## UNITED STATES 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): October 22, 2015

# LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

> 302 Knights Run Avenue Suite 1000 Tampa, Florida 33602 (Address of Principal Executive Office)

001-37605 (Commission File Number) 47-3844457 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

33602 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (813) 222-8996

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

## Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

## Contribution Agreement

In connection with the initial public offering ("IPO") by LM Funding America, Inc. (the "Company") of its (i) units ("Units"), with each Unit consisting of one share of the Company's common stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Common Stock") and one warrant to purchase one share of Common Stock ("Warrant"), (ii) Common Stock and (iii) Warrants, covered by the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-205232) as originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2015, as amended (the "Registration Statement"), the Contribution Agreement, dated October 21, 2015, was entered into by and among the Company, CGR63, LLC and BRR Holding, LLC (the "Contribution Agreement").

The final signed Contribution Agreement is filed herewith as Exhibit 2.1, and is incorporated herein by reference. The terms of the Contribution Agreement are substantially the same as the terms set forth in the form of such agreement filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and as described therein.

CGR63, LLC and BRR Holding, LLC, entities controlled by Bruce R. Rodgers, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Carollinn Gould, the Company's Vice President-General Manager, have various relationships with the Company and are parties to the Contribution Agreement. For further information concerning the material relationships between the Company, Mr. Rodgers, Mrs. Gould, CGR63, LLC and BRR Holding, LLC, see the section entitled "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions" in the Registration Statement.

## Sales Agency Agreement

In connection with the IPO, on September 24, 2015, the Company entered into that certain Sales Agency Agreement with International Assets Advisory, Inc. and LM Funding, LLC, and, pursuant to the Sales Agency Agreement, International Assets Advisory, Inc. is offering the Units, on a best-efforts basis subject to conditions contained in the Sales Agency Agreement.

The final signed Sales Agency Agreement is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1, and is incorporated herein by reference. The terms of the Sales Agency Agreement are substantially the same as the terms set forth in the form of such agreement filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and as described therein.

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

In connection with the IPO, (i) on October 22, 2015, the employment agreements between the Company and each of the following executive officers were entered into: Bruce R. Rodgers, Carollinn Gould and Sean Galaris (collectively, the "Employment Agreements"), (ii) on October 22, 2015, the LM Funding America, Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan") became effective (following approval of the Company's board of directors and stockholders), (iii) on October 21, 2015, the Form of LM Funding America, Inc. Stock Option Award Agreement (the "Stock Option Award Agreement") pursuant to the Plan was approved (following approval of the Company's board of directors), and (iv) on October 21, 2015, the Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement (the "Restricted Stock Award Agreement") pursuant to the Plan was approved (following approval of the Company's board of directors).

The final signed Employment Agreements, the final Plan, the form of Stock Option Award Agreement and the form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement are filed herewith as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference. The terms of these agreements are substantially the same as the terms set forth in the forms of such agreements filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement and as described therein.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index set forth below for a list of exhibits included with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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

## LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

Date: October 22, 2015

/s/ Stephen Weclew

Stephen Weclew Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary (Principal Accounting Officer and Principal Financial Officer)

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	Sales Agency Agreement, dated September 24, 2015, by and between International Assets Advisory, Inc., LM Funding, LLC and LM Funding America, Inc.
2.1	Contribution Agreement, dated October 21, 2015, by and between CGR63, LLC, BRR Holding, LLC and LM Funding America, Inc.
10.1	Employment Agreement, dated October 22, 2015, by and between Bruce M. Rodgers and LM Funding America, Inc.
10.2	Employment Agreement, dated October 22, 2015, by and between Carollinn Gould and LM Funding America, Inc.
10.3	Employment Agreement, dated October 22, 2015, by and between Sean Galaris and LM Funding America, Inc.
10.4	LM Funding America, Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
10.5	Form of LM Funding America, Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan Stock Option Award Agreement.
10.6	Form of LM Funding America, Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement.

## LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

## **Public Offering of Units**

### Maximum: 2,000,000 Units

#### Minimum: 1,200,000 Units

## SALES AGENCY AGREEMENT

September 24, 2015

International Assets Advisory, LLC (sometimes referred to as "IAA"), as representative of the sales agents listed on Schedule I hereto (the "Sales Agents") 390 North Orange Avenue, #750 Orlando, Florida 38201

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned, LM Funding America, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its wholly owned subsidiary, LM Funding, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, (the "Company"), hereby confirms its agreement with you (unless otherwise defined herein, the term "you" shall collectively refer to the Sales Agents) as follows:

1. Introduction. This Agreement sets forth the understandings and agreements between the Company and you whereby, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained, you will offer to sell, on a "best efforts basis" on behalf of the Company (the "Offering"), a minimum of 1,200,000 units and a maximum of 2,000,000 units, with each unit consisting of one common share, \$0.001 par value (the "Common Shares"), and one common share purchase warrant (the "Warrants"), of the Company (the "Units"), at a public offering price of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per Unit. There shall be one closing for this Offering at an amount which is mutually agreeable to the Company and IAA, provided such amount is for at least the minimum of 1,200,000 Units. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Prospectus prepared by the Company and dated June 25, 2015 (the "Prospectus"), as amended. As used herein, the term "Company" also includes LM Funding, LLC and its Subsidiaries, which is the predecessor of LM Funding America, Inc. and via the Reorganization as described in the Prospectus, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

2. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company makes the following representations and warranties to you:

(a) <u>Registration Statement and Prospectus.</u> The Company has prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-205232 (as defined below, the "Registration Statement") conforming to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and the applicable rules and regulations (the "Rules and Regulations") of the Commission. Such amendments to such Registration Statement as may have been required prior to the date hereof have been filed with the Commission, and such amendments have been similarly prepared. Copies of the Registration Statement, any and all amendments thereto prepared and filed with the Commission, and the exhibits, financial statements and schedules, as finally

amended and revised, have been delivered to you for review. The term "Registration Statement" as used in this Agreement shall mean the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, including the Prospectus, any documents incorporated by reference therein, and all financial schedules and exhibits thereto, as amended on the date that the Registration Statement becomes effective, and any registration statement related to the Offering that is filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the 1933 Act. The term "Prospectus" as used in this Agreement shall mean the prospectus relating to the Units in the form in which it was filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act or, if no filing pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act is required, shall mean the form of the final prospectus included in the Registration Statement when the Registration Statement becomes effective. The terms "effective date" and "effective" refer to the date the Commission declares the Registration Statement effective pursuant to Section 8 of the 1933 Act.

