trust any documents that the Regular Trustees have the power and authority to execute pursuant to Section 3.6; provided that, the registration statement referred to in Section 3.6(b), including

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any amendments thereto, shall be signed by a majority of the Regular Trustees holding office at the time of such signing.

SECTION 3.13 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.

The recitals contained in this Declaration and the Securities shall be taken as the statements of the Sponsor, and the Trustees do not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Trustees make no representations as to the value or condition of the property of the Trust or any part thereof. The Trustees make no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Declaration or the Securities.

SECTION 3.14 Duration of Trust.

The Trust, unless terminated pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII hereof, shall have existence for 55 years from January 1, 1997.

SECTION 3.15 Mergers.

(a) The Trust may not consolidate, merge with or into, or be replaced by, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any corporation or other body, except as described in Section 3.15(b) and (c).

(b) The Trust may, with the consent of a majority of the Regular Trustees and without the consent of the Holders of the Securities, the Delaware Trustee or the Property Trustee, consolidate, merge with or into, or be replaced by a trust organized as such under the laws of any State; provided that:

(i) if the Trust is not the survivor, such successor entity (the "Successor Entity") either:

(A) expressly assumes all of the obligations of the Trust under the Securities; or

(B) substitutes for the Securities other

securities having substantially the same terms as the Securities (the "Successor Securities") so long as the Successor Securities rank the same as the Securities rank with respect to Distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise;

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(ii) the Note Issuer expressly acknowledges a trustee of the Successor Entity that possesses the same powers and duties as the Property Trustee as the Holder of the Notes;

(iii) the Capital Securities or any Successor Securities which are Capital Securities are listed, or any Successor Securities of the Capital Securities will be listed upon notification of issuance, on any national or international securities exchange or with another organization, if any, on which the Capital Securities are then listed or quoted;

(iv) such merger, consolidation or replacement does not cause the Capital Securities (including any Successor Securities of the Capital Securities) to be downgraded by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization;

(v) such merger, consolidation or replacement does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the Holders of the Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect (other than with respect to any dilution of such Holders' interests in the new or successor entity as a result of such merger, consolidation or replacement);

(vi) such Successor Entity has a purpose identical to that of the Trust;

(vii) prior to such merger, consolidation or replacement, the Sponsor has received an opinion of a nationally recognized independent counsel to the Trust experienced in such matters to the effect that:

(A) such merger, consolidation or replacement does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the Holders of the Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect (other than with respect to any dilution of the Holders' interest in the new entity);

(B) following such merger, consolidation or replacement, neither the Trust nor the Successor Entity will be required to register as an Investment Company; and

(C) following such merger, consolidation or replacement, the Trust (or the

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Successor Entity) will continue to be classified as a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes; and

(viii) the Sponsor guarantees the obligations of such Successor Entity under the Successor Securities at least to the extent provided by the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Common Securities Guarantee.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 3.15(b), the Trust shall not, except with the consent of Holders of 100% in liquidation amount of the Securities, consolidate, merge with or into, or be replaced by any other entity or permit any other entity to consolidate, merge with or into, or replace it if such consolidation, merger or replacement would cause the Trust or Successor Entity to be classified as other than a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes.

ARTICLE IV
SPONSOR

SECTION 4.1 Sponsor's Purchase of Common Securities.

On the Closing Date the Sponsor will purchase all of the Common Securities issued by the Trust, in an amount at least equal to 3% of the capital of the Trust, at the same time as the Capital Securities are sold.

SECTION 4.2 Responsibilities of the Sponsor.

In connection with the issue and sale of the Capital Securities, the Sponsor shall have the exclusive right and responsibility to engage in the following activities:

(a) to prepare for filing by the Trust with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 in relation to the Capital Securities, including any amendments thereto;

(b) to determine the States in which to take appropriate action to qualify or register for sale all or part of the Capital Securities and to do any and all such acts, other than actions which must be taken by the Trust, and advise the Trust of actions it must take, and prepare for execution and filing any documents to be executed and filed by the Trust, as the Sponsor deems necessary or advisable in order to comply with the applicable laws of any such States;

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(c) to prepare for filing when required by the Trust an application to any national or international stock exchange or the Nasdaq National Market for listing upon notice of issuance of any Capital Securities if the Capital Securities are to be listed;

(d) to prepare for filing by the Trust with the Commission (i) any required registration statement on Form 8-A relating to the registration of the Capital Securities under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, including any amendments thereto and (ii) any other filings required under the Exchange Act;

(e) to negotiate the terms of the Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale of the Capital Securities and the Capital Securities Guarantee; and

(f) to negotiate the terms of a Calculation Agency Agreement providing for the determination of a variable interest rate on the Notes.

In addition, the Sponsor shall have the right at any time to cause the Trust to be dissolved and the Notes held by the Trust to be distributed to Holders of the Securities.

SECTION 4.3 Covenants of the Sponsor.

For so long as the Capital Securities remain outstanding, the Sponsor will covenant (i) to maintain 100% direct or indirect ownership of the Common Securities, (ii) to use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Trust (a) to remain a statutory business trust, except as permitted by this Declaration in connection with the Trust's liquidation, merger, or consolidation, and (b) to not be classified as an association taxable as a corporation or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes and (iii) to use its reasonable best efforts to cause each Holder of Securities to be treated as owning an undivided beneficial ownership interest in the assets of the Trust.

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ARTICLE V
TRUSTEES

SECTION 5.1 Number of Trustees.

The number of Trustees of this Trust shall be five, and:

(a) at any time before the issuance of any Securities, the Sponsor may, by written instrument, increase

or decrease the number of Trustees; and

(b) after the issuance of any Securities, the number of Trustees may be increased or decreased by vote of the Holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities voting as a class at a meeting of the Holders of the Common Securities; provided, however, that, the number of Trustees shall in no event be less than two; provided further that (1) one Trustee, in the case of a natural person, shall be a person who is a resident of the State of Delaware or that, if not a natural person, is an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware (the "Delaware Trustee"); (2) there shall be at least one Trustee who is an employee or officer of, or is affiliated with the Sponsor (a "Regular Trustee"); and (3) one Trustee shall be the Property Trustee for so long as this Declaration is required to qualify as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act, and such Trustee may also serve as Delaware Trustee if it meets the applicable requirements.

SECTION 5.2 Qualifications of Delaware Trustee.

If required by the Business Trust Act, the Delaware Trustee shall be:

(a) a natural person who is a resident of the State of Delaware; or

(b) if not a natural person, an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware, and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law,

provided that, if the Property Trustee has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law, then the Property Trustee shall also be the Delaware Trustee and Section 3.11 shall have no application.

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SECTION 5.3 Property Trustee; Eligibility.

(a) There shall at all times be one Trustee which shall act as Property Trustee which shall:

(i) not be an Affiliate of the Sponsor; and

(ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Commission to act as a Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then for the purposes of this Section 5.3(a)(ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.

(b) If at any time the Property Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 5.3(a), the Property Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set forth in Section 5.7(c).

(c) If the Property Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of ss. 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Property Trustee and the Holder of the Common Securities (as if it were the obligor referred to in ss. 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act) shall in all respects comply with the provisions of ss. 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(d) The Capital Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Declaration for purposes of clause (i) of the first provision contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(e) The initial Property Trustee shall be:

SECTION 5.4 Certain Qualifications of Regular Trustees and Delaware Trustee Generally.

Each Regular Trustee and the Delaware Trustee (unless the Property Trustee also acts as Delaware Trustee) shall be either a natural person who is at least 21 years of age or a legal entity that shall act through one or more Authorized Officers.

SECTION 5.5 Regular Trustees.

As of the date of this Declaration, the Regular Trustees shall be:

John E. Mack
William L. Maxwell
Marc D. Oken

(a) Except as expressly set forth in this Declaration and except if a meeting of the Regular Trustees is called with respect to any matter over which the Regular Trustees have power to act, any power of the Regular Trustees may be exercised by, or with the consent of, any one such Regular Trustee.

(b) Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, and except as otherwise required by the Business Trust Act or applicable law, any Regular Trustee is authorized to execute on behalf of the Trust any documents which the Regular Trustees have the power and authority to cause the Trust to execute pursuant to Section 3.6, provided, that, the registration statement referred to in Section 3.6, including any amendments thereto, shall be signed by a majority of the Regular Trustees; and

(c) a Regular Trustee may, by power of attorney consistent with applicable law, delegate to any other natural person over the age of 21 his or her power for the purposes of signing any documents which the Regular Trustees have power and authority to cause the Trust to execute pursuant to Section 3.6.

SECTION 5.6 Appointment of Delaware Trustee.

The initial Delaware Trustee shall be:

The Bank of New York (Delaware).

SECTION 5.7 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Trustees.

(a) Except during an Event of Default and subject to Section 5.7(b), Trustees may be appointed or removed without cause at any time:

(i) until the issuance of any Securities, by written instrument executed by the Sponsor; and

(ii) after the issuance of any Securities, by vote of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities voting as a class at a meeting of the Holders of the Common Securities.

(b) (i) the Property Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section 5.7(a) until a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Property Trustee and delivered to the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor; and

(ii) the Delaware Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section 5.7(a) until a successor Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Delaware Trustee under Sections 5.2 and 5.4 (a "Successor Delaware Trustee") has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Delaware Trustee and delivered to the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor.

(c) A Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until his successor shall have been appointed or until his death, removal or resignation. Any Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing signed by the Trustee and delivered to the Sponsor and the Trust, which resignation shall take effect upon such delivery or upon such later date as is specified therein; provided, however, that:

(i) No such resignation of the Property Trustee shall be effective:

(A) until a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument executed by such Successor Property Trustee and delivered to the Trust, the Sponsor and the resigning Property Trustee; or

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(B) until the assets of the Trust have been completely liquidated and the proceeds thereof distributed to the holders of the Securities; and

(ii) no such resignation of the Delaware Trustee shall be effective until a Successor Delaware Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument executed by such Successor Delaware Trustee and delivered to the Trust, the Sponsor and the resigning Delaware Trustee.

(d) The Holders of the Common Securities shall use their best efforts to promptly appoint a Successor Delaware Trustee or Successor Property Trustee as the case may be if the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee delivers an instrument of resignation in accordance with this Section 5.7.

(e) If no Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 5.7 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of resignation or removal, the Property Trustee or Delaware Trustee resigning or being removed, as applicable, may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper and prescribe, appoint a Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee, as the case may be.

(f) No Property Trustee or Delaware Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Property Trustee or successor Delaware Trustee, as the case may be.

SECTION 5.8 Vacancies among Trustees.

If a Trustee ceases to hold office for any reason and the number of Trustees is not reduced pursuant to Section 5.1, or if the number of Trustees is increased pursuant to Section 5.1, a vacancy shall occur. A resolution certifying the existence of such vacancy by the Regular Trustees or, if there are more than two, a majority of the Regular Trustees shall be conclusive evidence of the existence of such vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled with a Trustee appointed in accordance with Section 5.7.

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SECTION 5.9 Effect of Vacancies.

The death, resignation, retirement, removal, bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation, incompetence or incapacity to perform the duties of a Trustee shall not operate to annul the Trust. Whenever a vacancy in the number of Regular Trustees shall occur, until such vacancy is filled by the appointment of a Regular Trustee in accordance with Section 5.7, the Regular Trustees in office, regardless of their number, shall have all the powers granted to the Regular Trustees and shall discharge all the duties imposed upon the Regular Trustees by this Declaration.

SECTION 5.10 Meetings.

If there is more than one Regular Trustee, meetings of the Regular Trustees shall be held from time to time upon the call of any Regular Trustee. Regular meetings of the Regular Trustees may be held at a time and

place fixed by resolution of the Regular Trustees. Notice of any in-person meetings of the Regular Trustees shall be hand delivered or otherwise delivered in writing (including by facsimile, with a hard copy by overnight courier) not less than 48 hours before such meeting. Notice of any telephonic meetings of the Regular Trustees or any committee thereof shall be hand delivered or otherwise delivered in writing (including by facsimile, with a hard copy by overnight courier) not less than 24 hours before a meeting. Notices shall contain a brief statement of the time, place and anticipated purposes of the meeting. The presence (whether in person or by telephone) of a Regular Trustee at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a Regular Trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any activity on the ground that the meeting has not been lawfully called or convened. Unless provided otherwise in this Declaration, any action of the Regular Trustees may be taken at a meeting by vote of a majority of the Regular Trustees present (whether in person or by telephone) and eligible to vote with respect to such matter, provided that a Quorum is present, or without a meeting by the unanimous written consent of the Regular Trustees. Any and all actions of the Regular Trustees also may be evidenced by a written consent of such Regular Trustee.

SECTION 5.11 Delegation of Power.

(a) Any Regular Trustee may, by power of attorney consistent with applicable law, delegate to any other natural person over the age of 21 his or her power for the purpose of executing any documents contemplated in Section 3.6, including any registration statement or amendment

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thereto filed with the Commission, or making any other governmental filing; and

(b) the Regular Trustees shall have power to delegate from time to time to such of their number or to officers of the Trust the doing of such things and the execution of such instruments either in the name of the Trust or the names of the Regular Trustees or otherwise as the Regular Trustees may deem expedient, to the extent such delegation is not prohibited by applicable law or contrary to the provisions of the Trust, as set forth herein.

SECTION 5.12 Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business.

Any corporation into which the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, may be merged or converted or with which either may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, shall be the successor of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, hereunder, provided such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE VI
DISTRIBUTIONS

SECTION 6.1 Distributions.

Holders shall receive Distributions at the times and in accordance with the applicable terms of the relevant Holder's Securities. If and to the extent that the Note Issuer makes a payment of interest (including Compounded Interest, as defined in the Indenture) and Additional Interest (as defined in the Indenture), premium or principal on the Notes held by the Property Trustee (the amount of any such payment being a "Payment Amount"), the Property Trustee shall and is directed, to the extent funds are available for that purpose and without further action by the Regular Trustees, to make a Distribution of the Payment Amount to Holders. The term "Distributions" as used herein includes such cash distributions and any such interest payable unless otherwise stated. Distributions shall be made on the Capital Securities and the Common Securities in accordance with the preferences set forth in their respective terms.

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ARTICLE VII
ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES

SECTION 7.1 General Provisions Regarding Securities.

(a) The Regular Trustees shall on behalf of the Trust issue the Capital Securities which shall have such terms as are set forth in a completed Designation of Terms in the form attached hereto as Annex I (the "Designation of Terms") and one class of common securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust having such terms as are set forth in a completed Designation of Terms. The Trust shall issue no securities or other interests in the assets of the Trust other than the Capital Securities and the Common Securities.

(b) The Securities are subject to redemption as provided in the Designation of Terms.

(c) The Certificates shall be signed on behalf of the Trust by a Regular Trustee. Such signature shall be the manual signature of any present or any future Regular Trustee. In case any Regular Trustee of the Trust who shall have signed any of the Certificates shall cease to be such Regular Trustee before the Certificates so signed shall be delivered by the Trust, such Certificates nevertheless may be delivered as though the person who signed such Certificates had not ceased to be such Regular Trustee; and any Certificate may be signed on behalf of the Trust by such persons who, at the actual date of execution of such Security, shall be the Regular Trustees of the Trust, although at the date of the execution and delivery of the Declaration any such person was not such a Regular Trustee. Certificates shall be typed, printed, lithographed or engraved or may be produced in any other manner as is reasonably acceptable to the Regular Trustees, as evidenced by their execution thereof, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements as the Regular Trustees may deem appropriate, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage.

(d) The consideration received by the Trust for the issuance of the Securities shall constitute a contribution to the capital of the Trust and shall not constitute a loan to the Trust.

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(e) Upon issuance of the Securities as provided in this Declaration, the Securities so issued shall be deemed to be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

(f) Every Person, by virtue of having become a Holder or a Capital Security Beneficial Owner in accordance with the terms of this Declaration, shall be deemed to have expressly assented and agreed to the terms of, and shall be bound by, this Declaration, including the Designation of Terms.

SECTION 7.2 Paying Agent.

In the event that the Capital Securities are not in Book-Entry only form, the Trust shall maintain in New York, New York, an office or agency where the Capital Securities may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Trust may appoint the Paying Agent and may appoint one or more additional paying agents in such other locations as it shall determine and shall make such appointment in any other location required by law or by the rules of any securities exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed. The term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Trust may change any Paying Agent without prior notice to any Holder. The Trust shall notify the Property Trustee of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Declaration. If the Trust fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Paying Agent, the Property Trustee shall act as such. The Trust or any of its Affiliates may act as Paying Agent. The Property Trustee shall initially act as Paying Agent for the Capital Securities. The Trust shall initially act as Paying Agent for the Common Securities.

ARTICLE VIII
TERMINATION OF TRUST

SECTION 8.1 Termination of Trust.

- (a) The Trust shall dissolve:
- (i) upon the bankruptcy of the Sponsor;
 - (ii) upon the filing of a certificate of

dissolution or its equivalent with respect to the Sponsor; upon the consent of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities voting together as a single class to dissolve the Trust or the revocation of the Sponsor's charter and the expiration of 90 days after the date of revocation without a reinstatement thereof;

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(iii) upon the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Holder of the Common Securities, the Sponsor or the Trust;

(iv) when all of the Securities shall have been called for redemption and the amounts necessary for redemption thereof shall have been paid to the Holders in accordance with the terms of the Securities;

(v) at the election of the Sponsor at any time pursuant to which the Trust shall have been dissolved in accordance with the terms of the Securities and all of the Notes endorsed thereon shall have been distributed to the Holders of Securities in exchange for all of the Securities; or

(vi) before the issuance of any Securities, with the consent of all of the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor.

(b) As soon as is practicable after the occurrence of an event referred to in Section 8.1(a), the Trustees shall, after satisfaction of all obligations of the Trust, file a certificate of cancellation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and the Trust shall terminate.

(c) The provisions of Section 3.9 and Article X shall survive the termination of the Trust.

ARTICLE IX TRANSFER OF INTERESTS

SECTION 9.1 Transfer of Securities.

(a) Securities may only be transferred, in whole or in part, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Declaration and in the terms of the Securities. Any transfer or purported transfer of any Security not made in accordance with this Declaration shall be null and void.

(b) Subject to this Article IX, Capital Securities shall be freely transferable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Capital Securities may not be acquired by any Person who is, or who in acquiring such Capital Securities is using the assets of, an ERISA Plan unless one of the following class exemptions or another applicable exemption is available to the ERISA Plan: (i) Prohibited Transaction

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Class Exemption 90-1 ("PTCE 90-1"), regarding investments by insurance company pooled separate accounts, (ii) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 91-38 ("PTCE 91-38") regarding investments by bank collective investment funds, (iii) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 84-14 ("PTCE 84-14"), regarding transactions effected by qualified professional asset managers, (iv) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 96-23 ("PTCE 96-23"), regarding transactions effected by in-house asset managers, or (v) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 95-60 ("PTCE 95-60"), regarding investments by insurance company general accounts. The acquisition of Capital Securities by any Person who is, or who in acquiring such Capital Securities is using the assets of, an ERISA Plan shall be deemed to constitute a representation by such Person to the Trust that (i) such Person is eligible for exemptive relief available pursuant to either one of PTCE 90-1, PTCE 91-38, PTCE 84-14, PTCE 96-23, PTCE 95-60 or another applicable exemption with respect to the acquisition and holding of such Capital Securities, and (ii) neither the Sponsor nor the Trust is a "fiduciary", within the meaning of Section 3(21) of ERISA and the regulations thereunder, with respect to such Person's interest in the Capital Securities or the

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(c) Subject to this Article IX and Section 4.3, the Sponsor and any Related Party may only transfer Common Securities to the Sponsor or a Related Party of the Sponsor; provided that, any such transfer is subject to the condition precedent that the transferor obtain the written opinion of a nationally recognized independent counsel experienced in such matters that such transfer would not cause more than an insubstantial risk that:

(i) the Trust would not be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as an association or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation; and

(ii) the Trust would be an Investment Company or the transferee would become an Investment Company.

SECTION 9.2 Transfer of Certificates.

The Regular Trustees shall provide for the registration of Certificates and of transfers of Certificates, which will be effected without charge but only upon payment (with such indemnity as the Regular Trustees may require) in respect of any tax or other government charges that may be imposed in relation to it. Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Certificate, the Regular Trustees shall cause one or more new Certificates to be issued in the name of the designated

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transferee or transferees. Every Certificate surrendered for registration of transfer shall be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Regular Trustees duly executed by the Holder or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing. Each Certificate surrendered for registration of transfer shall be canceled by the Regular Trustees. A transferee of a Certificate shall be entitled to the rights and subject to the obligations of a Holder hereunder upon the receipt by such transferee of a Certificate. By acceptance of a Certificate, each transferee shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by this Declaration.

SECTION 9.3 Deemed Security Holders.

The Trustees may treat the Person in whose name any Certificate shall be registered on the books and records of the Trust as the sole holder of such Certificate and of the Securities represented by such Certificate for purposes of receiving Distributions and for all other purposes whatsoever and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such Certificate or in the Securities represented by such Certificate on the part of any Person, whether or not the Trust shall have actual or other notice thereof.

SECTION 9.4 Book-Entry Interests.