(b) <u>Adequacy of Disclosure.</u> When the Registration Statement shall become effective, when the Prospectus is first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Rules and Regulations, when any amendment to the Registration Statement becomes effective, when any supplement to the Prospectus is filed with the Commission and on the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined), (i) the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and any amendments thereof and supplements thereto will conform in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act and the Rules and Regulations, and (ii) neither the Registration Statement, the Prospectus nor any amendment of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; provided, however, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by you expressly for use in the Registration Statement.

(c) <u>No Stop Order</u>. The Commission has not issued any order preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus with respect to the Units, and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened by the Commission or the state securities or blue sky authority of any jurisdiction.

(d) <u>Company: Organization and Qualification.</u> The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing and in good standing as a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware (and LM Funding, LLC and its subsidiaries are validly existing and in good standing as Florida limited liability companies) with all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement, to conduct their business as now conducted and as proposed to be conducted, and to own and operate its properties, investments and assets, as described in the Registration Statement and Prospectus. The Company is not in violation of any provision of its Certificate of Incorporation ("Articles") or Bylaws, as amended, and LM Funding, LLC and its Subsidiaries are not in violation of any provision of their respective operating agreements, or other governing documents and they are not in default under or in breach of, and does not know of the occurrence of any event that with the giving of notice or the lapse of time or both would constitute a default under or breach of, any term or condition of any material agreement or instrument to which they are a party or by which any of their properties, investments or assets is bound, except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and Prospectus or except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in any material adverse effect on the business, financial position, shareholders' equity or results of operations of the Company (a "Material Adverse Effect"). Except as noted in the Prospectus, the Company does not own or control, directly or indirectly, any other limited liability company, corporation, association, or other entity. The Company has furnished to you copies of its Articles and Bylaws, each as amended, and all such copies are true, correct and complete and contain all amendments thereto through the date of this Agreement.

(e) <u>Validity of Securities</u>. The Units, the Common Shares and the Warrants of the Company (collectively, the "Securities") have been duly and validly authorized by the Company and upon issuance against payment therefor as provided herein, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and will conform to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus. The preferences, rights and limitations of the Securities are set forth in the Prospectus under the caption "Description of Securities." No party has any preemptive rights with respect to any of the Securities or any right of participation or first refusal with respect to the sale of the Securities by the Company. No person or entity holds a right to require or participate in the registration under the 1933 Act of the Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement. Except as set forth in the Prospectus, no person holds a right to require registration under the 1933 Act of any security of the Company at any other time. The form of certificates evidencing the Securities complies with all applicable requirements of Cayman Islands law.

(f) <u>Capitalization</u>. As of the date of this Agreement, the authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 10,000,000 Common Shares, of which 2,100,000 are issued and outstanding and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, none of which are outstanding. All of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Company have been duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and Prospectus (including any public filing incorporated by reference into the Prospectus), there is no outstanding option, warrant or other right calling for the issuance of, and no commitment, plan or arrangement to issue, any capital stock of the Company or any security convertible into or exchangeable for capital stock of the Company.

(g) <u>Full Power: Company.</u> The Company has full legal right, power, and authority to enter into this Agreement and the Escrow Agreement among the Company, SunTrust Bank, N.A. (the "Escrow Agent") and you (the "Escrow Agreement"), to issue and deliver the Units as provided herein and in the Prospectus and to consummate the transactions contemplated herein and in the Prospectus. Each of this Agreement and the Escrow Agreement have been duly authorized, executed, and delivered by the Company and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforceability may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, liquidation, reorganization, or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in equity or at law, (ii) general equity principles, and (iii) limitations imposed by federal and state securities laws or the public policy underlying such laws regarding the enforceability of indemnification or contribution provisions.

(h) <u>Emerging Growth Company</u>. From the time of initial confidential submission of the Registration Statement with the Commission through the date hereof, the Company has been and is an "emerging growth company" as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1933 Act.

(i) <u>Disclosed Agreements.</u> All agreements between or among the Company and third parties expressly referenced in the Prospectus are legal, valid, and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their respective terms, except to the extent enforceability may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, liquidation, reorganization, or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in equity or at law, (ii) general equity principles and (iii) limitations imposed by federal or state securities laws or the public policy underlying such laws regarding the enforceability of indemnification or contribution provisions.

(j) <u>Consents.</u> Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, each consent, approval, authorization, order, license, certificate, permit, registration, designation or filing by or with any governmental agency or body or any other third party necessary for the valid authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Securities, the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Registration Statement and Prospectus, except such as may be required under the 1933 Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), or under state securities laws has been made or obtained and is in full force and effect.

(k) <u>Litigation</u>. There is not pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened or contemplated, any action, suit, proceeding, inquiry, or investigation before or by any court or any governmental authority or agency to which the Company may be a party, or to which any of the properties or rights of the Company may be subject, that is not described in the Registration Statement and Prospectus and (i) that may reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) that may reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect any of the material properties of the Company or (iii) that may reasonably be expected to adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(1) Financial Statements. The financial statements of the Company's predecessor, LM Funding, LLC and its Subsidiaries, together with related pro forma financial information schedules and notes included in the Registration Statement and Prospectus fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company as of the dates indicated and the results of operations and cash flows for the periods specified. Such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("US GAAP") applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved. The financial schedules, if any, in the Registration Statement fairly present in all material respects the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with the financial statements, the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. The unaudited financial information (including the related notes) in the Prospectus complies as to form in all material respects to the applicable accounting requirements of the 1933 Act and the Rules and Regulations, and management of the Company believes that the assumptions underlying any adjustments are reasonable. Such adjustments have been properly applied to the historical amounts in the compilation of the information and such information fairly presents in all material respects to the Company the financial position, results of operations and other information purported to be shown therein at the respective dates and for the respective periods specified.

(m) <u>Independent Accountants</u>. Skoda Minotti, Tampa, Florida, who has audited certain financial statements of LM Funding, LLC and its subsidiaries, are independent public accountants and are PCAOB qualified as required by the 1933 Act and the Rules and Regulations.

(n) <u>Disclosed Liabilities</u>. The Company has not sustained any material loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood, hurricane, accident, or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or arbitrators' or court or governmental action, order, or decree, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Registration Statement and Prospectus. Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, and except as otherwise stated in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, there has not been (i) any material change in the capital stock, long-term debt, obligations under capital leases, or short-term borrowings of the Company, (ii) any material adverse change, or any development that could reasonably be expected to result in a prospective material adverse change in the business, properties, assets, results of operations or condition (financial or other) of the Company, (iii) any liability or obligation, direct or contingent, incurred or undertaken by the Company that is material to the business or condition (financial or other) of the Company, except for liabilities or obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business, (iv) any declaration or payment of any dividend or distribution of any kind on or with respect to the capital stock of the Company, or (v) any transaction that is material to the Company, except transactions in the ordinary course of business or as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement and Prospectus.

(o) <u>Required Licenses and Permits.</u> Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, the Company owns, possesses, has obtained or in the ordinary course of business will obtain, and has made available for your review, all material permits, licenses, franchises, certificates, consents, orders, approvals, and other authorizations of governmental or regulatory authorities as are necessary to own or lease, as the case may be, and to operate its properties and to carry on its business as presently conducted, or as contemplated in the Prospectus to be conducted (the "Permits"), except for such permits, licenses, franchises, certificates, consents, orders, approvals, and other authorizations, the failure of which to have or maintain would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, and the Company has not received any notice of proceedings relating to revocation or modification of any such Permits, except where such revocation or modification would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(p) Internal Accounting Measures. The Company maintains an effective system of "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the 1934 Act) that complies with the requirements of the 1934 Act and that has been designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company under the 1934 Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company also maintains an effective system of "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the 1934 Act) that complies with the requirements of the 1934 Act and has been designed by, or under the supervision of, the Company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with US GAAP, including, but not limited to, internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences (it being understood that this subsection shall not require the Company to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 as of an earlier date than it would otherwise be required to so comply under applicable law). The Company's auditors and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company have been advised of: (i) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which have adversely affected or are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting. Upon the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, the Company will be in compliance in all material respects with all provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that are effective and applicable to the Company as of such date as an "issuer" as defined under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(q) <u>Taxes.</u> The Company has properly filed all necessary federal, state, local, and foreign income tax returns required to be filed by it and has paid all taxes shown as due and payable thereon (or has obtained appropriate extensions), except for taxes that are being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves have been established in the Company's financial statements. No tax deficiency has been asserted or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened to be asserted against the Company. The Company has made appropriate provisions in the financial statements included in the Registration Statement and Prospectus for all tax liabilities of the Company that have not been determined as of such date, except to the extent it would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(r) <u>Compliance with Instruments.</u> The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the Escrow Agreement, the compliance with the terms and provisions hereof and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein, therein and in the Registration Statement and Prospectus by the Company, do not and will not violate or constitute a breach of, or default under: (i) the Articles or Bylaws of the Company, each as amended; (ii) any of the terms, provisions, or conditions of any material instrument, agreement, or indenture to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound or by which its business, assets, investments or properties may be affected; or (iii) any order, statute, rule, or regulation applicable to the Company, or any of its business, investments, assets or properties, of any court or (to the knowledge of the Company) any governmental authority or agency having jurisdiction over the Company, or any of its business, investments, properties or assets; and to the knowledge of the Company do not and will not result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge, claim, or encumbrance upon any property or asset of the Company.

(s) <u>Insurance</u>. The Company maintains insurance (issued by insurers of recognized financial responsibility) of the types and in the amounts generally deemed adequate for its business and, to the knowledge of the Company, consistent with insurance coverage maintained by similar companies and similar businesses, all of which insurance is in full force and effect.

(t) <u>Work Force</u>. To the knowledge of the Company, no general labor problem exists or is imminent with the employees of the Company.

(u) <u>Securities Matters.</u> The Company and its officers, directors, or affiliates have not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to, or that might reasonably be expected to, cause or result in or constitute the stabilization or manipulation of any security of the Company or to facilitate the sale or resale of the Units.

(v) <u>Payment of Commissions and Fees.</u> Except as stated in or contemplated by the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any affiliate of the Company has paid or awarded, nor will any such person pay or award, directly or indirectly, any commission or other compensation to any person engaged to render investment advice to a potential purchaser of Units as an inducement to advise the purchase of Units. The Company and its officers, directors and employees will comply with SEC Rule 3a4-1.

(w) Company Intellectual Property. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and Prospectus:

(i) the Company owns, possesses, licenses or has other rights to use the patents and patent applications, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade names, technology, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary rights) and other intellectual property (or could acquire such intellectual property upon commercially reasonable terms) necessary to conduct its business in the manner in which it is being conducted (collectively, the "Company Intellectual Property");

(ii) to the Company's knowledge, none of the patents owned or licensed by the Company, if any, is unenforceable or invalid, and, to the Company's knowledge, none of the patent applications owned or licensed by the Company would be unenforceable or invalid if issued as patents;

(iii) the Company is not obligated to pay a royalty, grant a license, or provide other consideration to any third party in connection with the Company Intellectual Property other than as disclosed in the Prospectus and other than for in-bound "shrink-wrap" end-user licenses and similar generally available commercial end-user licenses;

(iv) the Company has not received any notice of violation or conflict with rights of others with respect to the Company Intellectual Property;

(v) there are no pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened actions, suits, proceedings or claims by others that the Company is infringing any patent, trade secret, trade mark, service mark, copyright or other intellectual property or proprietary right; and

(vi) the products or processes of the Company referenced in the Prospectus do not, to the knowledge of the Company, violate or conflict with any intellectual property or proprietary right of any third person.