Unless otherwise specified in the terms of the Capital Securities, the Capital Securities Certificates, on original issuance, will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered, global Capital Security Certificates (each a "Global Security"), to be delivered to DTC, the initial Clearing Agency, by, or on behalf of, the Trust. Such Global Securities shall initially be registered on the books and records of the Trust in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC, and no Capital Security Beneficial Owner will receive a definitive Capital Security Certificate representing such Capital Security Beneficial Owner's interests in such Global Securities, except as provided in Section 9.7. Unless and until definitive, fully registered Capital Security Certificates (the "Definitive Capital Security Certificates") have been issued to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners pursuant to Section 9.7:

(a) the provisions of this Section 9.4 shall be in full force and effect;

(b) the Trust and the Trustees shall be entitled to deal with the Clearing Agency for all purposes of this Declaration (including the payment of Distributions on the Global Securities and receiving approvals, votes or consents

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hereunder) as the sole Holder of the Capital Securities and shall have no obligation to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners;

(c) to the extent that the provisions of this Section 9.4 conflict with any other provisions of this Declaration, the provisions of this Section 9.4 shall control;

(d) the rights of the Capital Security Beneficial Owners shall be exercised only through the Clearing Agency and shall be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Capital Security Beneficial Owners and the Clearing Agency and/or the Clearing Agency Participants. DTC will make Book-Entry transfers among the Clearing Agency Participants and receive and transmit payments of Distributions on the Global Securities to such Clearing Agency Participants; and

(e) Capital Securities sold outside the United States may be held by the Clearing Agency for the account of Cedel Bank, societe anonyme and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Brussels office, as operator of the Euroclear System.

SECTION 9.5 Notices to Clearing Agency.

Whenever a notice or other communication to the Capital Security Holders is required under this Declaration, unless and until Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall have been issued to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners pursuant to Section 9.7, the Regular Trustees shall give all such notices and communications specified herein to be given to the Capital Security Holders to the Clearing Agency and shall have no notice obligations to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners.

SECTION 9.6 Appointment of Successor Clearing Agency.

If any Clearing Agency elects to discontinue its services as securities depository with respect to the Capital Securities, the Regular Trustees may, in their sole discretion, appoint a successor Clearing Agency with respect to such Capital Securities.

SECTION 9.7 Definitive Capital Security Certificates.

If:

(a) a Clearing Agency elects to discontinue its services as securities depository with respect to the

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Capital Securities and a successor Clearing Agency is not appointed within 90 days after such discontinuance pursuant to Section 9.6; or

(b) the Regular Trustees elect after consultation with the Sponsor to terminate the Book-Entry system through the Clearing Agency with respect to the Capital Securities,

then:

(c) Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall be prepared by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust with respect to such Capital Securities; and

(d) upon surrender of the Global Securities by the Clearing Agency, accompanied by registration instructions, the Regular Trustees shall cause Definitive Capital Security Certificates to be delivered to Capital Security Beneficial Owners in accordance with the instructions of the Clearing Agency. Neither the Trustees nor the Trust shall be liable for any delay in delivery of such instructions and each of them may conclusively rely on and shall be protected in relying on, said instructions of the Clearing Agency. The Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall be typed, printed, lithographed or engraved or may be produced in any other manner as is reasonably acceptable to the Regular Trustees, as evidenced by their execution thereof, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements as the Regular Trustees may deem appropriate, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which Capital Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage.

Otherwise, Definitive Capital Security Certificates will not be issued.

SECTION 9.8 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Certificates.

If:

(a) any mutilated Certificates should be surrendered to the Regular Trustees, or if the Regular Trustees shall receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Certificate; and

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(b) there shall be delivered to the Regular Trustees such security or indemnity as may be required by them to keep each of them harmless.

then, in the absence of notice that such Certificate shall have been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, any Regular Trustee on behalf of the Trust shall execute and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificate, a new Certificate of like denomination. In connection with the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section 9.8, the Regular Trustees may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith. Any duplicate Certificate issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute conclusive evidence of an ownership interest in the relevant Securities, as if originally issued, whether or not the lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate shall be found at any time.

ARTICLE X
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY OF
HOLDERS OF SECURITIES, TRUSTEES OR OTHERS

SECTION 10.1 Liability.

(a) Except as expressly set forth in this Declaration, the Securities Guarantees and the terms of the Securities, the Sponsor shall not:

(i) be personally liable for the return of any portion of the capital contributions (or any return thereon) of the Holders of the Securities which shall be made solely from assets of the Trust; and

(ii) be required to pay to the Trust or to any Holder of Securities any deficit upon dissolution of the Trust or otherwise.

(b) Pursuant to ss. 3803(a) of the Business Trust Act, the Holders of the Capital Securities shall be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations organized for profit under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

SECTION 10.2 Exculpation.

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Trust or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim

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incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith on behalf of the Trust and in a manner such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Declaration or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's gross negligence (or negligence in the case of the Trustee) or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Trust and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Trust by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Trust, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Securities might properly be paid.

SECTION 10.3 Fiduciary Duty.

(a) To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Indemnified Person has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Trust or to any other Covered Person, an Indemnified Person acting under this Declaration shall not be liable to the Trust or to any other Covered Person for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Declaration. The provisions of this Declaration, to the extent that they restrict the duties and liabilities of an Indemnified Person otherwise existing at law or in equity (other than the duties imposed on the Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act), are agreed by the parties hereto to replace such other duties and liabilities of such Indemnified Person.

(b) Unless otherwise expressly provided herein:

(i) whenever a conflict of interest exists or arises between any Covered Persons; or

(ii) whenever this Declaration or any other agreement contemplated herein or therein provides that an Indemnified Person shall act in a manner that is, or provides terms that are, fair and reasonable to the Trust or any Holder of Securities,

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the Indemnified Person shall resolve such conflict of interest, take such action or provide such terms, considering in each case the relative interest of each party (including its own interest) to such conflict, agreement, transaction or situation and the benefits and burdens relating to such interests, any customary or accepted industry practices, and any applicable generally accepted accounting practices or principles. In the absence of bad faith by the Indemnified Person, the resolution, action or term so made, taken or provided by the Indemnified Person shall not constitute a breach of this Declaration or any other agreement contemplated herein or of any duty or obligation of the Indemnified Person at law or in equity or otherwise.

(c) Whenever in this Declaration an Indemnified Person is permitted or required to make a decision:

(i) in its "discretion" or under a grant of similar authority, the Indemnified Person shall be entitled to consider such interests and factors as it desires, including its own interests, and shall have no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of or factors affecting the Trust or any other Person; or

(ii) in its "good faith" or under another express standard, the Indemnified Person shall act under such express standard and shall not be subject to any other or different standard imposed by this Declaration or by applicable law.

SECTION 10.4 Indemnification.

(a) (i) The Note Issuer shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any Company Indemnified Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Trust) by reason of the fact that he is or was a Company Indemnified Person against expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction,

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or upon a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the Company Indemnified Person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the

best interests of the Trust, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

(ii) The Note Issuer shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any Company Indemnified Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Trust to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a Company Indemnified Person against expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust and except that no such indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such Company Indemnified Person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Trust unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery of Delaware or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

(iii) To the extent that a Company Indemnified Person shall be successful on the merits or otherwise (including dismissal of an action without prejudice or the settlement of an action without admission of liability) in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a), or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified, to the full extent permitted by law, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

(iv) Any indemnification under paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a) (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Note Issuer only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination

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that indemnification of the Company Indemnified Person is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in paragraphs (i) and (ii). Such determination shall be made (1) by the Regular Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of such Regular Trustees who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the Holders of the Common Securities.

(v) Expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by a Company Indemnified Person in defending a civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a) shall be paid by the Note Issuer in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Company Indemnified Person to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Note Issuer as authorized in this Section 10.4(a). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no advance shall be made by the Note Issuer if a determination is reasonably and promptly made (i) by the Regular Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees, (ii) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion or (iii) the Common Security Holder of the Trust, that, based upon the facts known to the Regular Trustees, counsel or the Common Security Holder at the time such determination is made, such Company Indemnified Person acted in bad faith or in a manner that such person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust, or, with respect to any criminal proceeding, that such Company Indemnified Person believed or had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. In no event shall any advance be made in instances where the Regular Trustees, independent legal counsel or Common Security

Holder reasonably determine that such person deliberately breached his duty to the Trust or to the Holders of the Common or Capital Securities.

(vi) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other paragraphs of this Section 10.4(a) shall not be deemed

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exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification and advancement of expenses may be entitled under any agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors of the Note Issuer or Capital Security Holders of the Trust or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. All rights to indemnification under this Section 10.4(a) shall be deemed to be provided by a contract between the Note Issuer and each Company Indemnified Person who serves in such capacity at any time while this Section 10.4(a) is in effect. Any repeal or modification of this Section 10.4(a) shall not affect any rights or obligations then existing.

(vii) The Note Issuer or the Trust may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Company Indemnified Person against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Note Issuer would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Section 10.4(a).

(viii) For purposes of this Section 10.4(a), references to "the Trust" shall include, in addition to the resulting or surviving entity, any constituent entity (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger, so that any person who is or was a director, trustee, officer or employee of such constituent entity, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent entity as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent of another entity, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Section 10.4(a) with respect to the resulting or surviving entity as he would have with respect to such constituent entity if its separate existence had continued.

(ix) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Section 10.4(a) shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Company Indemnified Person and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(b) The Note Issuer agrees to indemnify the (i) Property Trustee, (ii) the Delaware Trustee, (iii) any Affiliate of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee,

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and (iv) any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, custodians, nominees or agents of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee (each of the Persons in (i) through (iv) being referred to as a "Fiduciary Indemnified Person") for, and to hold each Fiduciary Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense including taxes (other than taxes based on the income of such Fiduciary Indemnified Person) incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration or the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against or investigating any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 10.4(b) shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Declaration.

SECTION 10.5 Outside Businesses.

Any Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee may engage in or possess an interest in other business ventures of any nature or description, independently or with others, similar or

dissimilar to the business of the Trust, and the Trust and the Holders of Securities shall have no rights by virtue of this Declaration in and to such independent ventures or the income or profits derived therefrom, and the pursuit of any such venture, even if competitive with the business of the Trust, shall not be deemed wrongful or improper. No Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee, or the Property Trustee shall be obligated to present any particular investment or other opportunity to the Trust even if such opportunity is of a character that, if presented to the Trust, could be taken by the Trust, and any Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee shall have the right to take for its own account (individually or as a partner or fiduciary) or to recommend to others any such particular investment or other opportunity. Any Covered Person, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee may engage or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Sponsor or any Affiliate of the Sponsor, or may act as depository for, trustee or agent for, or act on any committee or body of holders of, securities or other obligations of the Sponsor or its Affiliates.

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ARTICLE XI
ACCOUNTING

SECTION 11.1 Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year ("Fiscal Year") of the Trust shall be the calendar year or such other year as is required by the Code.

SECTION 11.2 Certain Accounting Matters.

(a) At all times during the existence of the Trust, the Regular Trustees shall keep, or cause to be kept, full books of account, records and supporting documents, which shall reflect in reasonable detail, each transaction of the Trust. The books of account shall be maintained on the accrual method of accounting, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied. The Trust shall use the accrual method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes. The books of account and the records of the Trust shall be examined by and reported upon as of the end of each Fiscal Year of the Trust by a firm of independent certified public accountants selected by the Regular Trustees;

(b) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be prepared and delivered to each of the Holders of Securities, within 90 days after the end of each Fiscal Year of the Trust, annual financial statements of the Trust, including a balance sheet of the Trust as of the end of such Fiscal Year, and the related statements of income or loss;

(c) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be duly prepared and delivered to each of the Holders of Securities, any annual United States federal income tax information statement, required by the Code, containing such information with regard to the Securities held by each Holder as is required by the Code and the Treasury Regulations. Notwithstanding any right under the Code to deliver any such statement at a later date, the Regular Trustees shall endeavor to deliver all such statements within 30 days after the end of each Fiscal Year of the Trust; and

(d) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be duly prepared and filed with the appropriate taxing authority, an annual United States federal income tax return, on a Form 1041 or such other form required by United States federal income tax law, and any other annual income tax returns required to be filed by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust with any state or local taxing authority.

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SECTION 11.3 Banking.

The Trust shall maintain one or more bank accounts in the name and for the sole benefit of the Trust; provided, however, that all payments of funds in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee shall be made directly to the Property Trustee Account and no other funds of the Trust shall be deposited in the Property Trustee Account. The sole signatories for such accounts shall be designated by the Regular Trustees; provided, however, that the Property Trustee shall designate the signatories for the Property Trustee Account.

SECTION 11.4 Withholding.

The Trust and the Regular Trustees shall comply with all withholding requirements under United States federal, state and local law. The Trust shall request, and the Holders shall provide to the Trust, such forms or certificates as are necessary to establish an exemption from withholding with respect to each Holder, and any representations and forms as shall reasonably be requested by the Trust to assist it in determining the extent of, and in fulfilling, its withholding obligations. The Regular Trustees shall file required forms with applicable jurisdictions and, unless an exemption from withholding is properly established by a Holder, shall remit amounts withheld with respect to the Holder to applicable jurisdictions. To the extent that the Trust is required to withhold and pay over any amounts to any authority with respect to distributions or allocations to any Holder, the amount withheld shall be deemed to be a distribution in the amount of the withholding to the Holder. In the event of any claim over withholding, the Holders shall be limited to an action against the applicable jurisdiction. If the amount required to be withheld was not withheld from actual Distributions made, the Trust may reduce subsequent Distributions by the amount of such withholding.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS AND MEETINGS

SECTION 12.1 Amendments.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration or by any applicable terms of the Securities, this Declaration may only be amended by a written instrument approved and executed by:

(i) the Regular Trustees (or, if there are more than two Regular Trustees a majority of the Regular Trustees);

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(ii) if the amendment affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee; and

(iii) if the amendment affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Delaware Trustee, the Delaware Trustee.

(b) No amendment shall be made, and any such purported amendment shall be void and ineffective:

(i) unless, in the case of any proposed amendment, the Property Trustee shall have first received an Officers' Certificate from each of the Trust and the Sponsor that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities);

(ii) unless, in the case of any proposed amendment which affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall have first received:

(A) an Officers' Certificate from each of the Trust and the Sponsor that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities); and

(B) an opinion of counsel (who may be counsel to the Sponsor or the Trust) that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities); and

(iii) to the extent the result of such amendment would be to:

(A) cause the Trust to fail to continue to be classified for purposes of United States federal income taxation as a grantor trust;

(B) reduce or otherwise adversely affect the powers of the Property Trustee in contravention of the Trust Indenture Act; or

(C) cause the Trust to be deemed to be an Investment Company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act.

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(c) At such time after the Trust has issued any Securities that remain outstanding, any amendment that would adversely affect the rights, privileges or preferences of any Holder of Securities may be effected only with such additional requirements as may be set forth in the terms of such Securities.

(d) Section 10.1(b) and this Section 12.1 shall not be amended without the consent of all of the Holders of the Securities.

(e) Article IV shall not be amended without the consent of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities.

(f) The rights of the holders of the Common Securities under Article V to increase or decrease the number of, and appoint and remove Trustees shall not be amended without the consent of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities.

(g) Notwithstanding Section 12.1(c), this Declaration may be amended without the consent of the Holders of the Securities to:

(i) cure any ambiguity;

(ii) correct or supplement any provision in this Declaration that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision of this Declaration;

(iii) add to the covenants, restrictions or obligations of the Sponsor;

(iv) conform to any change in Rule 3a-5 or any written change in interpretation or application of Rule 3a-5 by any legislative body, court, government agency or regulatory authority which amendment does not have a material adverse effect on the right, preferences or privileges of the Holders; and

(v) modify, eliminate and add to any provision of this Declaration to such extent as may be necessary to carry out its provisions, including making any redemption of the Notes or dissolution of the Trust and distribution of the Notes to the Holders of the Securities in exchange for all of the Securities.

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SECTION 12.2 Meetings of the Holders of Securities; Action by Written Consent.

(a) Meetings of the Holders of any class of Securities may be called at any time by the Regular Trustees (or as provided in the terms of the Securities) to consider and act on any matter on which Holders of such class of Securities are entitled to act under the terms of this Declaration, the terms of the Securities or the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed or admitted for trading. The Regular Trustees shall call a meeting of the Holders of such class if directed to do so by the Holders of at least 10% in liquidation amount of such class of Securities. Such direction shall be given by delivering to the Regular Trustees one or more calls in a writing stating that the signing Holders of Securities wish to call a meeting and indicating the general or specific purpose for which the meeting is to be called. Any Holders of Securities calling a meeting shall specify in writing the Security Certificates held by the Holders of Securities exercising the right to call a meeting and only those Securities specified shall be counted for purposes of determining whether the required percentage set forth in the second sentence of this paragraph has been met.

(b) Except to the extent otherwise provided in the terms of the Securities, the following provisions shall

apply to meetings of Holders of Securities:

(i) notice of any such meeting shall be given to all the Holders of Securities having a right to vote thereat at least seven days and not more than 60 days before the date of such meeting. Whenever a vote, consent or approval of the Holders of Securities is permitted or required under this Declaration or the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed or admitted for trading, such vote, consent or approval may be given at a meeting of the Holders of Securities. Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Holders of Securities may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by the Holders of Securities owning not less than the minimum amount of Securities in liquidation amount that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all Holders of Securities having a right to vote thereon were present and voting. Prompt notice of the taking of action without a meeting shall be given to the Holders of Securities entitled to vote who have not consented in writing. The Regular Trustees may

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specify that any written ballot submitted to the Security Holder for the purpose of taking any action without a meeting shall be returned to the Trust within the time specified by the Regular Trustees;

(ii) each Holder of a Security may authorize any Person to act for it by proxy on all matters in which a Holder of Securities is entitled to participate, including waiving notice of any meeting, or voting or participating at a meeting. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of 11 months from the date thereof unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the Holder of Securities executing it. Except as otherwise provided herein, all matters relating to the giving, voting or validity of proxies shall be governed by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware relating to proxies, and judicial interpretations thereunder, as if the Trust were a Delaware corporation and the Holders of the Securities were stockholders of a Delaware corporation;

(iii) each meeting of the Holders of the Securities shall be conducted by the Regular Trustees or by such other Person that the Regular Trustees may designate; and

(iv) unless the Business Trust Act, this Declaration, the terms of the Securities, the Trust Indenture Act or the listing rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are then listed or trading, otherwise provides, the Regular Trustees, in their sole discretion, shall establish all other provisions relating to meetings of Holders of Securities, including notice of the time, place or purpose of any meeting at which any matter is to be voted on by any Holders of Securities, waiver of any such notice, action by consent without a meeting, the establishment of a record date, quorum requirements, voting in person or by proxy or any other matter with respect to the exercise of any such right to vote.

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ARTICLE XIII
REPRESENTATIONS OF PROPERTY TRUSTEE
AND DELAWARE TRUSTEE

SECTION 13.1 Representations and Warranties of Property Trustee.

The Trustee that acts as initial Property Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and to the Sponsor at the date of this Declaration, and each Successor Property Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and the Sponsor at the time of the Successor Property Trustee's acceptance of its appointment as Property Trustee that:

(a) the Property Trustee is a New York banking corporation

with trust powers and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of, this Declaration;

(b) the execution, delivery and performance by the Property Trustee of the Declaration has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Property Trustee. The Declaration has been duly executed and delivered by the Property Trustee, and it constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Property Trustee, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity and the discretion of the court (regardless of whether the enforcement of such remedies is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);

(c) the execution, delivery and performance of this Declaration by the Property Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the charter or by-laws of the Property Trustee; and

(d) no consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York State or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Property Trustee of this Declaration.

SECTION 13.2 Representations and Warranties of Delaware Trustee.

The Trustee that acts as initial Delaware Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and to the Sponsor at the date of this Declaration, and each Successor Delaware Trustee

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represents and warrants to the Trust and the Sponsor at the time of the Successor Delaware Trustee's acceptance of its appointment as Delaware Trustee that:

(a) The Delaware Trustee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with trust power and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of, this Declaration.

(b) The Delaware Trustee has been authorized to perform its obligations under the Certificate of Trust and the Declaration. The Declaration under Delaware law constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Delaware Trustee, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity and the discretion of the court (regardless of whether the enforcement of such remedies is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(c) No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Delaware Trustee of this Declaration.

(d) The Delaware Trustee is a natural person who is a resident of the State of Delaware or, if not a natural person, an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE XIV
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 14.1 Notices.

All notices provided for in this Declaration shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) if given to the Trust, in care of the Regular Trustees at the Trust's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Trust may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

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NB Capital Trust III
c/o NationsBank Corporation
Attention: Treasurer
NationsBank Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(b) if given to the Delaware Trustee, at the mailing address set forth below (or such other address as Delaware Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

The Bank of New York (Delaware)
White Clay Center, Route 273
Newark, Delaware 19711
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration

(c) if given to the Property Trustee, at the Property Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Property Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration

(d) if given to the Holder of the Common Securities, at the mailing address of the Sponsor set forth below (or such other address as the Holder of the Common Securities may give notice to the Trust):

NationsBank Corporation
NationsBank Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Attention: Treasurer

(e) if given to any other Holder, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Trust.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was

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given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

SECTION 14.2 Governing Law.

This Declaration and the rights of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and all rights and remedies shall be governed by such laws without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

SECTION 14.3 Intention of the Parties.

It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Trust be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust. The provisions of this Declaration shall be interpreted to further this intention of the parties.

SECTION 14.4 Headings.

Headings contained in this Declaration are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Declaration or any provision hereof.

SECTION 14.5 Successors and Assigns

Whenever in this Declaration any of the parties hereto is named or referred to, the successors and assigns of such party shall be deemed to be included, and all covenants and agreements in this Declaration by the Sponsor and the Trustees shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed.

SECTION 14.6 Partial Enforceability.

If any provision of this Declaration, or the application of such provision to any Person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Declaration, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 14.7 Counterparts; Acceptance.

This Declaration may contain more than one counterpart of the signature page and this Declaration may be executed by the affixing of the signature of each of the Trustees to one of such counterpart signature pages. All of such counterpart signature pages shall be read as though one, and they shall have the same

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force and effect as though all of the signers had signed a single signature page.

Each Trustee, by its execution of a counterpart of this Declaration, acknowledges and accepts its appointment as Trustee.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these presents to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

/s/ John E. Mack
John E. Mack, as Regular Trustee

/s/ William L. Maxwell
William L. Maxwell, as Regular
Trustee

/s/ Marc D. Oken
Marc D. Oken, as Regular Trustee

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (DELAWARE),
as Delaware Trustee

By: /s/ Walter Gitlin
Name: Walter Gitlin
Title: Authorized Signatory

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,
as Property Trustee

By: /s/ Byron Merino
Name: Byron Merino
Title: Assistant Treasurer

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION,
as Sponsor

By: /s/ Susan Y. Calton
Name: Susan Y. Calton
Title: Vice President

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ANNEX I

FLOATING RATE CAPITAL SECURITIES AND
FLOATING RATE COMMON SECURITIES

Pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, dated as of January 22, 1997 (as amended from time to time, the "Declaration"), the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities are set out below (each capitalized term used but not defined herein has the meaning set forth in the Declaration or, if not defined in such Declaration, as defined in the Prospectus referred to below):

1. Designation and Number.

(a) Capital Securities. 500,000 Floating Rate Capital Securities of the Trust (liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Security) with an aggregate liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the Trust of \$500,000,000, are hereby designated for purposes of identification only as "Floating Rate Capital Securities" (the "Capital Securities"). The Capital Security Certificates evidencing the Capital Securities shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1 to the Declaration, with such changes and additions thereto or deletions therefrom as may be required by ordinary usage, custom or practice or to conform to the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed.

(b) Common Securities. 15,500 Floating Rate Common Securities of the Trust (liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Security) with an aggregate liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the Trust of \$15,500,000, are hereby designated for purposes of identification only as "Floating Rate Common Securities" (the "Common Securities"). The Common Security Certificates evidencing the Common Securities shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 to the Declaration, with such changes and additions thereto or deletions therefrom as may be required by ordinary usage, custom or practice.

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2. Distributions.

(a) Distributions payable on each Security will be payable in respect of the liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Capital Security at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55% such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee. A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Accrued Distributions on any Security will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of such Security by an accrued interest factor. Such accrued interest factor will be computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day from and including February 3, 1997, or from but excluding the last date to which interest has been paid, as the case may be, to and including the date for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor (expressed as a decimal) for each such day is computed by dividing the rate in effect on such day by 360. All percentages resulting from any calculation of Distributions on the securities will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (E.G., 5.687665% (or .05687665) would be rounded to 5.68767% (or .0568767)), and all dollar amounts used or resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upward).

(b) Distributions on the Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from February 3, 1997 and will be payable quarterly in arrears, on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 1997, except as otherwise described below. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest on the Notes by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods (each an "Extension Period"), during which Extension Period no interest shall be due and payable on the Notes, provided that no Extension Period shall extend beyond the Stated Maturity. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred on the Capital Securities for the same period. Despite such deferral, quarterly Distributions to which Holders of such Capital Securities are entitled will accumulate additional Distributions thereon at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may further extend such

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Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 20 consecutive quarterly periods or extend beyond the Stated Maturity. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust or the Clearing Agency, as the case may be, on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

(c) Distributions on the Securities will be payable to the Holders thereof as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the relevant record dates. While the Capital Securities remain in Book-Entry only form, the relevant record dates shall be one Business Day prior to the relevant payment dates which payment dates correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. Payment of Distributions on the Securities held in Book-Entry only form will be made to the Depository in immediately available funds. The Depository's practice is to credit Clearing Agency Participants' accounts on the relevant payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on the Depository's records unless the Depository has reason to believe that it will not receive payments on such payment date. Payments by (i) Clearing Agency Participants and (ii) securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies and other entities that clear transactions through or maintain a direct or indirect custodial relationship with a Clearing Agency Participant (an "Indirect Participant") to Capital Security Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of such Clearing Agency Participants and Indirect Participants and not of the Depository, the Trust or the Sponsor, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of Distributions to the Depository is the responsibility of the Trust, disbursement of such payments to Clearing Agency Participants is the responsibility of the Depository, and disbursement of such payments to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of the Clearing Agency Participants and Indirect Participants. The relevant record dates for the Common Securities shall be the same record date as for the Capital Securities. If the Capital Securities shall not continue to remain in Book-Entry only form, the regular record dates for the Capital Securities shall be the January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 prior to the relevant payment dates, which payment dates correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. Distributions payable on any Securities that are not punctually paid on any Distribution payment date, as a result of the Note Issuer having failed to make a payment under the Notes, will cease to be payable to the Person in whose name such Securities are registered on the relevant record date, and such defaulted

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Distribution will instead be payable to the Person in whose name such Securities are registered on the special record date or other specified date determined in accordance with the Indenture. If any date on which Distributions are payable on the Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Distribution payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay) except that, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date.

(d) In the event that there is any money or other property held by or for the Trust that is not accounted for hereunder, such property shall be distributed Pro Rata (as defined herein) among the Holders of the Securities.

3. Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution.

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust, the Holders of the Securities on the date of the dissolution, winding-up or termination, as the case may be, will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Trust available for distribution to Holders of Securities after satisfaction of liabilities of creditors an amount equal to the aggregate of the stated liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Security plus accrued and unpaid Distributions thereon to the date of payment (such amount being the "Liquidation Distribution"), unless, in connection with such dissolution, winding-up or termination, Notes in an aggregate stated principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of such Securities, with an interest rate equal to the Coupon Rate of, and bearing accrued and unpaid interest in an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid Distributions on, such Securities, shall be distributed on a Pro Rata basis to the Holders of the Securities in exchange for such Securities.

If, upon any such dissolution, the Liquidation Distribution can be paid only in part because the Trust has insufficient assets available to

pay in full the aggregate Liquidation Distribution, then the amounts payable directly by the Trust on the Securities shall be paid on a Pro Rata basis. Holders of the Common Securities will be entitled to receive distributions upon any such dissolution Pro Rata with Holders of the Capital Securities, except that if a Declaration Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Capital Securities shall have a preference over the Common Securities with respect to such distributions.

4. Redemption and Distribution.

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(a) The Securities are subject to redemption at the Stated Maturity, at any time after January 15, 2007 and in certain circumstances, following the occurrence of a Special Event on or before January 15, 2007 as follows:

(i) Upon payment of the Notes at a payment price equal to the principal amount of, plus accrued interest on the Notes, the proceeds from such payment shall be simultaneously applied to redeem the Securities at the Redemption Price.

(ii) In the event of a prepayment arising from the occurrence of a Special Event prior to January 15, 2007, the proceeds from such prepayment shall be simultaneously applied to redeem the Capital Securities at the Redemption Price.

(iii) If fewer than all the outstanding Securities are to be so redeemed, the Common Securities and the Capital Securities will be redeemed Pro Rata and the Capital Securities to be redeemed will be as described in Section 4(f)(ii) below.

(b) If the Sponsor has given a notice of its election to terminate the Trust, the Regular Trustees shall dissolve the Trust and, after satisfaction of creditors, cause Notes held by the Property Trustee, having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of, with and accrued and unpaid interest equal to accrued and unpaid Distributions on, and having the same record date for payment as, the Securities, to be distributed to the Holders of the Securities in liquidation of such Holders' interests in the Securities within 90 days following receipt of the Sponsor's notice of election.

(c) On and from the date fixed by the Regular Trustees for any distribution of Notes and dissolution of the Trust: (i) the Securities will no longer be deemed to be outstanding, (ii) the Depositary or its nominee as the record Holder of the Capital Securities, will receive a registered Global Security or Securities representing the Notes to be delivered upon such distribution and any certificates representing Securities, except for certificates representing Capital Securities held by the Depositary or its nominee (or any successor Clearing Agency or its nominee), will be deemed to represent beneficial interests in the Notes having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of, with an identical interest rate and accrued and unpaid interest equal to accrued and unpaid Distributions on such Securities until such

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certificates are presented to the Note Issuer or its agent for transfer or reissue.

(d) The Trust may not redeem fewer than all the outstanding Securities unless all accrued and unpaid Distributions have been paid on all Securities for all semi-annual Distribution periods terminating on or before the date of redemption.

(e) If the Notes are distributed to holders of the Securities, pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, the Note Issuer will use its best efforts to have the Notes listed on the securities exchange, if any, on which the Capital Securities were listed immediately prior to the distribution of the Notes.

(f) Redemption or Distribution Procedures shall be as follows:

(i) A Redemption/Distribution Notice will be given by the Trust by mail to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed or exchanged not fewer than 15 nor more than 60 days before the date fixed for redemption or exchange thereof which, in the case of a redemption, will

be the date fixed for redemption of the Notes. For purposes of the calculation of the date of redemption or exchange and the dates on which notices are given pursuant to this Section 4(f) (i), a Redemption/Distribution Notice shall be deemed to be given on the day such notice is first mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to Holders of Securities. Each Redemption/Distribution Notice shall be addressed to the Holders of Securities at the address of each such Holder appearing in the books and records of the Trust. No defect in the Redemption/Distribution Notice or in the mailing of either with respect to any Holder shall affect the validity of the redemption or exchange proceedings with respect to any other Holder.

(ii) In the event that fewer than all the outstanding Securities are to be redeemed, the Securities to be redeemed shall be redeemed Pro Rata from each Holder of Capital Securities, it being understood that, in respect of Capital Securities registered in the name of and held of record by the Depository or its nominee (or any successor Clearing Agency or its nominee) or any nominee, the distribution of the proceeds of such redemption will be made to each Clearing Agency Participant (or Person on whose behalf such nominee holds such securities) in accordance with the procedures applied by such agency or nominee.

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(iii) If Securities are to be redeemed and the Trust gives a Redemption/Distribution Notice, which notice may only be issued if the Notes are repaid as set out in this Section 4 (which notice will be irrevocable), then (A) while the Capital Securities are in Book-Entry only form, with respect to the Capital Securities, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the redemption date, provided that the Note Issuer has paid the Property Trustee a sufficient amount of cash in connection with the related prepayment or maturity of the Notes, the Property Trustee will deposit irrevocably with the Depository or its nominee (or successor Clearing Agency or its nominee) funds sufficient to pay the applicable Redemption Price with respect to the Capital Securities and will give the Depository irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the Redemption Price to the Holders of the Capital Securities, and (B) with respect to Capital Securities issued in definitive form and Common Securities, provided that the Note Issuer has paid the Property Trustee a sufficient amount of cash in connection with the related prepayment or maturity of the Notes, the Property Trustee will pay the relevant Redemption Price to the Holders of such Securities by check mailed to the address of the relevant Holder appearing on the books and records of the Trust on the redemption date. If a Redemption/Distribution Notice shall have been given and funds deposited as required, if applicable, then immediately prior to the close of business on the date of such deposit, or on the redemption date, as applicable, Distributions will cease to accrue on the Securities so called for redemption and all rights of Holders of such Securities so called for redemption will cease, except the right of the Holders of such Securities to receive the Redemption Price, but without interest on such Redemption Price. Neither the Regular Trustees nor the Trust shall be required to register or cause to be registered the transfer of any Securities that have been so called for redemption. If any date fixed for redemption of Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Redemption Price payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay) except that, if such Business Day falls in the next calendar year, such payment will be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date fixed for redemption. If payment of the Redemption Price in respect of any Securities is improperly withheld or refused and not paid either by the Property Trustee or by the Sponsor as guarantor pursuant to the relevant Securities Guarantee, Distributions on such Securities will continue to accrue from the original redemption date to the actual date of payment, in which case

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the actual payment date will be considered the date fixed for redemption for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price.

(iv) Redemption/Distribution Notices shall be sent by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust to (A) in respect of the Capital Securities, the Depository or its nominee (or any successor

Clearing Agency or its nominee) if the Global Securities have been issued or, if Definitive Capital Security Certificates have been issued, to the Holder thereof, and (B) in respect of the Common Securities, to the Holder thereof.

(v) Subject to the foregoing and applicable law (including, without limitation, United States federal securities laws), provided the acquiror is not the Holder of the Common Securities or the obligor under the Indenture, the Sponsor or any of its subsidiaries may at any time and from time to time purchase outstanding Capital Securities by tender, in the open market or by private agreement.

5. Voting Rights - Capital Securities.

(a) Except as provided under Sections 5(b) and 7 of this Designation of Terms and as otherwise required by law and the Declaration, the Holders of the Capital Securities will have no voting rights.

(b) Subject to the requirements set forth in this paragraph, the Holders of a Majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Securities, voting separately as a class may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the Declaration, including the right to direct the Property Trustee, as holder of the Notes, to (i) exercise the remedies available under the Indenture conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Note Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (ii) waive any past Event of Default and its consequences that is waivable under Section 5.01 of the Indenture, (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, or (iv) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture as a holder of the Notes provided, however, that, where a consent or action under the Indenture would require the consent or act of the Holders of greater than a Super Majority affected thereby the Property Trustee may only give such consent or take such action at the written direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Capital Securities which

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the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding. The Property Trustee shall not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the Holders of the Capital Securities. Other than with respect to directing the time, method and place of conducting any remedy available to the Property Trustee or the Note Trustee as set forth above, the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Capital Securities under this paragraph unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than a grantor trust on account of such action. If a Nonpayment occurs on the date such interest or principal is otherwise payable (or in the case of redemption, on the redemption date), and such Nonpayment is continuing, a Holder of Capital Securities may institute a Direct Action after the respective due date specified in the Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, the rights of the Holders of the Common Securities will be subrogated to the rights of such Holder of Capital Securities to the extent of any payment made by the Note Issuer to such Holder of Capital Securities in such Direct Action.

Except as provided in this Section, the Holders of Capital Securities will not be able to exercise directly any other remedy available to the holders of the Notes.

Any approval or direction of Holders of Capital Securities may be given at a separate meeting of Holders of Capital Securities convened for such purpose, at a meeting of all of the Holders of Securities or pursuant to written consent. The Regular Trustees will cause a notice of any meeting at which Holders of Capital Securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such Holders is to be taken, to be mailed to each Holder of record of Capital Securities. Each such notice will include a statement setting forth (i) the date of such meeting or the date by which such action is to be taken, (ii) a description of any resolution proposed for adoption at such meeting on which such Holders are entitled to vote or of such matter upon which written consent is sought, and (iii) instructions for the delivery of proxies or consents.

No vote or consent of the Holders of the Capital Securities will be required for the Trust to redeem and cancel Capital Securities or to distribute the Notes in accordance with the Declaration and the terms of the Securities.

Notwithstanding that Holders of Capital Securities are entitled to vote or consent under any of the circumstances

described above, any of the Capital Securities that are owned by the Sponsor or any Affiliate of the Sponsor shall not be entitled to vote or consent and shall, for purposes of such vote or consent, be treated as if they were not outstanding.

6. Voting Rights - Common Securities.

(a) Except as provided under Sections 6(b) and (c), 7(a) and (b) and 8 of this Designation of Terms or as otherwise required by law and the Declaration, the Holders of the Common Securities will have no voting rights.

(b) The Holders of the Common Securities are entitled, in accordance with Article V of the Declaration, to vote to appoint, remove or replace any Trustee or to increase or decrease the number of Trustees.

(c) Subject to Section 2.6 of the Declaration and only after the Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities has been cured, waived, or otherwise eliminated and subject to the requirements of the second to last sentence of this paragraph, the Holders of as a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities, voting separately as a class, may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the Declaration, including (i) directing the time, method, place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Note Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (ii) waive any past default and its consequences that is waivable under Section 5.01 of the Indenture, or (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, provided that, where a consent or action under the Indenture would require the consent or act of the Holders of a Super Majority, the Property Trustee may only give such consent or take such action at the written direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Common Securities which the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding. Pursuant to this Section 6(c), the Property Trustee shall not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the Holders of the Capital Securities. Other than with respect to directing the time, method and place of conducting any remedy available to the Property Trustee or the Note Trustee as set forth above, the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Common Securities under this paragraph unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than

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a grantor trust on account of such action. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the Declaration, any Holder of Common Securities may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, institute a legal proceeding directly against any Person to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Declaration, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other Person.

Any approval or direction of Holders of Common Securities may be given at a separate meeting of Holders of Common Securities convened for such purpose, at a meeting of all of the Holders of Securities in the Trust or pursuant to written consent. The Regular Trustees will cause a notice of any meeting at which Holders of Common Securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such Holders is to be taken, to be mailed to each Holder of record of Common Securities. Each such notice will include a statement setting forth (i) the date of such meeting or the date by which such action is to be taken, (ii) a description of any resolution proposed for adoption at such meeting on which such Holders are entitled to vote or of such matter upon which written consent is sought and (iii) instructions for the delivery of proxies or consents.

No vote or consent of the Holders of the Common Securities will be required for the Trust to redeem and cancel Common Securities or to distribute the Notes in accordance with the Declaration and the terms of the Securities.

7. Amendments to Declaration and Indenture.

(a) In addition to any requirements under Section 12.1 of the Declaration, if any proposed amendment to the Declaration provides for, or the Regular Trustees otherwise propose to effect, (i) any action that would adversely affect the powers, preferences or special rights of the Securities, whether by way of amendment to the Declaration or otherwise, or (ii) the

dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust, other than as described in Section 8.1 of the Declaration, then the Holders of outstanding Securities voting together as a single class, will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal (but not on any other amendment or proposal) and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective except with the approval of the Holders of at least as a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, affected thereby, provided, however, if any amendment or proposal referred to in clause (i) above would adversely affect only the Capital Securities or only the Common Securities, then only the affected class will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective

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except with the approval of a Majority in liquidation amount of such class of Securities.

(b) In the event the consent of the Property Trustee as the holder of the Notes is required under the Indenture with respect to any amendment, modification or termination on the Indenture or the Notes, the Property Trustee shall request the written direction of the Holders of the Securities with respect to such amendment, modification or termination and shall vote with respect to such amendment, modification or termination as directed by a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities voting together as a single class; provided, however, that where as a consent under the Indenture would require the consent of the holders of as a Super Majority, the Property Trustee may only give such consent at the direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Securities which the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding; provided, further, that the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Securities under this Section 7(b) unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for the purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than a grantor trust on account of such action.

8. Pro Rata.

A reference in these terms of the Securities to any payment, distribution or treatment as being "pro rata" shall mean pro rata to each Holder of Securities according to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Securities held by the relevant Holder in relation to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Securities outstanding unless, in relation to a payment, a Declaration Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, in which case any funds available to make such payment shall be paid first to each Holder of the Capital Securities pro rata according to the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities held by the relevant Holder relative to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Capital Securities outstanding, and only after satisfaction of all amounts owed to the Holders of the Capital Securities, to each Holder of Common Securities pro rata according to the aggregate liquidation amount of Common Securities held by the relevant Holder relative to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Common Securities outstanding.

9. Ranking.

The Capital Securities rank pari passu and payment thereon shall be made pro rata with the Common Securities except that, where a Declaration Event of Default occurs and is

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continuing the rights of Holders of the Common Securities to payment in respect of Distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise are subordinated to the rights to payment of the Holders of the Capital Securities.

10. Listing.

Application shall be made by the Regular Trustees to list the Capital Securities on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. As long as the Capital Securities are listed on any exchange, the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees shall comply with the rules and regulations of such exchange. Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, Capital Securities shall not be listed for quotation on any other stock exchange.

11. Acceptance of Securities Guarantee and Indenture.

Each Holder of Capital Securities and Common Securities, by the acceptance thereof, agrees to the provisions of the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Common Securities Guarantee, respectively, including the subordination provisions therein and to the provisions of the Indenture.

12. No Preemptive Rights.

The Holders of the Securities shall have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any additional securities.

13. Miscellaneous.

These terms constitute a part of the Declaration.