(x) <u>Forward Looking Statement</u>. No forward-looking statement (within the meaning of Section 27A of the 1933 Act and Section 21E of the 1934 Act) contained in or incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement or the Prospectus has been made or reaffirmed without a reasonable basis or has been disclosed other than in good faith.

(y) <u>Industry and Market Statistics</u>. The industry-related and market-related statistics obtained from independent industry publications and reports and included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus agree with the sources from which they are derived. The Company has provided copies of all such sources to you.

(z) <u>Company/Director Relationships</u>. No relationship exists between or among the Company and any director, officer, stockholder or affiliate of the Company which is required by the 1933 Act and the Rules and Regulations to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus which is not so described and described as required in material compliance with such requirement. There are no outstanding loans, advances (except advances for business expenses in the ordinary course of business) or guarantees of indebtedness by the Company to or for the benefit of any of the officers or directors of the Company or any of their respective family members.

(aa) <u>Relationships with FINRA Members.</u> The Company has not sold any securities to any person or entity nor is there any beneficial owner of the Company's unregistered equity securities, that acquired said securities during the 180-day period immediately preceding the effective date, that has an association or affiliation with any member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA").

(bb) <u>Political Contributions</u>. The Company has not, directly or indirectly, at any time (i) made any contributions to any candidate for political office, or failed to disclose fully any such contribution in violation of law, or (ii) made any payment to any state, federal or foreign governmental officer or official, or other person charged with similar public or quasi-public duties, other than payments or contributions required or allowed by applicable law.

(cc) <u>Transfer Taxes</u>. On the Closing Date, all transfer or other taxes (including franchise, capital stock or other tax, other than income taxes imposed by any jurisdiction), if any, which are required to be paid in connection with the sale and transfer of the Units will have been fully paid or provided for by the Company and all laws imposing such taxes will have been fully complied with.

(dd) <u>Exhibits</u>. All contracts and other documents of the Company which are, under the Rules and Regulations, required to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement have been so filed.

(ee) <u>No Other Offering Materials</u>. The Company has not distributed and will not distribute any prospectus or other offering material in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities other than any Preliminary Prospectus, or the Prospectus or other materials permitted by the Act to be distributed by the Company.

(ff) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. The Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities, will not be an "investment company," as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(gg) Anti-Bribery and Anti-Money Laundering Laws. Each of the Company, its subsidiaries, its affiliates and any of their respective officers, directors, supervisors, managers, agents, or employees, has not violated, its participation in the offering will not violate, and the Company and each of its subsidiaries has instituted and maintains policies and procedures designed to ensure continued compliance with, each of the following laws: (A) anti-bribery laws, including but not limited to, any applicable law, rule, or regulation of any locality, including but not limited to any law, rule, or regulation promulgated to implement the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, signed December 17, 1997, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, the U.K. Bribery Act 2010, or any other law, rule or regulation of similar purposes and scope or (B) anti-money laundering laws, including but not limited to, applicable federal, state, international, foreign or other laws, regulations or government guidance regarding anti-money laundering, including, without limitation, Title 18 US. Code section 1956 and 1957, the Patriot Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, and international anti-money laundering principles or procedures by an intergovernmental group or organization, such as the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering, of which the United States is a member and with which designation the United States representative to the group or organization continues to concur, all as amended, and any Executive order, directive, or regulation pursuant to the authority of any of the foregoing, or any orders or licenses issued thereunder. The Company has instituted, maintains and enforces policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with anti-bribery laws.

## (hh) OFAC.

(A) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries, nor any or their directors, officers or employees, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any agent, affiliate or representative of the Company or its subsidiaries, is an individual or entity that is, or is owned or controlled by an individual or entity that is:

(1) the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, *"Sanctions"*), nor

(2) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions (including, without limitation, Burma/Myanmar, Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).

(B) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries will, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other individual or entity:

(1) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any individual or entity or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions; or

(2) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any individual or entity (including any individual or entity participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).

(C) For the past five years, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has knowingly engaged in, and is not now knowingly engaged in, any dealings or transactions with any individual or entity, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions.

(ii) <u>Compliance with Occupational Laws</u>. The Company and each of its subsidiaries (A) is in compliance, in all material respects, with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, treaties, statutes and codes promulgated by any and all Governmental Authorities (including pursuant to the Occupational Health and Safety Act) relating to the protection of human health and safety in the workplace (*"Occupational Laws"*); (B) has received all material permits, licenses or other approvals required of it under applicable Occupational Laws to conduct its business as currently conducted; and (C) is in compliance, in all material respects, with all terms and conditions of such permit, license or approval. No action, proceeding, revocation proceeding, writ, injunction or claim is pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened against the Company or any of its subsidiaries relating to Occupational Laws, and the Company does not have knowledge of any facts, circumstances or developments relating to its operations or cost accounting practices that could reasonably be expected to form the basis for or give rise to such actions, suits, investigations or proceedings.