The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration and the Capital Securities Guarantee or the Common Securities Guarantee (as may be appropriate), and the Indenture to a Holder without charge on written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Dated: January 22, 1997.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION
as Sponsor

By: _____
Susan Y. Calton
Vice President

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Accepted:

NB Capital Trust III
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John E. Mack
Regular Trustee

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EXHIBIT A-1

FORM OF CAPITAL SECURITY CERTIFICATE

This Capital Security is a Global Security within the meaning of the Declaration hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company (the "Depository") or a nominee of the Depository. This Capital Security is exchangeable for Capital Securities registered in the name of a person other than the Depository or its nominee only in the limited circumstances described in the Declaration and no transfer of this Capital Security (other than a transfer of this Capital Security as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or to another nominee of the Depository) may be registered except in limited circumstances.

Unless this Capital Security is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company (55 Water Street, New York, New York) to the Trust or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Capital Security issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company and any payment hereon is made to Cede & Co., ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY A PERSON IS WRONGFUL since the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

THIS INSTRUMENT IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A BANK DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONSBANK CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND INVOLVES INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

Certificate Number

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Certificate Evidencing _____ Floating Rate Capital
Securities

of

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

Floating Rate Capital Securities

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(liquidation amount \$1,000 per Capital Security)

NB CAPITAL TRUST III, a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Trust"), hereby certifies that CEDE & CO. (the "Holder") is the registered owner of _____ Capital Securities of the Trust representing undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust designated the Floating Rate Capital Securities (liquidation amount \$1,000 per Capital Security) (the "Capital Securities"). The Capital Securities are transferable on the books and records of the Trust, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Capital Securities represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Trust dated as of January 22, 1997, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), including the designation of the terms of the Capital Securities as set forth in Annex I to the Declaration. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Declaration. The Holder is entitled to the benefits of the Capital Securities Guarantee to the extent provided therein. The Declaration permits the Sponsor to dissolve the Trust at any time. The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration, the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Indenture to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Holder is bound by the Declaration and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

By acceptance, the Holder agrees to treat, for United States federal income tax purposes, the Notes as indebtedness and the Capital Securities as evidence of indirect beneficial ownership of the Notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trust has executed this certificate as of _____, 1997.

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

By: _____
Name: John E. Mack
Title: Regular Trustee

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[FORM OF REVERSE OF SECURITY]

Distributions payable on each Capital Security will be payable in respect of the liquidation amount of \$1,000 per capital security at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust. Distributions in arrears will continue to accumulate at the same rate, compounded quarterly. A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Accrued Distributions on any Security will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of such Security by an accrued interest factor. Such accrued interest factor will be computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day from and including February 3, 1997, or from but excluding the last date to which interest has been paid, as the case may be, to and including the date for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor (expressed as a decimal) for each such day is computed by dividing the rate in effect on such day by 360. All percentages resulting from any calculation of Distributions on the securities will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (E.G., 5.687665% (or .05687665) would be rounded to 5.68767% (or .0568767)), and all dollar amounts used or resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent

being rounded upward).

Except as otherwise described below, Distributions on the Capital Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from the date of original issuance and will be payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 1997 to the person in whose name the Capital Security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such installment, which shall be the close of business on the Business Day next preceding such payment date. IF PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE DECLARATION, THE SECURITIES ARE NO LONGER REPRESENTED BY A GLOBAL SECURITY --which shall be the close of business on January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods (each an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period shall last beyond the date of the maturity of the Notes. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred hereunder for the same period. Despite such deferral, quarterly Distributions to which Holders of such Capital Securities are entitled will continue to accumulate additional Distributions thereon at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55% compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may

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further extend such Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 20 consecutive quarterly periods or extend beyond the maturity date of the Notes. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

THE CAPITAL SECURITIES SHALL BE REDEEMABLE AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION.

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers this Capital Security Certificate to:

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(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

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(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints

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_____ agent to transfer this Capital Security Certificate on the books of the Trust. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Capital Security Certificate)

Signature Guarantee: _____

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1 Signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with

EXHIBIT A-2

FORM OF COMMON SECURITY CERTIFICATE

THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "ACT"), AND ARE "RESTRICTED SECURITIES" AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE ACT. THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE ACT, THE AVAILABILITY OF WHICH IS TO BE ESTABLISHED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE TRUST.

THE COMMON SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY A PERSON WHO MAY BE AN "AFFILIATE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144 UNDER THE ACT. CONSEQUENTLY, THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SAID RULE OR UNLESS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR SUCH SECURITIES UNDER THE ACT OR AN OPINION OF COUNSEL FOR THE TRUST THAT REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE ACT.

THIS INSTRUMENT IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A BANK DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONSBANK CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND INVOLVES INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

Certificate Number

___-R_____

Certificate Evidencing _____ Floating Rate Common
Securities

of

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

Floating Rate Common Securities
(liquidation amount \$1,000 per Common Security)

NB CAPITAL TRUST III, a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Trust"), hereby certifies that NATIONSBANK CORPORATION (the "Holder") is the registered owner of _____ Common Securities of the Trust representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the

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Trust designated the Floating Rate Common Securities (liquidation amount \$1,000 per Common Security) (the "Common Securities"). The Common Securities are transferable on the books and records of the Trust, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Common Securities represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Trust dated as of January 22, 1997, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), including the designation of the terms of the Common Securities as set forth in Annex I to the Declaration. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Declaration. The Holder is entitled to the benefits of the Common Securities Guarantee to the extent provided therein. The Declaration permits the Sponsor to dissolve the Trust at any time. The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration, the Common Securities Guarantee and the Indenture to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Sponsor is bound by the Declaration and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

By acceptance, the Holder agrees to treat, for United States federal income tax purposes, the Notes as indebtedness and the Common Securities as evidence of indirect beneficial ownership in the Notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trust has executed this certificate as of _____, 1997.

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

By: _____
Name: John E. Mack
Title: Regular Trustee

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[FORM OF REVERSE OF SECURITY]

Distributions payable on each Common Security will be payable in respect of the liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Capital Security at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee. Distributions in arrears will continue to accumulate at the same rate, compounded quarterly. A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Accrued Distributions on any Security will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of such Security by an accrued interest factor. Such accrued interest factor will be computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day from and including February 3, 1997, or from but excluding the last date to which interest has been paid, as the case may be, to and including the date for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor (expressed as a decimal) for each such day is computed by dividing the rate in effect on such day by 360. All percentages resulting from any calculation of Distributions on the securities will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (E.G., 5.687665% (or .05687665) would be rounded to 5.68767% (or .0568767)), and all dollar amounts used or resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upward).

Except as otherwise described below, Distributions on the Common Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from the date of original issuance and will be payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 1997, to Holders of record 15 days prior to such payment dates, which payment dates shall correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods (each an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period shall last beyond the date of the maturity of the Notes. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred hereunder for the same period. Despite such deferral, quarterly Distributions to which Holders of such Common Securities are entitled will continue to accumulate additional Distributions thereon at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may further extend such Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 20 consecutive quarterly

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periods or extend beyond the maturity date of the Notes. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

THE COMMON SECURITIES SHALL BE REDEEMABLE AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION.

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers this Common Security Certificate to:

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(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

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(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints _____

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_____ agent to transfer this Common Security Certificate on the books of the Trust. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Common Security Certificate)

Signature Guarantee2: _____

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Signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION

OF TRUST

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

Dated as of January 22, 1997

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* This Cross-Reference Table does not constitute part of the Declaration and shall not affect the interpretation of any of its terms or provisions.

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AMENDED AND RESTATED
DECLARATION OF TRUST
OF
NB CAPITAL TRUST III

January 22, 1997

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF TRUST ("Declaration") dated and effective as of January 22, 1997 by the Trustees (as defined herein), the Sponsor (as defined herein) and by the holders, from time to time, of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust to be issued pursuant to this Declaration;

WHEREAS, the Trustees and the Sponsor established NB CAPITAL TRUST III (the "Trust"), a trust under the Business Trust Act (as defined herein) pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated as of October 29, 1996, (the "Original Declaration"), and a Certificate of Trust filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on November 1, 1996, for the sole purpose of issuing and selling certain securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust and investing the gross proceeds thereof in certain Notes of the Note Issuer (each as defined herein);

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, no interests in the Trust have been issued;

WHEREAS, all of the Trustees and the Sponsor, by this Declaration, amend and restate each and every term and provision of the Original Declaration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it being the intention of the parties hereto to continue the Trust as a business trust under the Business Trust Act and that this Declaration constitute the governing instrument of such business trust, the Trustees declare that all assets contributed to the Trust will be held in trust for the benefit of the holders, from time to time, of the securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust issued hereunder, subject to the provisions of this Declaration.

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ARTICLE I
INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 Definitions.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) Capitalized terms used in this Declaration but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;

(b) a term defined anywhere in this Declaration has the same meaning throughout;

(c) all references to "the Declaration" or "this Declaration" are to this Declaration as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time and Annex I and Exhibits A and B shall be a part of this Declaration;

(d) all references in this Declaration to Articles and Sections and Annexes and Exhibits are to Articles and Sections of and Annexes and Exhibits to this Declaration unless otherwise specified;

(e) the following terms have the meanings given to them in the Third Supplemental Indenture: (i) Calculation Agent, (ii) Capital Treatment Event, (iii) Interest Determination Date, (iv) Investment Company Event (v) LIBOR, (vi) London Banking Day, (vii) Prepayment Price, (viii) Special Event, (ix) Tax Event, and (x) Telerate Page 3750.

(f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act (as defined herein) has the same meaning when used in this Declaration unless otherwise defined in this Declaration; and

(g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act or any successor rule thereunder.

"Agent" means any Paying Agent.

"Authorized Officer" of a Person means any Person that is authorized to bind such Person.

"Book-Entry" means a book-entry by a Clearing Agency as described in Section 9.4.

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"Book-Entry Interest" means a beneficial interest in a Global Security, ownership and transfers of which shall be maintained and made through Book Entries by a Clearing Agency as described in Section 9.4.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday that (i) is not a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or required by law or regulation to close and (ii) is a London Banking Day.

"Business Trust Act" means Chapter 38 of Title 12 of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. Code ss.3801 et seq., as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Capital Securities" shall mean the undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust denominated as "Floating Rate Capital Securities", the terms of which are further described in the Designation of Terms attached as Annex I hereto.

"Capital Security Beneficial Owner" means, with respect to a Book-Entry Interest, a Person who is the beneficial owner of such Book-Entry Interest, as reflected on the books of the Clearing Agency, or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Clearing Agency (directly as a Clearing Agency Participant or as an indirect participant, in each case in accordance with the rules of such Clearing Agency).

"Capital Security Certificate" means a certificate representing a Capital Security substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1.

"Capital Securities Guarantee" means the guarantee agreement to be dated as of February 3, 1997, of the Sponsor in respect of the Capital Securities.

"Certificate" means a Common Security Certificate or a Capital Security Certificate.

"Clearing Agency" means an organization registered as a "Clearing Agency" pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act that is acting as depositary for the Capital Securities and in whose name or in the name of a nominee of that organization shall be registered a Global Security and which shall undertake to effect Book-Entry transfers and pledges of the Capital Securities.

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"Clearing Agency Participant" means a broker, dealer, bank, other financial institution or other Person for whom from time to time the Clearing Agency effects Book-Entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Clearing Agency.

"Closing Date" means the "Closing Time" under the Underwriting Agreement.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Securities" shall mean the undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust denominated as "Floating Rate Common Securities", the terms of which are further described in Annex I hereto.

"Common Securities Guarantee" means the guarantee agreement to be dated as of February 3, 1997, of the Sponsor in respect of the Common Securities.

"Common Security Certificate" means a definitive certificate in fully registered form representing a Common Security substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 hereto.

"Company Indemnified Person" means (a) any Regular Trustee; (b) any Affiliate of any Regular Trustee; (c) any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives or agents of any Regular Trustee; or (d) any officer, employee or agent of the Trust or its Affiliates.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Property Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Property Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of

execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, Floor 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means: (a) any officer, director, shareholder, partner, member, representative, employee or agent of (i) the Trust or (ii) the Trust's Affiliates; and (b) any Holder of Securities.

"Definitive Capital Security Certificates" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4

"Delaware Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

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"Depository" means The Depository Trust Company or any successor Clearing Agency.

"Designation of Terms" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.1(a).

"Direct Action" has the meaning specified in Section 3.8(e).

"Distribution" means a distribution payable to Holders of Securities in accordance with Section 6.1.

"DTC" means The Depository Trust Company, the initial Clearing Agency.

"ERISA Plan" means (i) an employee benefit plan subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, (ii) the assets of an individual retirement account or plan subject to Section 4975 of the Code, or (iii) any entity in which such plan invests whose assets are deemed "plan assets."

"Event of Default" in respect of the Securities means an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture) has occurred and is continuing in respect of the Notes.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Fiduciary Indemnified Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 10.4(b).

"Global Security" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Certificate representing a Security is registered, such Person being a beneficial owner within the meaning of the Business Trust Act.

"Indemnified Person" means a Company Indemnified Person or a Fiduciary Indemnified Person.

"Indenture" means collectively the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, between the Note Issuer and the Note Trustee and any board resolution or supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Notes are to be issued.

"Investment Company" means an investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act.

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"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Legal Action" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(g).

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided in the terms of the Capital Securities or by the Trust Indenture Act, Holders of outstanding Securities voting together as a single class or, as the context may require, Holders of outstanding Capital Securities or Holders of outstanding Common Securities voting separately as a class, who

are the record owners of more than 50% of the aggregate liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all outstanding Securities of the relevant class.

"Nonpayment" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.7(a).

"Note Issuer" means NationsBank Corporation, a North Carolina corporation, or any successor entity in a merger or consolidation, in its capacity as issuer of the Notes under the Indenture.

"Note Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, as trustee under the Indenture until a successor is appointed thereunder, and thereafter means such successor trustee.

"Notes" means the series of Notes to be issued by the Note Issuer under the Indenture to be held by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Declaration shall include:

(a) a statement that each officer signing the Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definitions relating thereto;

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(b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Certificate;

(c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

"Paying Agent" has the meaning specified in Section 7.2.

"Payment Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.1.

"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Pro Rata" has the meaning set forth in Annex I hereto.

"Property Trustee" means the Trustee meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 5.3.

"Property Trustee Account" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.8(c).

"Quorum" means a majority of the Regular Trustees or, if there are only two Regular Trustees, both of them.

"Redemption/Distribution Notice" means a notice of any redemption of, or a notice of any distribution of, Notes in exchange for Securities.

"Redemption Price" means an amount equal to 100% of the Prepayment Price.

"Regular Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

"Related Party" means, with respect to the Sponsor, any direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sponsor or any

other Person that owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of the outstanding voting securities of the Sponsor.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Property Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Property Trustee, including any vice-president, any assistant vice-president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Property Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Rule 3a-5" means Rule 3a-5 under the Investment Company Act.

"Securities" means the Common Securities and the Capital Securities.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Securities Guarantees" means the Common Securities Guarantee and the Capital Securities Guarantee.

"Sponsor" means NationsBank Corporation, a North Carolina corporation, or any successor entity in a merger or consolidation, in its capacity as sponsor of the Trust.

"Stated Maturity" shall mean January 15, 2027, the date on which the Notes shall mature, unless previously prepaid or redeemed.

"Successor Delaware Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(b).

"Successor Entity" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.15(b)(i).

"Successor Securities" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.15(b)(i)(B).

"Super Majority" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.6(a)(ii).

"10% in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided in the terms of the Capital Securities or by the Trust Indenture Act, Holder(s) of outstanding Securities

voting together as a single class or, as the context may require, Holders of outstanding Capital Securities or Holders of outstanding Common Securities voting separately as a class, who are the record owners of 10% or more of the aggregate liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all outstanding Securities of the relevant class.

"Third Supplemental Indenture" means the Third Supplemental Indenture to be dated as of February 3, 1997 among the Note Issuer and the Note Trustee.

"Treasury Regulations" means the income tax regulations, including temporary and proposed regulations, promulgated under the Code by the United States Treasury, as such regulations may be amended from time to time (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

"Trustee" or "Trustees" means each Person who has signed this Declaration as a trustee, so long as such Person shall continue in office in accordance with the terms hereof, and all other Persons who may from time to time be duly appointed, qualified and serving as Trustees in accordance with the provisions hereof, and references herein to a Trustee or the Trustees shall refer to such Person or Persons solely in their capacity as trustees hereunder.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Underwriting Agreement" means the Underwriting Agreement for the offering and sale of Capital Securities and related Capital Securities Guarantees among the Sponsor, the Trust and the Underwriters named therein.

ARTICLE II
TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application.

(a) This Declaration is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of this Declaration and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions.

(b) The Property Trustee shall be the only Trustee which is a Trustee for the purposes of the Trust Indenture Act.

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(c) If and to the extent that any provision of this Declaration limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by ss.ss. 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

(d) The application of the Trust Indenture Act to this Declaration shall not affect the nature of the Securities as equity securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust.

SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities.

(a) Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall provide the Property Trustee (i) within 10 days after each record date for payment of Distributions, a list, in such form as the Property Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Securities ("List of Holders") as of such record date, provided that neither the Sponsor nor the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Property Trustee by the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust, and (ii) at any other time, within 30 days of receipt by the Trust of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Property Trustee. The Property Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information contained in Lists of Holders given to it or which it receives in the capacity as Paying Agent (if acting in such capacity) provided that the Property Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Property Trustee shall comply with its obligations under ss.ss. 311(a), 311(b) and 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Property Trustee.

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Property Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Capital Securities such reports as are required by ss. 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by ss. 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Property Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of ss. 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Property Trustee.

Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such documents, reports and information as required by ss. 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by ss. 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by ss. 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent.

Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the

Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Declaration that relate to any of the matters set forth in ss. 314(c) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to ss. 314(c)(1) may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

SECTION 2.6 Events of Default; Waiver.

(a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Capital Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Capital Securities, waive any past Event of Default in respect of the Capital Securities and its consequences, provided that, if the underlying Event of Default under the Indenture:

(i) is not waivable under the Indenture, the Event of Default under the Declaration shall also not be waivable; or

(ii) requires the consent or vote of greater than a majority in principal amount of the holders of the Notes (a "Super Majority") to be waived under the Indenture, the Event of Default under the Declaration may only be waived by the vote of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Capital Securities that the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding.

The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(a) shall be in lieu of ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act is hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act. Upon such waiver, any such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities arising therefrom shall be deemed to have

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been cured, for every purpose of this Declaration, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or an Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities or impair any right consequent thereon. Any waiver by the Holders of the Capital Securities of an Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities shall also be deemed to constitute a waiver by the Holders of the Common Securities of any such Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities for all purposes of this Declaration without any further act, vote, or consent of the Holders of the Common Securities.

(b) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Common Securities, waive any past Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities and its consequences, provided that, if the underlying Event of Default under the Indenture:

(i) is not waivable under the Indenture, except where the Holders of the Common Securities are deemed to have waived such Event of Default under the Declaration as provided below in this Section 2.6(b), the Event of Default under the Declaration shall also not be waivable; or

(ii) requires the consent or vote of a Super Majority to be waived, except where the Holders of the Common Securities are deemed to have waived such Event of Default under the Declaration as provided below in this Section 2.6(b), the Event of Default under the Declaration may only be waived by the vote of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Common Securities that the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding;

provided further, each Holder of Common Securities will be deemed to have waived any such Event of Default and all Events of Default with respect to the Common Securities and its consequences until all Events of Default with respect to the Capital Securities have been cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, and until such Events of Default have been so cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, the Property Trustee will be deemed to be acting solely on behalf of the Holders of the Capital Securities and only the Holders of the Capital Securities will have the right to direct the Property Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Securities. The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(b) shall be in lieu of ss.ss. 316(a)(1)(A) and 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such ss.ss. 316(a)(1)(A)

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and 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act are hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(b), upon such waiver, any such default shall cease to exist and any Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Declaration, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities or impair any right consequent thereon.

(c) A waiver of an Event of Default under the Indenture by the Property Trustee at the direction of the Holders of the Capital Securities, constitutes a waiver of the corresponding Event of Default under this Declaration. The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(c) shall be in lieu of ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such ss. 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act is hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.7 Event of Default or Nonpayment Notice.

(a) The Property Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default or a nonpayment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, when due, on the Notes ("Nonpayment") transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Securities, notices of all Events of Default or Nonpayments with respect to the Securities actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee, unless such Events of Default or Nonpayments have been cured before the giving of such notice;

(b) The Property Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any default except:

(i) an Event of Default under the Indenture or a Nonpayment; or

(ii) any default as to which the Property Trustee shall have received written notice or of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have actual knowledge.

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ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION

SECTION 3.1 Name.

The Trust is named "NB Capital Trust III," as such name may be modified from time to time by the Regular Trustees following written notice to the Holders of Securities. The Trust's activities may be conducted under the name of the Trust or any other name deemed advisable by the Regular Trustees.

SECTION 3.2 Office.

The address of the principal office of the Trust is c/o NationsBank Corporation, Attention: Treasurer, NationsBank Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255. On 10 Business Days written notice to the Holders of Securities, the Regular Trustees may designate another principal office.

SECTION 3.3 Purpose.

The exclusive purposes and functions of the Trust are (a) to issue and sell Securities and use the proceeds from such sale to acquire the Notes, and (b) except as otherwise limited herein, to engage in only those other activities necessary or incidental thereto. The Trust shall not borrow money, issue debt or reinvest proceeds derived from investments, pledge any of its assets, or otherwise undertake (or permit to be undertaken) any activity that would cause the Trust not to be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust.

SECTION 3.4 Authority.

Subject to the limitations provided in this Declaration and to the specific duties of the Property Trustee, the Regular Trustees shall have exclusive and complete authority to carry out the purposes of the Trust. An

action taken by the Regular Trustees in accordance with their powers shall constitute the act of and serve to bind the Trust and an action taken by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust in accordance with its powers shall constitute the act of and serve to bind the Trust. In dealing with the Trustees acting on behalf of the Trust, no person shall be required to inquire into the authority of the Trustees to bind the Trust. Persons dealing with the Trust are entitled to rely conclusively on the power and authority of the Trustees as set forth in this Declaration.

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SECTION 3.5 Title to Property of the Trust.

Except as provided in Section 3.8 with respect to the Notes and the Property Trustee Account or as otherwise provided in this Declaration, legal title to all assets of the Trust shall be vested in the Trust. The Holders shall not have legal title to any part of the assets of the Trust, but shall have an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of the Trust.

SECTION 3.6 Powers and Duties of the Regular Trustees.

The Regular Trustees shall have the exclusive power, duty and authority to cause the Trust to engage in the following activities:

(a) to issue and sell the Capital Securities and the Common Securities in accordance with this Declaration; provided, however, that the Trust may issue no more than one series of Capital Securities and no more than one series of Common Securities, and, provided further, that there shall be no interests in the Trust other than the Securities, and the issuance of Securities shall be limited to a simultaneous issuance of both Capital Securities and Common Securities on the Closing Date;

(b) in connection with the issue and sale of the Capital Securities, at the direction of the Sponsor, to:

(i) execute and file with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 prepared by the Sponsor, including any amendments thereto, pertaining to the Capital Securities;

(ii) execute and file any documents prepared by the Sponsor, or take any acts as determined by the Sponsor to be necessary in order to qualify or register all or part of the Capital Securities in any State in which the Sponsor has determined to qualify or register such Capital Securities for sale;

(iii) to determine whether to list Securities and to execute and file an application, prepared by the Sponsor, to any national or international stock exchange or the Nasdaq Stock Market's National Market for listing upon notice of issuance of any Capital Securities;

(iv) execute and file with the Commission a registration statement on Form 8-A, if required,

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including any amendments thereto, prepared by the Sponsor, relating to the registration of the Capital Securities under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act; and

(v) execute and enter into the Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale of the Capital Securities;

(c) to purchase the Notes with the proceeds of the sale of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities;

(d) to give the Sponsor and the Property Trustee prompt written notice of the occurrence of a Special Event;

(e) to establish a record date with respect to all actions to be taken hereunder that require a record date be established, including and with respect to, for the purposes of ss.316(c) of the Trust

Indenture Act, Distributions, voting rights, redemptions and exchanges, and to issue relevant notices to the Holders of Capital Securities and Holders of Common Securities as to such actions and applicable record dates;

(f) to take all actions and perform such duties as may be required of the Regular Trustees pursuant to the terms of the Securities;

(g) to bring or defend, pay, collect, compromise, arbitrate, resort to legal action, or otherwise adjust claims or demands of or against the Trust ("Legal Action");

(h) to employ or otherwise engage employees and agents (who may be designated as officers with titles) and managers, contractors, advisors, and consultants and pay reasonable compensation for such services;

(i) to cause the Trust to comply with the Trust's obligations under the Trust Indenture Act;

(j) to give the certificate required by ss. 314(a)(4) of the Trust Indenture Act to the Property Trustee, which certificate may be executed by any Regular Trustee;

(k) to incur expenses that are necessary or incidental to carry out any of the purposes of the Trust;

(l) to act as, or appoint another Person to act as, registrar and transfer agent or calculation agent for the Securities;

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(m) to give prompt written notice to the Holders of the Securities of any notice received from the Note Issuer of its election to defer payments of interest on the Notes by extending the interest payment period under the Indenture;

(n) to execute all documents or instruments, perform all duties and powers, and do all things for and on behalf of the Trust in all matters necessary or incidental to the foregoing;

(o) to take all action that may be necessary or appropriate for the preservation and the continuation of the Trust's valid existence, rights, franchises and privileges as a statutory business trust under the laws of the State of Delaware and of each other jurisdiction in which such existence is necessary to protect the limited liability of the Holders of the Capital Securities or to enable the Trust to effect the purposes for which the Trust was created;

(p) to take any action, not inconsistent with this Declaration or with applicable law, that the Regular Trustees determine in their discretion to be necessary or desirable in carrying out the activities of the Trust as set out in this Section 3.6, including, but not limited to:

(i) causing the Trust not to be deemed to be an Investment Company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act;

(ii) causing the Trust to be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust; and

(iii) cooperating with the Note Issuer to ensure that the Notes will be treated as indebtedness of the Note Issuer for United States federal income tax purposes,

provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of Holders; and

(q) to take all action necessary to cause all applicable tax returns and tax information reports that are required to be filed with respect to the Trust to be duly prepared and filed by the Regular Trustees, on behalf of the Trust.

The Regular Trustees must exercise the powers set forth in this Section 3.6 in a manner that is consistent with the

purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3, and the Regular Trustees shall not take any action that is inconsistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set forth in Section 3.3.

Subject to this Section 3.6, the Regular Trustees shall have none of the powers or the authority of the Property Trustee set forth in Section 3.8.

Any expenses incurred by the Regular Trustees pursuant to this Section 3.6 shall be reimbursed by the Note Issuer.

SECTION 3.7 Prohibition of Actions by the Trust and the Trustees.

(a) The Trust shall not, and the Trustees (including the Property Trustee) shall not, engage in any activity other than as required or authorized by this Declaration. In particular, the Trust shall not and the Trustees (including the Property Trustee) shall cause the Trust not to:

(i) invest any proceeds received by the Trust from holding the Notes, but shall distribute all such proceeds to Holders of Securities pursuant to the terms of this Declaration and of the Securities;

(ii) acquire any assets other than as expressly provided herein;

(iii) possess Trust property for other than a Trust purpose;

(iv) make any loans or incur any indebtedness other than loans represented by the Notes;

(v) possess any power or otherwise act in such a way as to vary the Trust assets or the terms of the Securities in any way whatsoever;

(vi) issue any securities or other evidences of beneficial ownership of, or beneficial interest in, the Trust other than the Securities; or

(vii) other than as provided in this Declaration, (A) direct the time, method and place of exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (B) waive any past default that is waivable under the Indenture, (C) exercise any right to rescind or annul any declaration

that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, or (D) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture or the Notes where such consent shall be required unless the Trust shall have received an opinion of counsel to the effect that such modification will not cause more than an insubstantial risk that for United States federal income tax purposes the Trust will not be classified as a grantor trust.

SECTION 3.8 Powers and Duties of the Property Trustee.

(a) The legal title to the Notes shall be owned by and held of record in the name of the Property Trustee in trust for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities. The right, title and interest of the Property Trustee to the Notes shall vest automatically in each Person who may hereafter be appointed as Property Trustee in accordance with Section 5.7. Such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents with regard to the Notes have been executed and delivered.

(b) The Property Trustee shall not transfer its right, title and interest in the Notes to the Regular Trustees or to the Delaware Trustee (if the Property Trustee does not also act as Delaware Trustee).

(c) The Property Trustee shall:

(i) establish and maintain a segregated non-interest-bearing trust account (the "Property Trustee Account") in the name of and under the exclusive control of the Property Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Securities and, upon the receipt of payments of funds made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee, deposit such funds into the Property Trustee Account and make payments to the Holders of the Capital Securities and Holders of the Common Securities from the Property Trustee Account in accordance with Section 6.1. Funds in the Property Trustee Account shall be held uninvested until disbursed in accordance with this Declaration. The Property Trustee Account shall be an account that is maintained with a banking institution the rating of whose long-term unsecured indebtedness is at least equal to the rating assigned to the Capital Securities by a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization", as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Securities Act;

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(ii) engage in such ministerial activities as shall be necessary or appropriate to effect the redemption of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities to the extent the Notes are prepaid or mature; and

(iii) upon written notice of distribution issued by the Regular Trustees in accordance with the terms of the Securities, engage in such ministerial activities as shall be necessary or appropriate to effect the distribution of the Notes to Holders of Securities upon the occurrence of certain special events (as may be defined in the terms of the Securities) or other specified circumstances pursuant to the terms of the Securities.

(d) The Property Trustee shall take all actions and perform such duties as may be specifically required of the Property Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Securities.

(e) The Property Trustee shall take any Legal Action which arises out of or in connection with an Event of Default of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee has actual knowledge or the Property Trustee's duties and obligations under this Declaration or the Trust Indenture Act; provided however, that if a Nonpayment has occurred and is continuing, a Holder of Capital Securities may institute directly a proceeding for enforcement of payment to such Holder of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Securities of such Holder (a "Direct Action") after the respective due date specified in the Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, the rights of the Holders of the Common Securities will be subrogated to the rights of such Holder of Capital Securities to the extent of any payment made by the Note Issuer to such Holder of Capital Securities in such Direct Action.

(f) The Property Trustee shall not resign as a Trustee unless either:

(i) the Trust has been completely liquidated and the proceeds of the liquidation distributed to the Holders of Securities pursuant to the terms of the Securities; or

(ii) a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted that appointment in accordance with Section 5.7.

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(g) The Property Trustee shall have the legal power to exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges of a holder of Notes under the Indenture and, if an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee occurs and is continuing, the Property Trustee shall, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, enforce its rights as holder of the Notes subject to the rights of the Holders pursuant to the terms of such Securities.

(h) The Property Trustee may authorize one or more Paying Agents to pay Distributions, redemption payments or liquidation payments on behalf of the Trust with respect to all securities and any such Paying Agent shall comply with ss. 317(b) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any Paying Agent may be removed by the Property Trustee at any time and a successor Paying Agent or additional Paying Agents may be appointed at any time by the Property Trustee.

(i) Subject to this Section 3.8, the Property Trustee shall have none of the duties, liabilities, powers or the authority of the Regular Trustees set forth in Section 3.6.

The Property Trustee must exercise the powers set forth in this Section 3.8 in a manner that is consistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3, and the Property Trustee shall not take any action that is inconsistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3.

SECTION 3.9 Certain Duties and Responsibilities of the Property Trustee.

(a) The Property Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Declaration and no implied covenants shall be read into this Declaration against the Property Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee has actual knowledge, the Property Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Declaration, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

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(b) No provision of this Declaration shall be construed to relieve the Property Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:

(A) the duties and obligations of the Property Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Declaration and the Property Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Declaration, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Declaration against the Property Trustee; and

(B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Property Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Declaration; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Declaration;

(ii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Property Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(iii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the

Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under this Declaration;

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(iv) no provision of this Declaration shall require the Property Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Declaration or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Property Trustee against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it;

(v) the Property Trustee's sole duty with respect to the custody, safekeeping and physical preservation of the Notes and the Property Trustee Account shall be to deal with such property in a similar manner as the Property Trustee deals with similar property for its own account, subject to the protections and limitations on liability afforded to the Property Trustee under this Declaration and the Trust Indenture Act;

(vi) the Property Trustee shall have no duty or liability for or with respect to the value, genuineness, existence or sufficiency of the Notes or the payment of any taxes or assessments levied thereon or in connection therewith;

(vii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any interest on any money received by it except as it may otherwise agree in writing with the Sponsor. Money held by the Property Trustee need not be segregated from other funds held by it except in relation to the Property Trustee Account maintained by the Property Trustee pursuant to Section 3.8(c)(i) and except to the extent otherwise required by law; and

(viii) the Property Trustee shall not be responsible for monitoring the compliance by the Regular Trustees or the Sponsor with their respective duties under this Declaration, nor shall the Property Trustee be liable for any default or misconduct of the Regular Trustees or the Sponsor.

SECTION 3.10 Certain Rights of Property Trustee.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.9:

(i) the Property Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining

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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, sent or presented by the proper party or parties;

(ii) any direction or act of the Sponsor or the Regular Trustees contemplated by this Declaration shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate;

(iii) whenever in the administration of this Declaration, the Property Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Property Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Sponsor or the Regular Trustees;

(iv) the Property Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument

(including any financing or continuation statement or any filing under tax or securities laws) or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof;

(v) the Property Trustee may consult with counsel or other experts of its selection and the advice or opinion of such counsel and experts with respect to legal matters or advice within the scope of such experts' area of expertise shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion, such counsel may be counsel to the Sponsor or any of its Affiliates, and may include any of its employees. The Property Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this Declaration from any court of competent jurisdiction;

(vi) the Property Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Declaration at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Property Trustee security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Property

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Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Property Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Property Trustee provided, that, nothing contained in this Section 3.10(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Property Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Declaration;

(vii) the Property 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 Property Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit;

(viii) the Property Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, custodians, nominees or attorneys, and the Property 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;

(ix) any action taken by the Property Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Trust and the Holders of the Securities, and the signature of the Property Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action and no third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Property Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Property Trustee's or its agent's taking such action;

(x) whenever in the administration of this Declaration the Property Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Property Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of the Securities which instructions may only be given by the Holders of the same proportion in liquidation amount of the Securities

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as would be entitled to direct the Property Trustee under the terms of the Securities in respect of such remedy, right or action, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying

on or acting in or accordance with such instructions;

(xi) except as otherwise expressly provided by this Declaration, the Property Trustee shall not be under any obligation to take any action that is discretionary under the provisions of this Declaration; and

(xii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Declaration.

(b) No provision of this Declaration shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Property Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it, in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Property Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts, or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Property Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.11 Delaware Trustee.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration other than Section 5.2, the Delaware Trustee shall not be entitled to exercise any powers, nor shall the Delaware Trustee have any of the duties and responsibilities of the Regular Trustees or the Property Trustee described in this Declaration. Except as set forth in Section 5.2, the Delaware Trustee shall be a Trustee for the sole and limited purpose of fulfilling the requirements of ss. 3807 of the Business Trust Act.

SECTION 3.12 Execution of Documents.

Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, and except as otherwise required by the Business Trust Act, any Regular Trustee is authorized to execute on behalf of the Trust any documents that the Regular Trustees have the power and authority to execute pursuant to Section 3.6; provided that, the registration statement referred to in Section 3.6(b), including

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any amendments thereto, shall be signed by a majority of the Regular Trustees holding office at the time of such signing.

SECTION 3.13 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.

The recitals contained in this Declaration and the Securities shall be taken as the statements of the Sponsor, and the Trustees do not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Trustees make no representations as to the value or condition of the property of the Trust or any part thereof. The Trustees make no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Declaration or the Securities.

SECTION 3.14 Duration of Trust.

The Trust, unless terminated pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII hereof, shall have existence for 55 years from January 1, 1997.

SECTION 3.15 Mergers.

(a) The Trust may not consolidate, merge with or into, or be replaced by, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any corporation or other body, except as described in Section 3.15(b) and (c).

(b) The Trust may, with the consent of a majority of the Regular Trustees and without the consent of the Holders of the Securities, the Delaware Trustee or the Property Trustee, consolidate, merge with or into, or be replaced by a trust organized as such under the laws of any State; provided that:

(i) if the Trust is not the survivor, such successor entity (the "Successor Entity") either:

(A) expressly assumes all of the obligations of the Trust under the Securities; or

(B) substitutes for the Securities other

securities having substantially the same terms as the Securities (the "Successor Securities") so long as the Successor Securities rank the same as the Securities rank with respect to Distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise;

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(ii) the Note Issuer expressly acknowledges a trustee of the Successor Entity that possesses the same powers and duties as the Property Trustee as the Holder of the Notes;

(iii) the Capital Securities or any Successor Securities which are Capital Securities are listed, or any Successor Securities of the Capital Securities will be listed upon notification of issuance, on any national or international securities exchange or with another organization, if any, on which the Capital Securities are then listed or quoted;

(iv) such merger, consolidation or replacement does not cause the Capital Securities (including any Successor Securities of the Capital Securities) to be downgraded by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization;

(v) such merger, consolidation or replacement does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the Holders of the Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect (other than with respect to any dilution of such Holders' interests in the new or successor entity as a result of such merger, consolidation or replacement);

(vi) such Successor Entity has a purpose identical to that of the Trust;

(vii) prior to such merger, consolidation or replacement, the Sponsor has received an opinion of a nationally recognized independent counsel to the Trust experienced in such matters to the effect that:

(A) such merger, consolidation or replacement does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the Holders of the Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect (other than with respect to any dilution of the Holders' interest in the new entity);

(B) following such merger, consolidation or replacement, neither the Trust nor the Successor Entity will be required to register as an Investment Company; and

(C) following such merger, consolidation or replacement, the Trust (or the

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Successor Entity) will continue to be classified as a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes; and

(viii) the Sponsor guarantees the obligations of such Successor Entity under the Successor Securities at least to the extent provided by the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Common Securities Guarantee.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 3.15(b), the Trust shall not, except with the consent of Holders of 100% in liquidation amount of the Securities, consolidate, merge with or into, or be replaced by any other entity or permit any other entity to consolidate, merge with or into, or replace it if such consolidation, merger or replacement would cause the Trust or Successor Entity to be classified as other than a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes.

ARTICLE IV
SPONSOR

SECTION 4.1 Sponsor's Purchase of Common Securities.

On the Closing Date the Sponsor will purchase all of the Common Securities issued by the Trust, in an amount at least equal to 3% of the capital of the Trust, at the same time as the Capital Securities are sold.

SECTION 4.2 Responsibilities of the Sponsor.

In connection with the issue and sale of the Capital Securities, the Sponsor shall have the exclusive right and responsibility to engage in the following activities:

(a) to prepare for filing by the Trust with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 in relation to the Capital Securities, including any amendments thereto;

(b) to determine the States in which to take appropriate action to qualify or register for sale all or part of the Capital Securities and to do any and all such acts, other than actions which must be taken by the Trust, and advise the Trust of actions it must take, and prepare for execution and filing any documents to be executed and filed by the Trust, as the Sponsor deems necessary or advisable in order to comply with the applicable laws of any such States;

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(c) to prepare for filing when required by the Trust an application to any national or international stock exchange or the Nasdaq National Market for listing upon notice of issuance of any Capital Securities if the Capital Securities are to be listed;

(d) to prepare for filing by the Trust with the Commission (i) any required registration statement on Form 8-A relating to the registration of the Capital Securities under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, including any amendments thereto and (ii) any other filings required under the Exchange Act;

(e) to negotiate the terms of the Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale of the Capital Securities and the Capital Securities Guarantee; and

(f) to negotiate the terms of a Calculation Agency Agreement providing for the determination of a variable interest rate on the Notes.

In addition, the Sponsor shall have the right at any time to cause the Trust to be dissolved and the Notes held by the Trust to be distributed to Holders of the Securities.

SECTION 4.3 Covenants of the Sponsor.

For so long as the Capital Securities remain outstanding, the Sponsor will covenant (i) to maintain 100% direct or indirect ownership of the Common Securities, (ii) to use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Trust (a) to remain a statutory business trust, except as permitted by this Declaration in connection with the Trust's liquidation, merger, or consolidation, and (b) to not be classified as an association taxable as a corporation or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes and (iii) to use its reasonable best efforts to cause each Holder of Securities to be treated as owning an undivided beneficial ownership interest in the assets of the Trust.

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ARTICLE V
TRUSTEES

SECTION 5.1 Number of Trustees.

The number of Trustees of this Trust shall be five, and:

(a) at any time before the issuance of any Securities, the Sponsor may, by written instrument, increase

or decrease the number of Trustees; and

(b) after the issuance of any Securities, the number of Trustees may be increased or decreased by vote of the Holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities voting as a class at a meeting of the Holders of the Common Securities; provided, however, that, the number of Trustees shall in no event be less than two; provided further that (1) one Trustee, in the case of a natural person, shall be a person who is a resident of the State of Delaware or that, if not a natural person, is an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware (the "Delaware Trustee"); (2) there shall be at least one Trustee who is an employee or officer of, or is affiliated with the Sponsor (a "Regular Trustee"); and (3) one Trustee shall be the Property Trustee for so long as this Declaration is required to qualify as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act, and such Trustee may also serve as Delaware Trustee if it meets the applicable requirements.

SECTION 5.2 Qualifications of Delaware Trustee.

If required by the Business Trust Act, the Delaware Trustee shall be:

(a) a natural person who is a resident of the State of Delaware; or

(b) if not a natural person, an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware, and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law,

provided that, if the Property Trustee has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law, then the Property Trustee shall also be the Delaware Trustee and Section 3.11 shall have no application.

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SECTION 5.3 Property Trustee; Eligibility.

(a) There shall at all times be one Trustee which shall act as Property Trustee which shall:

(i) not be an Affiliate of the Sponsor; and

(ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Commission to act as a Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then for the purposes of this Section 5.3(a)(ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.

(b) If at any time the Property Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 5.3(a), the Property Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set forth in Section 5.7(c).

(c) If the Property Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of ss. 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Property Trustee and the Holder of the Common Securities (as if it were the obligor referred to in ss. 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act) shall in all respects comply with the provisions of ss. 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(d) The Capital Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Declaration for purposes of clause (i) of the first provision contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(e) The initial Property Trustee shall be:

SECTION 5.4 Certain Qualifications of Regular Trustees and Delaware Trustee Generally.