(jj) <u>ERISA and Employee Benefits Matters</u>. (A) To the knowledge of the Company, no "prohibited transaction" as defined under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code and not exempt under ERISA Section 408 and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder has occurred with respect to any Employee Benefit Plan. At no time has the Company or any ERISA Affiliate maintained, sponsored, participated in, contributed to or has or had any liability or obligation in respect of any Employee Benefit Plan subject to Part 3 of Subtitle B of Title I of ERISA, Title IV of ERISA, or Section 412 of the Code or any "multiemployer plan" as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA or any multiple employer plan for which the Company or any ERISA Affiliate has incurred or could incur liability under Section 4063 or 4064 of ERISA. No Employee Benefit Plan provides or promises, or at any time provided or promised, retiree health, life insurance, or other retiree welfare benefits except as may be required by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended,

or similar state law. Each Employee Benefit Plan is and has been operated in material compliance with its terms and all applicable laws, including but not limited to ERISA and the Code and, to the knowledge of the Company, no event has occurred (including a "reportable event" as such term is defined in Section 4043 of ERISA) and no condition exists that would subject the Company or any ERISA Affiliate to any material tax, fine, lien, penalty or liability imposed by ERISA, the Code or other applicable law. Each Employee Benefit Plan intended to be gualified under Code Section 401(a) is so gualified and has a favorable determination or opinion letter from the IRS upon which it can rely, and any such determination or opinion letter remains in effect and has not been revoked; to the knowledge of the Company, nothing has occurred since the date of any such determination or opinion letter that is reasonably likely to adversely affect such qualification; (B) with respect to each Foreign Benefit Plan, such Foreign Benefit Plan (1) if intended to qualify for special tax treatment, meets, in all material respects, the requirements for such treatment, and (2) if required to be funded, is funded to the extent required by applicable law, and with respect to all other Foreign Benefit Plans, adequate reserves therefor have been established on the accounting statements of the applicable Company or subsidiary; (C) the Company does not have any obligations under any collective bargaining agreement with any union and no organization efforts are underway with respect to Company employees. As used in this Agreement, "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; "Employee Benefit Plan" means any "employee benefit plan" within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA, including, without limitation, all stock purchase, stock option, stock-based severance, employment, change-in-control, medical, disability, fringe benefit, bonus, incentive, deferred compensation, employee loan and all other employee benefit plans, agreements, programs, policies or other arrangements, whether or not subject to ERISA, under which (x) any current or former employee, director or independent contractor of the Company or its subsidiaries has any present or future right to benefits and which are contributed to, sponsored by or maintained by the Company or any of its respective subsidiaries or (y) the Company or any of its subsidiaries has had or has any present or future obligation or liability; "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended; "ERISA Affiliate" means any member of the company's controlled group as defined in Code Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o); and "Foreign Benefit Plan" means any Employee Benefit Plan established, maintained or contributed to outside of the United States of America or which covers any employee working or residing outside of the United States.

(kk) <u>Disclosure of Legal Matters</u>. There are no statutes, regulations, legal or governmental proceedings or contracts or other documents required by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission to be described in the Prospectus or included as exhibits to the Registration Statement that are not described or included as required.

3. Representations and Warranties of Sales Agent. Each of you represents and warrants to the Company that:

(a) <u>FINRA Membership</u>. You are a member, in good standing, of FINRA, and are duly registered as a broker-dealer under the 1934 Act, and under the laws of each state in which you propose to offer the Units, except where such registration would not be required by law.

(b) <u>Full Power</u>. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by you and is a valid and binding agreement of you, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforceability may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, liquidation, reorganization, or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in equity or at law, (ii) general equity principles, and (iii) limitations imposed by federal and state securities laws or the public policy underlying such laws regarding the enforceability of indemnification or contribution provisions.

(c) <u>Compliance with Instruments.</u> The consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Prospectus relating to the Offering will not violate or constitute a breach of, or default under, your articles of incorporation or bylaws, or any material instrument, agreement, or indenture to which you are a party, or violate any order, statute, rule or regulation applicable to you of any court, federal or state regulatory body or administrative agency having jurisdiction over you or your property.

(d) <u>Offering</u>. You have not distributed and will not distribute, prior to the time of purchase, any "issuer free writing prospectus" as defined in Rule 433 of the 1933 Act. Assuming compliance by the Company with all relevant provisions of the 1933 Act in connection with the Prospectus, you will conduct all offers and sales of the Units in compliance with the relevant provisions of the 1933 Act and various state securities laws and regulations.

## (e) No Relationship with Company.

(i) Neither you nor any of your officers, directors, affiliates or registered representatives ("Related Persons") have any association or affiliation with any officer or director of the Company, of any beneficial owner of five percent (5%) or more of any class of the Company's securities, and of any beneficial owner of the Company's unregistered securities that were acquired during the 180 day period immediately preceding the required filing date of this offering, as described in FINRA Corporate Finance Rule 5110(b)(6)(iii).

(ii) Neither you nor any Related Person has made a loan or extended credit to the Company. Neither you nor any Related Persons will or have acquired any of the Company's securities during the 180-day period preceding the required filing date of this Offering through the 90-day period following the effective date of the Offering, including but not limited to acquisitions in connection with the corporate reorganization transactions described in the Prospectus and the "Part II—Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities" section of the Registration Statement. No portion of the Offering Proceeds has or will be directed to us or a Related Person.

## 4. Sale of Units.

(a) Exclusive Agency. Upon the basis of the representations and warranties of the Company and the Sales Agents set forth in this Agreement, the Company engages you and you agree to act as the Company's exclusive agents, on a best efforts basis, in connection with the offer and sale by the Company during the Offering Period (as defined in Section 4(c) below) of a minimum of Units and a maximum of Units. Subject to your commitment to sell the Units on a "best efforts basis" as provided herein, nothing in this Agreement shall prevent you from entering into an agency agreement, underwriting agreement, or other similar agreement governing the offer and sale of securities with any other issuer of securities, and nothing contained herein shall be construed in any way as precluding or restricting your right to sell or offer for sale securities issued by any other person, including securities similar to, or competing with, the Units. It is understood between the parties that there is no firm commitment by you to purchase any or all of the Units and you shall have no authority to bind the Company in respect of the sale of any Units. You may retain other brokers or dealers ("Selected Dealers") who are members in good standing of FINRA and registered in any states in which the Offering is conducted to assist you and to act

as subagents on your behalf in connection with the offering and sale of the Units and you may enter into agreements for the offer and sale of the Units adopting such provisions of this Agreement for the benefit of the Selected Dealers as you deem appropriate; provided, however, that the Company will only be obligated to pay you for services rendered hereunder. Each Selected Dealer will indemnify the Company on terms and conditions similar to those set forth in Section 8(b) of this Agreement for any statements, acts, or omissions by such Selected Dealer in connection with the offer or sale of the Units not expressly authorized by the Company or the Sales Agents and for any material misrepresentation or material breach of warranty or covenant or other breach by such Selected Dealer of its agreement with the Sales Agents, or any failure or alleged failure by such Selected Dealer to comply with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

(b) <u>Obligation to Offer Units.</u> Your obligation to offer the Units is subject to receipt by you of written advice from the Commission that the Registration Statement is effective, is subject to the Units being qualified for offering under applicable laws in the states as may be reasonably designated by you, is subject to the absence of any prohibitory action by any governmental body, agency, or official, and is subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and in the Registration Statement.

(c) <u>Offering Termination Date</u>. The "Offering Period" shall commence on the day that the Prospectus is first made available to prospective investors in connection with the offering for sale of the Units and shall continue until the "Offering Termination Date," which shall be the earliest of (i) the date on which the maximum number of Units (2,000,000) offered have been sold, (ii) the date on which the Company withdraws the Registration Statement, (iii) the date on which the Company files a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement deregistering any unsold Units, (iv) November 13, 2015 or (v) such other date mutually agreeable to the parties hereto.

(d) Escrow Account. Proceeds from the sale of the Units will be deposited into an escrow account (the "Escrow Account") with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the form of which is attached as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, until a minimum of 1,200,000 Units have been sold. The Sales Agents shall deliver, as applicable, to the Escrow Agent for deposit in the Escrow Account all funds received from purchasers of the Units by noon of the next business day after receipt together with a written account of each sale, which account shall set forth, among other things, (a) the purchaser's name and address, (b) the number of Units purchased by the purchaser, (c) the amount paid therefor by the purchaser, (d) whether the consideration received from the purchaser was in the form of a check, draft or money order, and (e) the purchaser's social security or tax identification number. All payments of, from or on account of such funds shall be made pursuant to the Escrow Agreement. The Company and you each shall have the option to accept or reject any offer to purchase Units have been accepted. Any funds relating to an offer to purchase Units that is not accepted, in whole or in part, shall be promptly returned by the Escrow Agent. In the event the Company does not sell a minimum of 1,200,000 Units by November 13, 2015, the Company will not close on those funds received and promptly return all purchaser funds according to the terms of the Escrow Agreement.

(e) <u>Closing Date</u>. As and when the closing of the Offering is effected, which shall be on or before the Offering Termination Date, and proceeds from the Units sold are received and accepted, on such date (the "Closing Date") and at such time and place as determined by you (which determination shall be subject to the satisfaction on such date of the conditions contained herein), the funds received from purchasers will be delivered by the Escrow Agent to the Company, by wire transfer of immediately available funds, on the Closing Date.

(f) <u>Placement Agent Fees.</u> In consideration for your execution of this Agreement and for the performance of your obligations hereunder, the Company agrees to pay International Assets Advisory, LLC (the "Placement Agent"), by wire transfer of immediately available funds on the Closing Date, if any, a selling commission computed at the rate of (i) seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of the gross proceeds of the Units sold in the Offering to purchasers who were solicited by you and who are not Company Purchasers (as defined below), and (ii) three percent (3.0%) of the gross proceeds of Units sold in the Offering to purchasers opened securities accounts with, and purchased such Units through, International Assets Advisory, LLC ("Company Purchasers"). The Company and you agree that all Units sold in the Offering will be sold at the public offering price. International Assets Advisory, LLC may, in its sole discretion, refuse to accept orders for Units from Company Purchasers for any reason or no reason. International Assets Advisory, LLC will allocate commissions among the Sales Agents in accordance with the terms of the agreements among the Sales Agents.

(g) Reserved.

(h) Accountable Expense Allowance. The Company will provide Placement Agent with an accountable expense allowance of up to one percent (1.0%) of the amount of the offering. An advance on the accountable expense allowance in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) has been paid to Placement Agent. Such amount has been wholly used by Placement Agent to pay the initial fee of its counsel. If the advances paid by the Company to the Placement Agent exceed the amount of accountable expenses actually incurred, the excess amount will be returned to the Company. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any other agreement or understandings between the parties, the amount reimbursable shall not exceed the amount of out-of-pocket accountable expenses actually incurred by IAA in compliance with Rule 5110(f)(2)(D) of the FINRA Rules. In addition any advance received by the Sales Agent or any Selected Dealer will be reimbursed to the Company to the extent not actually incurred pursuant to FINRA Corporate Financing Rule 5110(f)(2)(C).

(i) <u>Finder's/Other Fees.</u> Except as set forth in the Registration Statement, you nor the Company, directly or indirectly, shall pay or award any finder's fee, commission, or other compensation to any person engaged by a prospective purchaser for investment advice as an inducement to such advisor to advise the purchase of the Units or for any other purpose. No warrant solicitation or other fees shall be paid in connection with the Offering.

(j) <u>Delivery of Units</u>. Delivery of the Units shall be made at your offices or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Company and you, on such date as you may request (each a "Date of Delivery"). Such securities shall be issued in such denominations and registered in such names as you may request in writing at least three full business days before the Date of Delivery.

## 5. Covenants.

(a) Covenants of the Company. The Company covenants with you as follows:

(i) <u>Notices.</u> Until the Offering Termination Date, the Company immediately will notify you, and confirm such notice in writing, (A) of any fact that would make inaccurate any representation or warranty by the Company, and (B) of any change in facts on which your obligation to perform under this Agreement is dependent.