Each Regular Trustee and the Delaware Trustee (unless the Property Trustee also acts as Delaware Trustee) shall be either a natural person who is at least 21 years of age or a legal entity that shall act through one or more Authorized Officers.

SECTION 5.5 Regular Trustees.

As of the date of this Declaration, the Regular Trustees shall be:

John E. Mack
William L. Maxwell
Marc D. Oken

(a) Except as expressly set forth in this Declaration and except if a meeting of the Regular Trustees is called with respect to any matter over which the Regular Trustees have power to act, any power of the Regular Trustees may be exercised by, or with the consent of, any one such Regular Trustee.

(b) Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, and except as otherwise required by the Business Trust Act or applicable law, any Regular Trustee is authorized to execute on behalf of the Trust any documents which the Regular Trustees have the power and authority to cause the Trust to execute pursuant to Section 3.6, provided, that, the registration statement referred to in Section 3.6, including any amendments thereto, shall be signed by a majority of the Regular Trustees; and

(c) a Regular Trustee may, by power of attorney consistent with applicable law, delegate to any other natural person over the age of 21 his or her power for the purposes of signing any documents which the Regular Trustees have power and authority to cause the Trust to execute pursuant to Section 3.6.

SECTION 5.6 Appointment of Delaware Trustee.

The initial Delaware Trustee shall be:

The Bank of New York (Delaware).

SECTION 5.7 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Trustees.

(a) Except during an Event of Default and subject to Section 5.7(b), Trustees may be appointed or removed without cause at any time:

(i) until the issuance of any Securities, by written instrument executed by the Sponsor; and

(ii) after the issuance of any Securities, by vote of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities voting as a class at a meeting of the Holders of the Common Securities.

(b) (i) the Property Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section 5.7(a) until a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Property Trustee and delivered to the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor; and

(ii) the Delaware Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section 5.7(a) until a successor Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Delaware Trustee under Sections 5.2 and 5.4 (a "Successor Delaware Trustee") has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Delaware Trustee and delivered to the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor.

(c) A Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until his successor shall have been appointed or until his death, removal or resignation. Any Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing signed by the Trustee and delivered to the Sponsor and the Trust, which resignation shall take effect upon such delivery or upon such later date as is specified therein; provided, however, that:

(i) No such resignation of the Property Trustee shall be effective:

(A) until a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument executed by such Successor Property Trustee and delivered to the Trust, the Sponsor and the resigning Property Trustee; or

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(B) until the assets of the Trust have been completely liquidated and the proceeds thereof distributed to the holders of the Securities; and

(ii) no such resignation of the Delaware Trustee shall be effective until a Successor Delaware Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument executed by such Successor Delaware Trustee and delivered to the Trust, the Sponsor and the resigning Delaware Trustee.

(d) The Holders of the Common Securities shall use their best efforts to promptly appoint a Successor Delaware Trustee or Successor Property Trustee as the case may be if the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee delivers an instrument of resignation in accordance with this Section 5.7.

(e) If no Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 5.7 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of resignation or removal, the Property Trustee or Delaware Trustee resigning or being removed, as applicable, may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper and prescribe, appoint a Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee, as the case may be.

(f) No Property Trustee or Delaware Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Property Trustee or successor Delaware Trustee, as the case may be.

SECTION 5.8 Vacancies among Trustees.

If a Trustee ceases to hold office for any reason and the number of Trustees is not reduced pursuant to Section 5.1, or if the number of Trustees is increased pursuant to Section 5.1, a vacancy shall occur. A resolution certifying the existence of such vacancy by the Regular Trustees or, if there are more than two, a majority of the Regular Trustees shall be conclusive evidence of the existence of such vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled with a Trustee appointed in accordance with Section 5.7.

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SECTION 5.9 Effect of Vacancies.

The death, resignation, retirement, removal, bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation, incompetence or incapacity to perform the duties of a Trustee shall not operate to annul the Trust. Whenever a vacancy in the number of Regular Trustees shall occur, until such vacancy is filled by the appointment of a Regular Trustee in accordance with Section 5.7, the Regular Trustees in office, regardless of their number, shall have all the powers granted to the Regular Trustees and shall discharge all the duties imposed upon the Regular Trustees by this Declaration.

SECTION 5.10 Meetings.

If there is more than one Regular Trustee, meetings of the Regular Trustees shall be held from time to time upon the call of any Regular Trustee. Regular meetings of the Regular Trustees may be held at a time and

place fixed by resolution of the Regular Trustees. Notice of any in-person meetings of the Regular Trustees shall be hand delivered or otherwise delivered in writing (including by facsimile, with a hard copy by overnight courier) not less than 48 hours before such meeting. Notice of any telephonic meetings of the Regular Trustees or any committee thereof shall be hand delivered or otherwise delivered in writing (including by facsimile, with a hard copy by overnight courier) not less than 24 hours before a meeting. Notices shall contain a brief statement of the time, place and anticipated purposes of the meeting. The presence (whether in person or by telephone) of a Regular Trustee at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a Regular Trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any activity on the ground that the meeting has not been lawfully called or convened. Unless provided otherwise in this Declaration, any action of the Regular Trustees may be taken at a meeting by vote of a majority of the Regular Trustees present (whether in person or by telephone) and eligible to vote with respect to such matter, provided that a Quorum is present, or without a meeting by the unanimous written consent of the Regular Trustees. Any and all actions of the Regular Trustees also may be evidenced by a written consent of such Regular Trustee.

SECTION 5.11 Delegation of Power.

(a) Any Regular Trustee may, by power of attorney consistent with applicable law, delegate to any other natural person over the age of 21 his or her power for the purpose of executing any documents contemplated in Section 3.6, including any registration statement or amendment

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thereto filed with the Commission, or making any other governmental filing; and

(b) the Regular Trustees shall have power to delegate from time to time to such of their number or to officers of the Trust the doing of such things and the execution of such instruments either in the name of the Trust or the names of the Regular Trustees or otherwise as the Regular Trustees may deem expedient, to the extent such delegation is not prohibited by applicable law or contrary to the provisions of the Trust, as set forth herein.

SECTION 5.12 Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business.

Any corporation into which the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, may be merged or converted or with which either may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, shall be the successor of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, hereunder, provided such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE VI
DISTRIBUTIONS

SECTION 6.1 Distributions.

Holders shall receive Distributions at the times and in accordance with the applicable terms of the relevant Holder's Securities. If and to the extent that the Note Issuer makes a payment of interest (including Compounded Interest, as defined in the Indenture) and Additional Interest (as defined in the Indenture), premium or principal on the Notes held by the Property Trustee (the amount of any such payment being a "Payment Amount"), the Property Trustee shall and is directed, to the extent funds are available for that purpose and without further action by the Regular Trustees, to make a Distribution of the Payment Amount to Holders. The term "Distributions" as used herein includes such cash distributions and any such interest payable unless otherwise stated. Distributions shall be made on the Capital Securities and the Common Securities in accordance with the preferences set forth in their respective terms.

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ARTICLE VII
ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES

SECTION 7.1 General Provisions Regarding Securities.

(a) The Regular Trustees shall on behalf of the Trust issue the Capital Securities which shall have such terms as are set forth in a completed Designation of Terms in the form attached hereto as Annex I (the "Designation of Terms") and one class of common securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust having such terms as are set forth in a completed Designation of Terms. The Trust shall issue no securities or other interests in the assets of the Trust other than the Capital Securities and the Common Securities.

(b) The Securities are subject to redemption as provided in the Designation of Terms.

(c) The Certificates shall be signed on behalf of the Trust by a Regular Trustee. Such signature shall be the manual signature of any present or any future Regular Trustee. In case any Regular Trustee of the Trust who shall have signed any of the Certificates shall cease to be such Regular Trustee before the Certificates so signed shall be delivered by the Trust, such Certificates nevertheless may be delivered as though the person who signed such Certificates had not ceased to be such Regular Trustee; and any Certificate may be signed on behalf of the Trust by such persons who, at the actual date of execution of such Security, shall be the Regular Trustees of the Trust, although at the date of the execution and delivery of the Declaration any such person was not such a Regular Trustee. Certificates shall be typed, printed, lithographed or engraved or may be produced in any other manner as is reasonably acceptable to the Regular Trustees, as evidenced by their execution thereof, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements as the Regular Trustees may deem appropriate, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage.

(d) The consideration received by the Trust for the issuance of the Securities shall constitute a contribution to the capital of the Trust and shall not constitute a loan to the Trust.

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(e) Upon issuance of the Securities as provided in this Declaration, the Securities so issued shall be deemed to be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

(f) Every Person, by virtue of having become a Holder or a Capital Security Beneficial Owner in accordance with the terms of this Declaration, shall be deemed to have expressly assented and agreed to the terms of, and shall be bound by, this Declaration, including the Designation of Terms.

SECTION 7.2 Paying Agent.

In the event that the Capital Securities are not in Book-Entry only form, the Trust shall maintain in New York, New York, an office or agency where the Capital Securities may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Trust may appoint the Paying Agent and may appoint one or more additional paying agents in such other locations as it shall determine and shall make such appointment in any other location required by law or by the rules of any securities exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed. The term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Trust may change any Paying Agent without prior notice to any Holder. The Trust shall notify the Property Trustee of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Declaration. If the Trust fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Paying Agent, the Property Trustee shall act as such. The Trust or any of its Affiliates may act as Paying Agent. The Property Trustee shall initially act as Paying Agent for the Capital Securities. The Trust shall initially act as Paying Agent for the Common Securities.

ARTICLE VIII
TERMINATION OF TRUST

SECTION 8.1 Termination of Trust.

- (a) The Trust shall dissolve:
 - (i) upon the bankruptcy of the Sponsor;
 - (ii) upon the filing of a certificate of

dissolution or its equivalent with respect to the Sponsor; upon the consent of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities voting together as a single class to dissolve the Trust or the revocation of the Sponsor's charter and the expiration of 90 days after the date of revocation without a reinstatement thereof;

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(iii) upon the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Holder of the Common Securities, the Sponsor or the Trust;

(iv) when all of the Securities shall have been called for redemption and the amounts necessary for redemption thereof shall have been paid to the Holders in accordance with the terms of the Securities;

(v) at the election of the Sponsor at any time pursuant to which the Trust shall have been dissolved in accordance with the terms of the Securities and all of the Notes endorsed thereon shall have been distributed to the Holders of Securities in exchange for all of the Securities; or

(vi) before the issuance of any Securities, with the consent of all of the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor.

(b) As soon as is practicable after the occurrence of an event referred to in Section 8.1(a), the Trustees shall, after satisfaction of all obligations of the Trust, file a certificate of cancellation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and the Trust shall terminate.

(c) The provisions of Section 3.9 and Article X shall survive the termination of the Trust.

ARTICLE IX TRANSFER OF INTERESTS

SECTION 9.1 Transfer of Securities.

(a) Securities may only be transferred, in whole or in part, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Declaration and in the terms of the Securities. Any transfer or purported transfer of any Security not made in accordance with this Declaration shall be null and void.

(b) Subject to this Article IX, Capital Securities shall be freely transferable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Capital Securities may not be acquired by any Person who is, or who in acquiring such Capital Securities is using the assets of, an ERISA Plan unless one of the following class exemptions or another applicable exemption is available to the ERISA Plan: (i) Prohibited Transaction

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Class Exemption 90-1 ("PTCE 90-1"), regarding investments by insurance company pooled separate accounts, (ii) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 91-38 ("PTCE 91-38") regarding investments by bank collective investment funds, (iii) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 84-14 ("PTCE 84-14"), regarding transactions effected by qualified professional asset managers, (iv) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 96-23 ("PTCE 96-23"), regarding transactions effected by in-house asset managers, or (v) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 95-60 ("PTCE 95-60"), regarding investments by insurance company general accounts. The acquisition of Capital Securities by any Person who is, or who in acquiring such Capital Securities is using the assets of, an ERISA Plan shall be deemed to constitute a representation by such Person to the Trust that (i) such Person is eligible for exemptive relief available pursuant to either one of PTCE 90-1, PTCE 91-38, PTCE 84-14, PTCE 96-23, PTCE 95-60 or another applicable exemption with respect to the acquisition and holding of such Capital Securities, and (ii) neither the Sponsor nor the Trust is a "fiduciary", within the meaning of Section 3(21) of ERISA and the regulations thereunder, with respect to such Person's interest in the Capital Securities or the

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(c) Subject to this Article IX and Section 4.3, the Sponsor and any Related Party may only transfer Common Securities to the Sponsor or a Related Party of the Sponsor; provided that, any such transfer is subject to the condition precedent that the transferor obtain the written opinion of a nationally recognized independent counsel experienced in such matters that such transfer would not cause more than an insubstantial risk that:

(i) the Trust would not be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as an association or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation; and

(ii) the Trust would be an Investment Company or the transferee would become an Investment Company.

SECTION 9.2 Transfer of Certificates.

The Regular Trustees shall provide for the registration of Certificates and of transfers of Certificates, which will be effected without charge but only upon payment (with such indemnity as the Regular Trustees may require) in respect of any tax or other government charges that may be imposed in relation to it. Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Certificate, the Regular Trustees shall cause one or more new Certificates to be issued in the name of the designated

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transferee or transferees. Every Certificate surrendered for registration of transfer shall be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Regular Trustees duly executed by the Holder or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing. Each Certificate surrendered for registration of transfer shall be canceled by the Regular Trustees. A transferee of a Certificate shall be entitled to the rights and subject to the obligations of a Holder hereunder upon the receipt by such transferee of a Certificate. By acceptance of a Certificate, each transferee shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by this Declaration.

SECTION 9.3 Deemed Security Holders.

The Trustees may treat the Person in whose name any Certificate shall be registered on the books and records of the Trust as the sole holder of such Certificate and of the Securities represented by such Certificate for purposes of receiving Distributions and for all other purposes whatsoever and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such Certificate or in the Securities represented by such Certificate on the part of any Person, whether or not the Trust shall have actual or other notice thereof.

SECTION 9.4 Book-Entry Interests.

Unless otherwise specified in the terms of the Capital Securities, the Capital Securities Certificates, on original issuance, will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered, global Capital Security Certificates (each a "Global Security"), to be delivered to DTC, the initial Clearing Agency, by, or on behalf of, the Trust. Such Global Securities shall initially be registered on the books and records of the Trust in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC, and no Capital Security Beneficial Owner will receive a definitive Capital Security Certificate representing such Capital Security Beneficial Owner's interests in such Global Securities, except as provided in Section 9.7. Unless and until definitive, fully registered Capital Security Certificates (the "Definitive Capital Security Certificates") have been issued to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners pursuant to Section 9.7:

(a) the provisions of this Section 9.4 shall be in full force and effect;

(b) the Trust and the Trustees shall be entitled to deal with the Clearing Agency for all purposes of this Declaration (including the payment of Distributions on the Global Securities and receiving approvals, votes or consents

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hereunder) as the sole Holder of the Capital Securities and shall have no obligation to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners;

(c) to the extent that the provisions of this Section 9.4 conflict with any other provisions of this Declaration, the provisions of this Section 9.4 shall control;

(d) the rights of the Capital Security Beneficial Owners shall be exercised only through the Clearing Agency and shall be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Capital Security Beneficial Owners and the Clearing Agency and/or the Clearing Agency Participants. DTC will make Book-Entry transfers among the Clearing Agency Participants and receive and transmit payments of Distributions on the Global Securities to such Clearing Agency Participants; and

(e) Capital Securities sold outside the United States may be held by the Clearing Agency for the account of Cedel Bank, societe anonyme and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Brussels office, as operator of the Euroclear System.

SECTION 9.5 Notices to Clearing Agency.

Whenever a notice or other communication to the Capital Security Holders is required under this Declaration, unless and until Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall have been issued to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners pursuant to Section 9.7, the Regular Trustees shall give all such notices and communications specified herein to be given to the Capital Security Holders to the Clearing Agency and shall have no notice obligations to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners.

SECTION 9.6 Appointment of Successor Clearing Agency.

If any Clearing Agency elects to discontinue its services as securities depository with respect to the Capital Securities, the Regular Trustees may, in their sole discretion, appoint a successor Clearing Agency with respect to such Capital Securities.

SECTION 9.7 Definitive Capital Security Certificates.

If:

(a) a Clearing Agency elects to discontinue its services as securities depository with respect to the

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Capital Securities and a successor Clearing Agency is not appointed within 90 days after such discontinuance pursuant to Section 9.6; or

(b) the Regular Trustees elect after consultation with the Sponsor to terminate the Book-Entry system through the Clearing Agency with respect to the Capital Securities,

then:

(c) Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall be prepared by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust with respect to such Capital Securities; and

(d) upon surrender of the Global Securities by the Clearing Agency, accompanied by registration instructions, the Regular Trustees shall cause Definitive Capital Security Certificates to be delivered to Capital Security Beneficial Owners in accordance with the instructions of the Clearing Agency. Neither the Trustees nor the Trust shall be liable for any delay in delivery of such instructions and each of them may conclusively rely on and shall be protected in relying on, said instructions of the Clearing Agency. The Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall be typed, printed, lithographed or engraved or may be produced in any other manner as is reasonably acceptable to the Regular Trustees, as evidenced by their execution thereof, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements as the Regular Trustees may deem appropriate, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which Capital Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage.

Otherwise, Definitive Capital Security Certificates will not be issued.

SECTION 9.8 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Certificates.

If:

(a) any mutilated Certificates should be surrendered to the Regular Trustees, or if the Regular Trustees shall receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Certificate; and

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(b) there shall be delivered to the Regular Trustees such security or indemnity as may be required by them to keep each of them harmless.

then, in the absence of notice that such Certificate shall have been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, any Regular Trustee on behalf of the Trust shall execute and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificate, a new Certificate of like denomination. In connection with the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section 9.8, the Regular Trustees may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith. Any duplicate Certificate issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute conclusive evidence of an ownership interest in the relevant Securities, as if originally issued, whether or not the lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate shall be found at any time.

ARTICLE X
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY OF
HOLDERS OF SECURITIES, TRUSTEES OR OTHERS

SECTION 10.1 Liability.

(a) Except as expressly set forth in this Declaration, the Securities Guarantees and the terms of the Securities, the Sponsor shall not:

(i) be personally liable for the return of any portion of the capital contributions (or any return thereon) of the Holders of the Securities which shall be made solely from assets of the Trust; and

(ii) be required to pay to the Trust or to any Holder of Securities any deficit upon dissolution of the Trust or otherwise.

(b) Pursuant to ss. 3803(a) of the Business Trust Act, the Holders of the Capital Securities shall be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations organized for profit under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

SECTION 10.2 Exculpation.

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Trust or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim

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incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith on behalf of the Trust and in a manner such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Declaration or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's gross negligence (or negligence in the case of the Trustee) or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Trust and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Trust by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Trust, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Securities might properly be paid.

SECTION 10.3 Fiduciary Duty.

(a) To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Indemnified Person has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Trust or to any other Covered Person, an Indemnified Person acting under this Declaration shall not be liable to the Trust or to any other Covered Person for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Declaration. The provisions of this Declaration, to the extent that they restrict the duties and liabilities of an Indemnified Person otherwise existing at law or in equity (other than the duties imposed on the Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act), are agreed by the parties hereto to replace such other duties and liabilities of such Indemnified Person.

(b) Unless otherwise expressly provided herein:

(i) whenever a conflict of interest exists or arises between any Covered Persons; or

(ii) whenever this Declaration or any other agreement contemplated herein or therein provides that an Indemnified Person shall act in a manner that is, or provides terms that are, fair and reasonable to the Trust or any Holder of Securities,

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the Indemnified Person shall resolve such conflict of interest, take such action or provide such terms, considering in each case the relative interest of each party (including its own interest) to such conflict, agreement, transaction or situation and the benefits and burdens relating to such interests, any customary or accepted industry practices, and any applicable generally accepted accounting practices or principles. In the absence of bad faith by the Indemnified Person, the resolution, action or term so made, taken or provided by the Indemnified Person shall not constitute a breach of this Declaration or any other agreement contemplated herein or of any duty or obligation of the Indemnified Person at law or in equity or otherwise.

(c) Whenever in this Declaration an Indemnified Person is permitted or required to make a decision:

(i) in its "discretion" or under a grant of similar authority, the Indemnified Person shall be entitled to consider such interests and factors as it desires, including its own interests, and shall have no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of or factors affecting the Trust or any other Person; or

(ii) in its "good faith" or under another express standard, the Indemnified Person shall act under such express standard and shall not be subject to any other or different standard imposed by this Declaration or by applicable law.

SECTION 10.4 Indemnification.

(a) (i) The Note Issuer shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any Company Indemnified Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Trust) by reason of the fact that he is or was a Company Indemnified Person against expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction,

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or upon a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the Company Indemnified Person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the

best interests of the Trust, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

(ii) The Note Issuer shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any Company Indemnified Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Trust to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a Company Indemnified Person against expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust and except that no such indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such Company Indemnified Person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Trust unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery of Delaware or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

(iii) To the extent that a Company Indemnified Person shall be successful on the merits or otherwise (including dismissal of an action without prejudice or the settlement of an action without admission of liability) in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a), or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified, to the full extent permitted by law, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

(iv) Any indemnification under paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a) (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Note Issuer only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination

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that indemnification of the Company Indemnified Person is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in paragraphs (i) and (ii). Such determination shall be made (1) by the Regular Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of such Regular Trustees who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the Holders of the Common Securities.

(v) Expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by a Company Indemnified Person in defending a civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a) shall be paid by the Note Issuer in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Company Indemnified Person to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Note Issuer as authorized in this Section 10.4(a). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no advance shall be made by the Note Issuer if a determination is reasonably and promptly made (i) by the Regular Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees, (ii) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion or (iii) the Common Security Holder of the Trust, that, based upon the facts known to the Regular Trustees, counsel or the Common Security Holder at the time such determination is made, such Company Indemnified Person acted in bad faith or in a manner that such person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust, or, with respect to any criminal proceeding, that such Company Indemnified Person believed or had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. In no event shall any advance be made in instances where the Regular Trustees, independent legal counsel or Common Security

Holder reasonably determine that such person deliberately breached his duty to the Trust or to the Holders of the Common or Capital Securities.

(vi) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other paragraphs of this Section 10.4(a) shall not be deemed

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exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification and advancement of expenses may be entitled under any agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors of the Note Issuer or Capital Security Holders of the Trust or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. All rights to indemnification under this Section 10.4(a) shall be deemed to be provided by a contract between the Note Issuer and each Company Indemnified Person who serves in such capacity at any time while this Section 10.4(a) is in effect. Any repeal or modification of this Section 10.4(a) shall not affect any rights or obligations then existing.

(vii) The Note Issuer or the Trust may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Company Indemnified Person against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Note Issuer would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Section 10.4(a).

(viii) For purposes of this Section 10.4(a), references to "the Trust" shall include, in addition to the resulting or surviving entity, any constituent entity (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger, so that any person who is or was a director, trustee, officer or employee of such constituent entity, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent entity as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent of another entity, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Section 10.4(a) with respect to the resulting or surviving entity as he would have with respect to such constituent entity if its separate existence had continued.

(ix) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Section 10.4(a) shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Company Indemnified Person and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(b) The Note Issuer agrees to indemnify the (i) Property Trustee, (ii) the Delaware Trustee, (iii) any Affiliate of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee,

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and (iv) any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, custodians, nominees or agents of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee (each of the Persons in (i) through (iv) being referred to as a "Fiduciary Indemnified Person") for, and to hold each Fiduciary Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense including taxes (other than taxes based on the income of such Fiduciary Indemnified Person) incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration or the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against or investigating any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 10.4(b) shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Declaration.

SECTION 10.5 Outside Businesses.

Any Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee may engage in or possess an interest in other business ventures of any nature or description, independently or with others, similar or

dissimilar to the business of the Trust, and the Trust and the Holders of Securities shall have no rights by virtue of this Declaration in and to such independent ventures or the income or profits derived therefrom, and the pursuit of any such venture, even if competitive with the business of the Trust, shall not be deemed wrongful or improper. No Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee, or the Property Trustee shall be obligated to present any particular investment or other opportunity to the Trust even if such opportunity is of a character that, if presented to the Trust, could be taken by the Trust, and any Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee shall have the right to take for its own account (individually or as a partner or fiduciary) or to recommend to others any such particular investment or other opportunity. Any Covered Person, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee may engage or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Sponsor or any Affiliate of the Sponsor, or may act as depository for, trustee or agent for, or act on any committee or body of holders of, securities or other obligations of the Sponsor or its Affiliates.

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ARTICLE XI
ACCOUNTING

SECTION 11.1 Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year ("Fiscal Year") of the Trust shall be the calendar year or such other year as is required by the Code.

SECTION 11.2 Certain Accounting Matters.

(a) At all times during the existence of the Trust, the Regular Trustees shall keep, or cause to be kept, full books of account, records and supporting documents, which shall reflect in reasonable detail, each transaction of the Trust. The books of account shall be maintained on the accrual method of accounting, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied. The Trust shall use the accrual method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes. The books of account and the records of the Trust shall be examined by and reported upon as of the end of each Fiscal Year of the Trust by a firm of independent certified public accountants selected by the Regular Trustees;

(b) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be prepared and delivered to each of the Holders of Securities, within 90 days after the end of each Fiscal Year of the Trust, annual financial statements of the Trust, including a balance sheet of the Trust as of the end of such Fiscal Year, and the related statements of income or loss;

(c) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be duly prepared and delivered to each of the Holders of Securities, any annual United States federal income tax information statement, required by the Code, containing such information with regard to the Securities held by each Holder as is required by the Code and the Treasury Regulations. Notwithstanding any right under the Code to deliver any such statement at a later date, the Regular Trustees shall endeavor to deliver all such statements within 30 days after the end of each Fiscal Year of the Trust; and

(d) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be duly prepared and filed with the appropriate taxing authority, an annual United States federal income tax return, on a Form 1041 or such other form required by United States federal income tax law, and any other annual income tax returns required to be filed by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust with any state or local taxing authority.

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SECTION 11.3 Banking.

The Trust shall maintain one or more bank accounts in the name and for the sole benefit of the Trust; provided, however, that all payments of funds in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee shall be made directly to the Property Trustee Account and no other funds of the Trust shall be deposited in the Property Trustee Account. The sole signatories for such accounts shall be designated by the Regular Trustees; provided, however, that the Property Trustee shall designate the signatories for the Property Trustee Account.

SECTION 11.4 Withholding.

The Trust and the Regular Trustees shall comply with all withholding requirements under United States federal, state and local law. The Trust shall request, and the Holders shall provide to the Trust, such forms or certificates as are necessary to establish an exemption from withholding with respect to each Holder, and any representations and forms as shall reasonably be requested by the Trust to assist it in determining the extent of, and in fulfilling, its withholding obligations. The Regular Trustees shall file required forms with applicable jurisdictions and, unless an exemption from withholding is properly established by a Holder, shall remit amounts withheld with respect to the Holder to applicable jurisdictions. To the extent that the Trust is required to withhold and pay over any amounts to any authority with respect to distributions or allocations to any Holder, the amount withheld shall be deemed to be a distribution in the amount of the withholding to the Holder. In the event of any claim over withholding, the Holders shall be limited to an action against the applicable jurisdiction. If the amount required to be withheld was not withheld from actual Distributions made, the Trust may reduce subsequent Distributions by the amount of such withholding.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS AND MEETINGS

SECTION 12.1 Amendments.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration or by any applicable terms of the Securities, this Declaration may only be amended by a written instrument approved and executed by:

(i) the Regular Trustees (or, if there are more than two Regular Trustees a majority of the Regular Trustees);

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(ii) if the amendment affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee; and

(iii) if the amendment affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Delaware Trustee, the Delaware Trustee.

(b) No amendment shall be made, and any such purported amendment shall be void and ineffective:

(i) unless, in the case of any proposed amendment, the Property Trustee shall have first received an Officers' Certificate from each of the Trust and the Sponsor that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities);

(ii) unless, in the case of any proposed amendment which affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall have first received:

(A) an Officers' Certificate from each of the Trust and the Sponsor that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities); and

(B) an opinion of counsel (who may be counsel to the Sponsor or the Trust) that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities); and

(iii) to the extent the result of such amendment would be to:

(A) cause the Trust to fail to continue to be classified for purposes of United States federal income taxation as a grantor trust;

(B) reduce or otherwise adversely affect the powers of the Property Trustee in contravention of the Trust Indenture Act; or

(C) cause the Trust to be deemed to be an Investment Company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act.

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(c) At such time after the Trust has issued any Securities that remain outstanding, any amendment that would adversely affect the rights, privileges or preferences of any Holder of Securities may be effected only with such additional requirements as may be set forth in the terms of such Securities.

(d) Section 10.1(b) and this Section 12.1 shall not be amended without the consent of all of the Holders of the Securities.

(e) Article IV shall not be amended without the consent of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities.

(f) The rights of the holders of the Common Securities under Article V to increase or decrease the number of, and appoint and remove Trustees shall not be amended without the consent of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities.

(g) Notwithstanding Section 12.1(c), this Declaration may be amended without the consent of the Holders of the Securities to:

(i) cure any ambiguity;

(ii) correct or supplement any provision in this Declaration that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision of this Declaration;

(iii) add to the covenants, restrictions or obligations of the Sponsor;

(iv) conform to any change in Rule 3a-5 or any written change in interpretation or application of Rule 3a-5 by any legislative body, court, government agency or regulatory authority which amendment does not have a material adverse effect on the right, preferences or privileges of the Holders; and

(v) modify, eliminate and add to any provision of this Declaration to such extent as may be necessary to carry out its provisions, including making any redemption of the Notes or dissolution of the Trust and distribution of the Notes to the Holders of the Securities in exchange for all of the Securities.

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SECTION 12.2 Meetings of the Holders of Securities; Action by Written Consent.

(a) Meetings of the Holders of any class of Securities may be called at any time by the Regular Trustees (or as provided in the terms of the Securities) to consider and act on any matter on which Holders of such class of Securities are entitled to act under the terms of this Declaration, the terms of the Securities or the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed or admitted for trading. The Regular Trustees shall call a meeting of the Holders of such class if directed to do so by the Holders of at least 10% in liquidation amount of such class of Securities. Such direction shall be given by delivering to the Regular Trustees one or more calls in a writing stating that the signing Holders of Securities wish to call a meeting and indicating the general or specific purpose for which the meeting is to be called. Any Holders of Securities calling a meeting shall specify in writing the Security Certificates held by the Holders of Securities exercising the right to call a meeting and only those Securities specified shall be counted for purposes of determining whether the required percentage set forth in the second sentence of this paragraph has been met.

(b) Except to the extent otherwise provided in the terms of the Securities, the following provisions shall

apply to meetings of Holders of Securities:

(i) notice of any such meeting shall be given to all the Holders of Securities having a right to vote thereat at least seven days and not more than 60 days before the date of such meeting. Whenever a vote, consent or approval of the Holders of Securities is permitted or required under this Declaration or the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed or admitted for trading, such vote, consent or approval may be given at a meeting of the Holders of Securities. Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Holders of Securities may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by the Holders of Securities owning not less than the minimum amount of Securities in liquidation amount that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all Holders of Securities having a right to vote thereon were present and voting. Prompt notice of the taking of action without a meeting shall be given to the Holders of Securities entitled to vote who have not consented in writing. The Regular Trustees may

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specify that any written ballot submitted to the Security Holder for the purpose of taking any action without a meeting shall be returned to the Trust within the time specified by the Regular Trustees;

(ii) each Holder of a Security may authorize any Person to act for it by proxy on all matters in which a Holder of Securities is entitled to participate, including waiving notice of any meeting, or voting or participating at a meeting. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of 11 months from the date thereof unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the Holder of Securities executing it. Except as otherwise provided herein, all matters relating to the giving, voting or validity of proxies shall be governed by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware relating to proxies, and judicial interpretations thereunder, as if the Trust were a Delaware corporation and the Holders of the Securities were stockholders of a Delaware corporation;

(iii) each meeting of the Holders of the Securities shall be conducted by the Regular Trustees or by such other Person that the Regular Trustees may designate; and

(iv) unless the Business Trust Act, this Declaration, the terms of the Securities, the Trust Indenture Act or the listing rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are then listed or trading, otherwise provides, the Regular Trustees, in their sole discretion, shall establish all other provisions relating to meetings of Holders of Securities, including notice of the time, place or purpose of any meeting at which any matter is to be voted on by any Holders of Securities, waiver of any such notice, action by consent without a meeting, the establishment of a record date, quorum requirements, voting in person or by proxy or any other matter with respect to the exercise of any such right to vote.

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ARTICLE XIII
REPRESENTATIONS OF PROPERTY TRUSTEE
AND DELAWARE TRUSTEE

SECTION 13.1 Representations and Warranties of Property Trustee.

The Trustee that acts as initial Property Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and to the Sponsor at the date of this Declaration, and each Successor Property Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and the Sponsor at the time of the Successor Property Trustee's acceptance of its appointment as Property Trustee that:

(a) the Property Trustee is a New York banking corporation

with trust powers and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of, this Declaration;

(b) the execution, delivery and performance by the Property Trustee of the Declaration has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Property Trustee. The Declaration has been duly executed and delivered by the Property Trustee, and it constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Property Trustee, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity and the discretion of the court (regardless of whether the enforcement of such remedies is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);

(c) the execution, delivery and performance of this Declaration by the Property Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the charter or by-laws of the Property Trustee; and

(d) no consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York State or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Property Trustee of this Declaration.

SECTION 13.2 Representations and Warranties of Delaware Trustee.

The Trustee that acts as initial Delaware Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and to the Sponsor at the date of this Declaration, and each Successor Delaware Trustee

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represents and warrants to the Trust and the Sponsor at the time of the Successor Delaware Trustee's acceptance of its appointment as Delaware Trustee that:

(a) The Delaware Trustee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with trust power and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of, this Declaration.

(b) The Delaware Trustee has been authorized to perform its obligations under the Certificate of Trust and the Declaration. The Declaration under Delaware law constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Delaware Trustee, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity and the discretion of the court (regardless of whether the enforcement of such remedies is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(c) No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Delaware Trustee of this Declaration.

(d) The Delaware Trustee is a natural person who is a resident of the State of Delaware or, if not a natural person, an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE XIV
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 14.1 Notices.

All notices provided for in this Declaration shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) if given to the Trust, in care of the Regular Trustees at the Trust's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Trust may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

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NB Capital Trust III
c/o NationsBank Corporation
Attention: Treasurer
NationsBank Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(b) if given to the Delaware Trustee, at the mailing address set forth below (or such other address as Delaware Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

The Bank of New York (Delaware)
White Clay Center, Route 273
Newark, Delaware 19711
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration

(c) if given to the Property Trustee, at the Property Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Property Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration

(d) if given to the Holder of the Common Securities, at the mailing address of the Sponsor set forth below (or such other address as the Holder of the Common Securities may give notice to the Trust):

NationsBank Corporation
NationsBank Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Attention: Treasurer

(e) if given to any other Holder, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Trust.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was

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given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

SECTION 14.2 Governing Law.

This Declaration and the rights of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and all rights and remedies shall be governed by such laws without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

SECTION 14.3 Intention of the Parties.

It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Trust be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust. The provisions of this Declaration shall be interpreted to further this intention of the parties.

SECTION 14.4 Headings.

Headings contained in this Declaration are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Declaration or any provision hereof.

SECTION 14.5 Successors and Assigns

Whenever in this Declaration any of the parties hereto is named or referred to, the successors and assigns of such party shall be deemed to be included, and all covenants and agreements in this Declaration by the Sponsor and the Trustees shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed.

SECTION 14.6 Partial Enforceability.

If any provision of this Declaration, or the application of such provision to any Person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Declaration, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 14.7 Counterparts; Acceptance.

This Declaration may contain more than one counterpart of the signature page and this Declaration may be executed by the affixing of the signature of each of the Trustees to one of such counterpart signature pages. All of such counterpart signature pages shall be read as though one, and they shall have the same

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force and effect as though all of the signers had signed a single signature page.

Each Trustee, by its execution of a counterpart of this Declaration, acknowledges and accepts its appointment as Trustee.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these presents to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

/s/ John E. Mack
John E. Mack, as Regular Trustee

/s/ William L. Maxwell
William L. Maxwell, as Regular
Trustee

/s/ Marc D. Oken
Marc D. Oken, as Regular Trustee

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (DELAWARE),
as Delaware Trustee

By: /s/ Walter Gitlin
Name: Walter Gitlin
Title: Authorized Signatory

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,
as Property Trustee

By: /s/ Byron Merino
Name: Byron Merino
Title: Assistant Treasurer

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION,
as Sponsor

By: /s/ Susan Y. Calton
Name: Susan Y. Calton
Title: Vice President

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ANNEX I

FLOATING RATE CAPITAL SECURITIES AND
FLOATING RATE COMMON SECURITIES

Pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, dated as of January 22, 1997 (as amended from time to time, the "Declaration"), the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities are set out below (each capitalized term used but not defined herein has the meaning set forth in the Declaration or, if not defined in such Declaration, as defined in the Prospectus referred to below):

1. Designation and Number.

(a) Capital Securities. 500,000 Floating Rate Capital Securities of the Trust (liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Security) with an aggregate liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the Trust of \$500,000,000, are hereby designated for purposes of identification only as "Floating Rate Capital Securities" (the "Capital Securities"). The Capital Security Certificates evidencing the Capital Securities shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1 to the Declaration, with such changes and additions thereto or deletions therefrom as may be required by ordinary usage, custom or practice or to conform to the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed.

(b) Common Securities. 15,500 Floating Rate Common Securities of the Trust (liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Security) with an aggregate liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the Trust of \$15,500,000, are hereby designated for purposes of identification only as "Floating Rate Common Securities" (the "Common Securities"). The Common Security Certificates evidencing the Common Securities shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 to the Declaration, with such changes and additions thereto or deletions therefrom as may be required by ordinary usage, custom or practice.

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2. Distributions.

(a) Distributions payable on each Security will be payable in respect of the liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Capital Security at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55% such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee. A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Accrued Distributions on any Security will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of such Security by an accrued interest factor. Such accrued interest factor will be computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day from and including February 3, 1997, or from but excluding the last date to which interest has been paid, as the case may be, to and including the date for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor (expressed as a decimal) for each such day is computed by dividing the rate in effect on such day by 360. All percentages resulting from any calculation of Distributions on the securities will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (E.G., 5.687665% (or .05687665) would be rounded to 5.68767% (or .0568767)), and all dollar amounts used or resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upward).

(b) Distributions on the Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from February 3, 1997 and will be payable quarterly in arrears, on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 1997, except as otherwise described below. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest on the Notes by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods (each an "Extension Period"), during which Extension Period no interest shall be due and payable on the Notes, provided that no Extension Period shall extend beyond the Stated Maturity. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred on the Capital Securities for the same period. Despite such deferral, quarterly Distributions to which Holders of such Capital Securities are entitled will accumulate additional Distributions thereon at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may further extend such

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Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 20 consecutive quarterly periods or extend beyond the Stated Maturity. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust or the Clearing Agency, as the case may be, on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

(c) Distributions on the Securities will be payable to the Holders thereof as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the relevant record dates. While the Capital Securities remain in Book-Entry only form, the relevant record dates shall be one Business Day prior to the relevant payment dates which payment dates correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. Payment of Distributions on the Securities held in Book-Entry only form will be made to the Depository in immediately available funds. The Depository's practice is to credit Clearing Agency Participants' accounts on the relevant payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on the Depository's records unless the Depository has reason to believe that it will not receive payments on such payment date. Payments by (i) Clearing Agency Participants and (ii) securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies and other entities that clear transactions through or maintain a direct or indirect custodial relationship with a Clearing Agency Participant (an "Indirect Participant") to Capital Security Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of such Clearing Agency Participants and Indirect Participants and not of the Depository, the Trust or the Sponsor, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of Distributions to the Depository is the responsibility of the Trust, disbursement of such payments to Clearing Agency Participants is the responsibility of the Depository, and disbursement of such payments to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of the Clearing Agency Participants and Indirect Participants. The relevant record dates for the Common Securities shall be the same record date as for the Capital Securities. If the Capital Securities shall not continue to remain in Book-Entry only form, the regular record dates for the Capital Securities shall be the January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 prior to the relevant payment dates, which payment dates correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. Distributions payable on any Securities that are not punctually paid on any Distribution payment date, as a result of the Note Issuer having failed to make a payment under the Notes, will cease to be payable to the Person in whose name such Securities are registered on the relevant record date, and such defaulted

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Distribution will instead be payable to the Person in whose name such Securities are registered on the special record date or other specified date determined in accordance with the Indenture. If any date on which Distributions are payable on the Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Distribution payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay) except that, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date.

(d) In the event that there is any money or other property held by or for the Trust that is not accounted for hereunder, such property shall be distributed Pro Rata (as defined herein) among the Holders of the Securities.

3. Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution.

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust, the Holders of the Securities on the date of the dissolution, winding-up or termination, as the case may be, will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Trust available for distribution to Holders of Securities after satisfaction of liabilities of creditors an amount equal to the aggregate of the stated liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Security plus accrued and unpaid Distributions thereon to the date of payment (such amount being the "Liquidation Distribution"), unless, in connection with such dissolution, winding-up or termination, Notes in an aggregate stated principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of such Securities, with an interest rate equal to the Coupon Rate of, and bearing accrued and unpaid interest in an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid Distributions on, such Securities, shall be distributed on a Pro Rata basis to the Holders of the Securities in exchange for such Securities.

If, upon any such dissolution, the Liquidation Distribution can be paid only in part because the Trust has insufficient assets available to

pay in full the aggregate Liquidation Distribution, then the amounts payable directly by the Trust on the Securities shall be paid on a Pro Rata basis. Holders of the Common Securities will be entitled to receive distributions upon any such dissolution Pro Rata with Holders of the Capital Securities, except that if a Declaration Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Capital Securities shall have a preference over the Common Securities with respect to such distributions.