(ii) Effectiveness of Registration Statement. The Company will use its best efforts to cause the Registration Statement to become effective (if not yet effective at the date and time this Agreement is executed and delivered by the parties hereto). If the Company elects to rely upon Rule 430A of the Rules and Regulations or the filing of the Prospectus is otherwise required under Rule 424(b) of the Rules and Regulations, and subject to the provisions of Section 5(a)(iii) of this Agreement, the Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 430A and will file the Prospectus, properly completed, pursuant to the applicable provisions of Rule 424(b) within the time prescribed. The Company will notify you immediately, and confirm the notice in writing, (A) when the Registration Statement, or any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement, shall have become effective, or any supplement to the Prospectus, or any amended Prospectus shall have been filed, (B) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (C) of any request by the Commission to amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the Prospectus or for additional information, and (D) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the suspension of the qualification of the Units for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the institution or threatening of any proceeding for any such purposes. The Company will use all reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order or of any order preventing or suspending such use and, if any such order is issued, to obtain the withdrawal thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(iii) <u>Amendments to Registration Statement and Prospectus.</u> The Company will not at any time file or make any amendment to the Registration Statement, or any amendment or supplement (A) to the Prospectus, if the Company has not elected to rely upon Rule 430A, or (B) if the Company has elected to rely upon Rule 430A, to either the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time it becomes effective or to the Prospectus filed in accordance with Rule 424(b), in either case if you shall not have previously been advised and furnished a copy thereof a reasonable time prior to the proposed filing, or if you or your counsel shall reasonably object to such amendment or supplement; provided, however, that if you shall have objected to such amendment or supplement, you shall cease your efforts to sell the Units until an amendment or supplement is filed.

(iv) <u>Delivery of Registration Statement.</u> The Company has delivered to you or will deliver to you, without expense to you, at such locations as you shall request, as soon as the Registration Statement or any amended Registration Statement is available, such number of signed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of amended Registration Statements, if any, copies of all exhibits and documents filed therewith, and signed copies of all consents and certificates of experts, as you may reasonably request.

(v) <u>Delivery of Prospectus</u>. The Company will deliver to you at its expense, as soon as the Registration Statement shall have become effective and thereafter from time to time as requested during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as supplemented or amended) as you may reasonably request. Until the Offering Termination Date, the Company will comply, to the best of its ability, with the 1933 Act and the Rules and Regulations so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Units as contemplated in this Agreement and in the prospectus. If the delivery of a prospectus is required at any time prior to the expiration of nine months after the time of issue of the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made when such Prospectus is delivered not misleading or, if for any reason it shall be necessary during the same period to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to comply with the 1933 Act, the Company will notify you and upon your request prepare and furnish without charge to you and to any dealer in securities as many copies as you may from time to time reasonably request of an amended Prospectus or a supplement to the Prospectus that will correct such statement or omission or

effect such compliance, and in case you are required to deliver a prospectus in connection with sales of any of the Units, upon your request but at your expense, the Company will prepare and deliver to you as many copies as you may request of an amended or supplemented Prospectus complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act.

(vi) <u>Blue Sky Qualification</u>. The Company, in good faith and in cooperation with you, will use its best efforts to qualify the Units for offering and sale under (or obtain exemptions from the application of) the applicable "blue sky" or securities laws of such jurisdictions as you from time to time may reasonably designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect until the date on which the Company ceases to be obligated to maintain the effectiveness of the Registration Statement; provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to qualify as a foreign entity in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to make any undertakings in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject or to take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any such jurisdiction where it is not currently qualified or where it would be subject to taxation as a foreign entity where it is not now so subject. The Company will file such statements and reports as may be required by the laws of each jurisdiction in which the Units have been qualified as above provided.

(vii) <u>Application of Net Proceeds.</u> The Company will apply the net proceeds received from the sale of the Units in all material respects as set forth in the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds."

(viii) <u>Cooperation with Your Due Diligence.</u> At all times prior to the Offering Termination Date, the Company will cooperate with you in such investigation as you may make or cause to be made of all the business and operations of the Company in connection with the sale of the Units, and will make available to you in connection therewith such information in its possession as you may reasonably request, all of which you agree to safeguard as the confidential information of the Company and to refrain from using for any purpose adverse to the interests of the Company.

(ix) <u>Transfer Agent.</u> The Company will act as or otherwise maintain a transfer agent and, if necessary under applicable jurisdictions, a registrar (which may be the same entity as the transfer agent) for the Units.

(x) <u>NASDAQ</u>. The Company will use its reasonable best efforts have the Units, the Common Shares and the Warrants listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market.

(xi) <u>Actions of Company, Officers, Directors, and Affiliates.</u> The Company will not and will use its best efforts to cause its officers, directors, and affiliates not to (i) take, directly or indirectly, prior to termination of the Offering contemplated by this Agreement, any action designed to stabilize or manipulate the price of any security of the Company, or that may cause or result in, or that might in the future reasonably be expected to cause or result in, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company, (ii) other than under this Agreement, sell, bid for, purchase, or pay anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of the Units or (iii) pay or agree to pay to any person any compensation for soliciting any order to purchase any other securities of the Company.

(xii) <u>Effective Registration Statement</u>. So long as any Warrants or Placement Agent Warrants are outstanding, the Company shall use its reasonable efforts to cause post-effective amendments to the Registration Statement, or new registration statements which may be on Form S-1 or S-3, as the case may be, to become effective in compliance with the 1993 Act and without any lapse of time between the effectiveness of any such post-effective amendments or new registration statement, and the Registration Statement, and cause a copy of each Prospectus, as then amended, to be delivered to each holder of record of a Warrant and to furnish to the Placement Agent and dealers as many copies of each such prospectus as the Underwriter or dealers may reasonably request.

### (b) Covenants of the Sales Agents. You covenant with the Company as follows:

(i) <u>Information Provided</u>. You have not provided and will not provide to the purchasers of Units any written or oral information regarding the business of the Company, including any representations regarding the Company's financial condition or financial prospects, other than such information as is contained in the Prospectus. You further covenant that you will use your best efforts to comply in the offering of the Units with such purchaser suitability requirements as may be imposed by state securities or blue sky requirements.