4. Redemption and Distribution.

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(a) The Securities are subject to redemption at the Stated Maturity, at any time after January 15, 2007 and in certain circumstances, following the occurrence of a Special Event on or before January 15, 2007 as follows:

(i) Upon payment of the Notes at a payment price equal to the principal amount of, plus accrued interest on the Notes, the proceeds from such payment shall be simultaneously applied to redeem the Securities at the Redemption Price.

(ii) In the event of a prepayment arising from the occurrence of a Special Event prior to January 15, 2007, the proceeds from such prepayment shall be simultaneously applied to redeem the Capital Securities at the Redemption Price.

(iii) If fewer than all the outstanding Securities are to be so redeemed, the Common Securities and the Capital Securities will be redeemed Pro Rata and the Capital Securities to be redeemed will be as described in Section 4(f)(ii) below.

(b) If the Sponsor has given a notice of its election to terminate the Trust, the Regular Trustees shall dissolve the Trust and, after satisfaction of creditors, cause Notes held by the Property Trustee, having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of, with and accrued and unpaid interest equal to accrued and unpaid Distributions on, and having the same record date for payment as, the Securities, to be distributed to the Holders of the Securities in liquidation of such Holders' interests in the Securities within 90 days following receipt of the Sponsor's notice of election.

(c) On and from the date fixed by the Regular Trustees for any distribution of Notes and dissolution of the Trust: (i) the Securities will no longer be deemed to be outstanding, (ii) the Depositary or its nominee as the record Holder of the Capital Securities, will receive a registered Global Security or Securities representing the Notes to be delivered upon such distribution and any certificates representing Securities, except for certificates representing Capital Securities held by the Depositary or its nominee (or any successor Clearing Agency or its nominee), will be deemed to represent beneficial interests in the Notes having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of, with an identical interest rate and accrued and unpaid interest equal to accrued and unpaid Distributions on such Securities until such

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certificates are presented to the Note Issuer or its agent for transfer or reissue.

(d) The Trust may not redeem fewer than all the outstanding Securities unless all accrued and unpaid Distributions have been paid on all Securities for all semi-annual Distribution periods terminating on or before the date of redemption.

(e) If the Notes are distributed to holders of the Securities, pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, the Note Issuer will use its best efforts to have the Notes listed on the securities exchange, if any, on which the Capital Securities were listed immediately prior to the distribution of the Notes.

(f) Redemption or Distribution Procedures shall be as follows:

(i) A Redemption/Distribution Notice will be given by the Trust by mail to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed or exchanged not fewer than 15 nor more than 60 days before the date fixed for redemption or exchange thereof which, in the case of a redemption, will

be the date fixed for redemption of the Notes. For purposes of the calculation of the date of redemption or exchange and the dates on which notices are given pursuant to this Section 4(f) (i), a Redemption/Distribution Notice shall be deemed to be given on the day such notice is first mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to Holders of Securities. Each Redemption/Distribution Notice shall be addressed to the Holders of Securities at the address of each such Holder appearing in the books and records of the Trust. No defect in the Redemption/Distribution Notice or in the mailing of either with respect to any Holder shall affect the validity of the redemption or exchange proceedings with respect to any other Holder.

(ii) In the event that fewer than all the outstanding Securities are to be redeemed, the Securities to be redeemed shall be redeemed Pro Rata from each Holder of Capital Securities, it being understood that, in respect of Capital Securities registered in the name of and held of record by the Depository or its nominee (or any successor Clearing Agency or its nominee) or any nominee, the distribution of the proceeds of such redemption will be made to each Clearing Agency Participant (or Person on whose behalf such nominee holds such securities) in accordance with the procedures applied by such agency or nominee.

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(iii) If Securities are to be redeemed and the Trust gives a Redemption/Distribution Notice, which notice may only be issued if the Notes are repaid as set out in this Section 4 (which notice will be irrevocable), then (A) while the Capital Securities are in Book-Entry only form, with respect to the Capital Securities, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the redemption date, provided that the Note Issuer has paid the Property Trustee a sufficient amount of cash in connection with the related prepayment or maturity of the Notes, the Property Trustee will deposit irrevocably with the Depository or its nominee (or successor Clearing Agency or its nominee) funds sufficient to pay the applicable Redemption Price with respect to the Capital Securities and will give the Depository irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the Redemption Price to the Holders of the Capital Securities, and (B) with respect to Capital Securities issued in definitive form and Common Securities, provided that the Note Issuer has paid the Property Trustee a sufficient amount of cash in connection with the related prepayment or maturity of the Notes, the Property Trustee will pay the relevant Redemption Price to the Holders of such Securities by check mailed to the address of the relevant Holder appearing on the books and records of the Trust on the redemption date. If a Redemption/Distribution Notice shall have been given and funds deposited as required, if applicable, then immediately prior to the close of business on the date of such deposit, or on the redemption date, as applicable, Distributions will cease to accrue on the Securities so called for redemption and all rights of Holders of such Securities so called for redemption will cease, except the right of the Holders of such Securities to receive the Redemption Price, but without interest on such Redemption Price. Neither the Regular Trustees nor the Trust shall be required to register or cause to be registered the transfer of any Securities that have been so called for redemption. If any date fixed for redemption of Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Redemption Price payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay) except that, if such Business Day falls in the next calendar year, such payment will be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date fixed for redemption. If payment of the Redemption Price in respect of any Securities is improperly withheld or refused and not paid either by the Property Trustee or by the Sponsor as guarantor pursuant to the relevant Securities Guarantee, Distributions on such Securities will continue to accrue from the original redemption date to the actual date of payment, in which case

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the actual payment date will be considered the date fixed for redemption for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price.

(iv) Redemption/Distribution Notices shall be sent by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust to (A) in respect of the Capital Securities, the Depository or its nominee (or any successor

Clearing Agency or its nominee) if the Global Securities have been issued or, if Definitive Capital Security Certificates have been issued, to the Holder thereof, and (B) in respect of the Common Securities, to the Holder thereof.

(v) Subject to the foregoing and applicable law (including, without limitation, United States federal securities laws), provided the acquiror is not the Holder of the Common Securities or the obligor under the Indenture, the Sponsor or any of its subsidiaries may at any time and from time to time purchase outstanding Capital Securities by tender, in the open market or by private agreement.

5. Voting Rights - Capital Securities.

(a) Except as provided under Sections 5(b) and 7 of this Designation of Terms and as otherwise required by law and the Declaration, the Holders of the Capital Securities will have no voting rights.

(b) Subject to the requirements set forth in this paragraph, the Holders of a Majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Securities, voting separately as a class may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the Declaration, including the right to direct the Property Trustee, as holder of the Notes, to (i) exercise the remedies available under the Indenture conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Note Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (ii) waive any past Event of Default and its consequences that is waivable under Section 5.01 of the Indenture, (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, or (iv) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture as a holder of the Notes provided, however, that, where a consent or action under the Indenture would require the consent or act of the Holders of greater than a Super Majority affected thereby the Property Trustee may only give such consent or take such action at the written direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Capital Securities which

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the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding. The Property Trustee shall not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the Holders of the Capital Securities. Other than with respect to directing the time, method and place of conducting any remedy available to the Property Trustee or the Note Trustee as set forth above, the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Capital Securities under this paragraph unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than a grantor trust on account of such action. If a Nonpayment occurs on the date such interest or principal is otherwise payable (or in the case of redemption, on the redemption date), and such Nonpayment is continuing, a Holder of Capital Securities may institute a Direct Action after the respective due date specified in the Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, the rights of the Holders of the Common Securities will be subrogated to the rights of such Holder of Capital Securities to the extent of any payment made by the Note Issuer to such Holder of Capital Securities in such Direct Action.

Except as provided in this Section, the Holders of Capital Securities will not be able to exercise directly any other remedy available to the holders of the Notes.

Any approval or direction of Holders of Capital Securities may be given at a separate meeting of Holders of Capital Securities convened for such purpose, at a meeting of all of the Holders of Securities or pursuant to written consent. The Regular Trustees will cause a notice of any meeting at which Holders of Capital Securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such Holders is to be taken, to be mailed to each Holder of record of Capital Securities. Each such notice will include a statement setting forth (i) the date of such meeting or the date by which such action is to be taken, (ii) a description of any resolution proposed for adoption at such meeting on which such Holders are entitled to vote or of such matter upon which written consent is sought, and (iii) instructions for the delivery of proxies or consents.

No vote or consent of the Holders of the Capital Securities will be required for the Trust to redeem and cancel Capital Securities or to distribute the Notes in accordance with the Declaration and the terms of the Securities.

Notwithstanding that Holders of Capital Securities are entitled to vote or consent under any of the circumstances

described above, any of the Capital Securities that are owned by the Sponsor or any Affiliate of the Sponsor shall not be entitled to vote or consent and shall, for purposes of such vote or consent, be treated as if they were not outstanding.

6. Voting Rights - Common Securities.

(a) Except as provided under Sections 6(b) and (c), 7(a) and (b) and 8 of this Designation of Terms or as otherwise required by law and the Declaration, the Holders of the Common Securities will have no voting rights.

(b) The Holders of the Common Securities are entitled, in accordance with Article V of the Declaration, to vote to appoint, remove or replace any Trustee or to increase or decrease the number of Trustees.

(c) Subject to Section 2.6 of the Declaration and only after the Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities has been cured, waived, or otherwise eliminated and subject to the requirements of the second to last sentence of this paragraph, the Holders of as a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities, voting separately as a class, may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the Declaration, including (i) directing the time, method, place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Note Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (ii) waive any past default and its consequences that is waivable under Section 5.01 of the Indenture, or (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, provided that, where a consent or action under the Indenture would require the consent or act of the Holders of a Super Majority, the Property Trustee may only give such consent or take such action at the written direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Common Securities which the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding. Pursuant to this Section 6(c), the Property Trustee shall not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the Holders of the Capital Securities. Other than with respect to directing the time, method and place of conducting any remedy available to the Property Trustee or the Note Trustee as set forth above, the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Common Securities under this paragraph unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than

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a grantor trust on account of such action. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the Declaration, any Holder of Common Securities may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, institute a legal proceeding directly against any Person to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Declaration, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other Person.

Any approval or direction of Holders of Common Securities may be given at a separate meeting of Holders of Common Securities convened for such purpose, at a meeting of all of the Holders of Securities in the Trust or pursuant to written consent. The Regular Trustees will cause a notice of any meeting at which Holders of Common Securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such Holders is to be taken, to be mailed to each Holder of record of Common Securities. Each such notice will include a statement setting forth (i) the date of such meeting or the date by which such action is to be taken, (ii) a description of any resolution proposed for adoption at such meeting on which such Holders are entitled to vote or of such matter upon which written consent is sought and (iii) instructions for the delivery of proxies or consents.

No vote or consent of the Holders of the Common Securities will be required for the Trust to redeem and cancel Common Securities or to distribute the Notes in accordance with the Declaration and the terms of the Securities.

7. Amendments to Declaration and Indenture.

(a) In addition to any requirements under Section 12.1 of the Declaration, if any proposed amendment to the Declaration provides for, or the Regular Trustees otherwise propose to effect, (i) any action that would adversely affect the powers, preferences or special rights of the Securities, whether by way of amendment to the Declaration or otherwise, or (ii) the

dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust, other than as described in Section 8.1 of the Declaration, then the Holders of outstanding Securities voting together as a single class, will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal (but not on any other amendment or proposal) and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective except with the approval of the Holders of at least as a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, affected thereby, provided, however, if any amendment or proposal referred to in clause (i) above would adversely affect only the Capital Securities or only the Common Securities, then only the affected class will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective

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except with the approval of a Majority in liquidation amount of such class of Securities.

(b) In the event the consent of the Property Trustee as the holder of the Notes is required under the Indenture with respect to any amendment, modification or termination on the Indenture or the Notes, the Property Trustee shall request the written direction of the Holders of the Securities with respect to such amendment, modification or termination and shall vote with respect to such amendment, modification or termination as directed by a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities voting together as a single class; provided, however, that where as a consent under the Indenture would require the consent of the holders of as a Super Majority, the Property Trustee may only give such consent at the direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Securities which the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding; provided, further, that the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Securities under this Section 7(b) unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for the purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than a grantor trust on account of such action.

8. Pro Rata.

A reference in these terms of the Securities to any payment, distribution or treatment as being "pro rata" shall mean pro rata to each Holder of Securities according to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Securities held by the relevant Holder in relation to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Securities outstanding unless, in relation to a payment, a Declaration Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, in which case any funds available to make such payment shall be paid first to each Holder of the Capital Securities pro rata according to the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities held by the relevant Holder relative to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Capital Securities outstanding, and only after satisfaction of all amounts owed to the Holders of the Capital Securities, to each Holder of Common Securities pro rata according to the aggregate liquidation amount of Common Securities held by the relevant Holder relative to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Common Securities outstanding.

9. Ranking.

The Capital Securities rank pari passu and payment thereon shall be made pro rata with the Common Securities except that, where a Declaration Event of Default occurs and is

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continuing the rights of Holders of the Common Securities to payment in respect of Distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise are subordinated to the rights to payment of the Holders of the Capital Securities.

10. Listing.

Application shall be made by the Regular Trustees to list the Capital Securities on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. As long as the Capital Securities are listed on any exchange, the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees shall comply with the rules and regulations of such exchange. Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, Capital Securities shall not be listed for quotation on any other stock exchange.

11. Acceptance of Securities Guarantee and Indenture.

Each Holder of Capital Securities and Common Securities, by the acceptance thereof, agrees to the provisions of the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Common Securities Guarantee, respectively, including the subordination provisions therein and to the provisions of the Indenture.

12. No Preemptive Rights.

The Holders of the Securities shall have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any additional securities.

13. Miscellaneous.

These terms constitute a part of the Declaration.

The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration and the Capital Securities Guarantee or the Common Securities Guarantee (as may be appropriate), and the Indenture to a Holder without charge on written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Dated: January 22, 1997.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION
as Sponsor

By: _____
Susan Y. Calton
Vice President

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Accepted:

NB Capital Trust III
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John E. Mack
Regular Trustee

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EXHIBIT A-1

FORM OF CAPITAL SECURITY CERTIFICATE

This Capital Security is a Global Security within the meaning of the Declaration hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company (the "Depository") or a nominee of the Depository. This Capital Security is exchangeable for Capital Securities registered in the name of a person other than the Depository or its nominee only in the limited circumstances described in the Declaration and no transfer of this Capital Security (other than a transfer of this Capital Security as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or to another nominee of the Depository) may be registered except in limited circumstances.

Unless this Capital Security is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company (55 Water Street, New York, New York) to the Trust or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Capital Security issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company and any payment hereon is made to Cede & Co., ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY A PERSON IS WRONGFUL since the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

THIS INSTRUMENT IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A BANK DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONSBANK CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND INVOLVES INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

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Common Code No. 7327838

Certificate Evidencing _____ Floating Rate Capital
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NB CAPITAL TRUST III

Floating Rate Capital Securities

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(liquidation amount \$1,000 per Capital Security)

NB CAPITAL TRUST III, a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Trust"), hereby certifies that CEDE & CO. (the "Holder") is the registered owner of _____ Capital Securities of the Trust representing undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust designated the Floating Rate Capital Securities (liquidation amount \$1,000 per Capital Security) (the "Capital Securities"). The Capital Securities are transferable on the books and records of the Trust, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Capital Securities represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Trust dated as of January 22, 1997, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), including the designation of the terms of the Capital Securities as set forth in Annex I to the Declaration. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Declaration. The Holder is entitled to the benefits of the Capital Securities Guarantee to the extent provided therein. The Declaration permits the Sponsor to dissolve the Trust at any time. The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration, the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Indenture to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Holder is bound by the Declaration and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

By acceptance, the Holder agrees to treat, for United States federal income tax purposes, the Notes as indebtedness and the Capital Securities as evidence of indirect beneficial ownership of the Notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trust has executed this certificate as of _____, 1997.

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

By: _____
Name: John E. Mack
Title: Regular Trustee

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[FORM OF REVERSE OF SECURITY]

Distributions payable on each Capital Security will be payable in respect of the liquidation amount of \$1,000 per capital security at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust. Distributions in arrears will continue to accumulate at the same rate, compounded quarterly. A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Accrued Distributions on any Security will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of such Security by an accrued interest factor. Such accrued interest factor will be computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day from and including February 3, 1997, or from but excluding the last date to which interest has been paid, as the case may be, to and including the date for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor (expressed as a decimal) for each such day is computed by dividing the rate in effect on such day by 360. All percentages resulting from any calculation of Distributions on the securities will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (E.G., 5.687665% (or .05687665) would be rounded to 5.68767% (or .0568767)), and all dollar amounts used or resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent

being rounded upward).

Except as otherwise described below, Distributions on the Capital Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from the date of original issuance and will be payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 1997 to the person in whose name the Capital Security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such installment, which shall be the close of business on the Business Day next preceding such payment date. IF PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE DECLARATION, THE SECURITIES ARE NO LONGER REPRESENTED BY A GLOBAL SECURITY --which shall be the close of business on January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods (each an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period shall last beyond the date of the maturity of the Notes. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred hereunder for the same period. Despite such deferral, quarterly Distributions to which Holders of such Capital Securities are entitled will continue to accumulate additional Distributions thereon at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55% compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may

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further extend such Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 20 consecutive quarterly periods or extend beyond the maturity date of the Notes. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

THE CAPITAL SECURITIES SHALL BE REDEEMABLE AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION.

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers this Capital Security Certificate to:

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(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

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(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints

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_____ agent to transfer this Capital Security Certificate on the books of the Trust. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Capital Security Certificate)

Signature Guarantee: _____

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1 Signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with

EXHIBIT A-2

FORM OF COMMON SECURITY CERTIFICATE

THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "ACT"), AND ARE "RESTRICTED SECURITIES" AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE ACT. THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE ACT, THE AVAILABILITY OF WHICH IS TO BE ESTABLISHED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE TRUST.

THE COMMON SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY A PERSON WHO MAY BE AN "AFFILIATE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144 UNDER THE ACT. CONSEQUENTLY, THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SAID RULE OR UNLESS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR SUCH SECURITIES UNDER THE ACT OR AN OPINION OF COUNSEL FOR THE TRUST THAT REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE ACT.

THIS INSTRUMENT IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A BANK DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONSBANK CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND INVOLVES INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

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Certificate Evidencing _____ Floating Rate Common
Securities

of

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

Floating Rate Common Securities
(liquidation amount \$1,000 per Common Security)

NB CAPITAL TRUST III, a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Trust"), hereby certifies that NATIONSBANK CORPORATION (the "Holder") is the registered owner of _____ Common Securities of the Trust representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the

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Trust designated the Floating Rate Common Securities (liquidation amount \$1,000 per Common Security) (the "Common Securities"). The Common Securities are transferable on the books and records of the Trust, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Common Securities represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Trust dated as of January 22, 1997, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), including the designation of the terms of the Common Securities as set forth in Annex I to the Declaration. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Declaration. The Holder is entitled to the benefits of the Common Securities Guarantee to the extent provided therein. The Declaration permits the Sponsor to dissolve the Trust at any time. The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration, the Common Securities Guarantee and the Indenture to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Sponsor is bound by the Declaration and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

By acceptance, the Holder agrees to treat, for United States federal income tax purposes, the Notes as indebtedness and the Common Securities as evidence of indirect beneficial ownership in the Notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trust has executed this certificate as of _____, 1997.

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

By: _____
Name: John E. Mack
Title: Regular Trustee

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[FORM OF REVERSE OF SECURITY]

Distributions payable on each Common Security will be payable in respect of the liquidation amount of \$1,000 per Capital Security at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee. Distributions in arrears will continue to accumulate at the same rate, compounded quarterly. A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Accrued Distributions on any Security will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of such Security by an accrued interest factor. Such accrued interest factor will be computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day from and including February 3, 1997, or from but excluding the last date to which interest has been paid, as the case may be, to and including the date for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor (expressed as a decimal) for each such day is computed by dividing the rate in effect on such day by 360. All percentages resulting from any calculation of Distributions on the securities will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (E.G., 5.687665% (or .05687665) would be rounded to 5.68767% (or .0568767)), and all dollar amounts used or resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upward).

Except as otherwise described below, Distributions on the Common Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from the date of original issuance and will be payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 1997, to Holders of record 15 days prior to such payment dates, which payment dates shall correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarterly periods (each an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period shall last beyond the date of the maturity of the Notes. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred hereunder for the same period. Despite such deferral, quarterly Distributions to which Holders of such Common Securities are entitled will continue to accumulate additional Distributions thereon at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.55%, compounded quarterly from the relevant payment date for such Distributions. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may further extend such Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 20 consecutive quarterly

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periods or extend beyond the maturity date of the Notes. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

THE COMMON SECURITIES SHALL BE REDEEMABLE AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION.

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers this Common Security Certificate to:

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(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

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(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints _____

_____ agent to transfer this Common Security Certificate on the books of the Trust. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: _____

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

Signature Guarantee2: _____

Signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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