(ii) <u>Prospectus Statements</u>. Until the termination of this Agreement, if any event affecting the Prospectus, the Company or you shall occur which, in the opinion of counsel to the Company, should be set forth in a supplement to the Prospectus, you agree to distribute each supplement of the Prospectus to each person who has previously received a copy of the Prospectus from you and you further agree to include such supplement in all future deliveries of the Prospectus. You agree that following notice from the Company that a supplement to the Prospectus is necessary, you will cease further efforts to sell the Units until such a supplement is prepared and delivered to you.

(iii) <u>Compliance with Laws, Etc</u>. In connection with or in contemplation of your sale of the Units, you will comply in all material respects with applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations and the rules and regulations of applicable self-regulatory organizations (provided, however, that you shall be deemed not to have breached this covenant if your failure to so comply is based on a breach by the Company of any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained in this Agreement and you shall have complied with Section 5(b)(ii) above).

6. Payment of Expenses. Except as is expressly provided to the contrary in Section 10 of this Agreement, the Company hereby agrees that it will pay all fees and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement (excluding fees and expenses of counsel for you, except as specifically set forth below), including (a) the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits), as originally filed and as amended, the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, and the cost of furnishing copies thereof to you, (b) the preparation, printing, and distribution of this Agreement, the certificates representing the Securities, any Blue Sky Memoranda, and any instruments relating to any of the foregoing, (c) the issuance and delivery of the Units, including any transfer taxes payable thereon, (d) the fees and disbursements of the Company's counsel and accountants, (e) the qualification of the Units under applicable securities laws in accordance with Section 5(a)(vi) of this Agreement and any filing fee paid in connection with the review of the Offering by FINRA, including filing fees and fees and disbursements made in connection therewith and in connection with any Blue Sky Memoranda supplied to you by counsel for the Company, (f) all costs, fees, and expenses in connection with the application for qualifying the Units, Shares and Warrants for quotation on the NASDAQ Capital Market, (g) the transfer agent's and registrar's fees, if any, and all miscellaneous expenses referred to in the Registration Statement, (h) costs related to travel and lodging incurred by the Company and its representatives relating to meetings with and presentations to prospective purchasers of the Units reasonably determined by you to be necessary or desirable to effect the sale of the Units to the public, (i) any escrow arrangements in connection with the transactions described herein, including any compensation or reimbursement to the Escrow Agent for its services as such, and (j) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the Company's obligations hereunder that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section 6. In addition, on the Closing Date, the Company will pay International Assets Advisory, LLC an accountable expense allowance not to exceed one percent (1.0%) of the public offering price of the Units sold in the Offering, less any advances on such

accountable expense allowance previously paid by the Company to you. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the expense allowance shall not exceed the amount of accountable expenses actually incurred. If the advances previously paid by the Company to you exceed the amount of accountable expenses actually incurred by you, the excess amount will be returned to the Company. Except as otherwise set forth in Section 10 of this Agreement, no selling commissions will be paid to you and none of your expenses will be reimbursed in the event that the Offering does not close.

7. <u>Conditions of Your Obligations</u>. Your obligations hereunder shall be subject to, in your discretion, the following terms and conditions:

(a) <u>Effectiveness of Registration Statement.</u> The Registration Statement shall have become effective not later than 5:30 p.m. on the date of this Agreement or, at such later time or on such later date as you may agree to in writing; and as of the Closing Date no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the 1933 Act and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or shall be pending or, to your knowledge or the knowledge of the Company, shall be contemplated by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the satisfaction of your counsel.

(b) Closing Date Matters. On the Closing Date, (i) the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as they may then be amended or supplemented, in all material respects shall conform to the requirements of the 1933 Act and the Rules and Regulations; the Company shall have complied in all material respects with Rule 430A (if it shall have elected to rely thereon) and neither the Registration Statement nor the Prospectus, as they may then be amended or supplemented, shall 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, (ii) there shall not have been, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, any material adverse change in the business, prospects, properties, assets, results of operations or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Company whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, (iii) no action, suit or proceeding at law or in equity shall be pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened against the Company that would be required to be set forth in the Prospectus other than as set forth therein and no proceedings shall be pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against the Company before or by any federal, state or other commission, board or administrative agency wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding could materially adversely affect the business, prospects, assets, results of operations or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Company other than as set forth in the Prospectus, (iv) the Company shall have complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied on or prior to the Closing Date, and (v) the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement shall be accurate in all material respects as though expressly made at and as of the Closing Date. On the Closing Date, you shall have received a certificate executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, dated as of the Closing Date, to such effect and with respect to the following additional matters: (A) the Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus has been issued, and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to his knowledge, threatened under the 1933 Act; and (B) he has reviewed the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and, when the Registration Statement became effective and at all times subsequent thereto up to the delivery of such certificate, the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto contained no untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

(c) <u>Opinions of Foley & Lardner LLP</u>. At the Closing Date, you shall receive the opinion of Foley & Lardner LLP, counsel for the Company, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to you, to the effect of Exhibit A.

(d) <u>Opinion of Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP</u>. At the Closing Date, you shall receive the opinion of Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP, your counsel, with respect to such matters as you may reasonably require, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they may reasonably request for the purpose of enabling them to pass on such matters.

(e) <u>Comfort Letter</u>. At the time that this Agreement is executed by the Company, you shall have received from Skoda Minotti, Tampa, Florida, a letter, dated the date hereof and in form and substance satisfactory to you, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each Selected Dealer, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information of the Company contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus.

(f) <u>Updated Comfort Letter</u>. At the Closing Date, you shall have received from Skoda Minotti, Tampa, Florida, a letter, in form and substance satisfactory to you and dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect that they reaffirm the statements made in the letter furnished pursuant to Section 7(e) above, except that the specified date referred to shall be a date not more than five (5) days prior to the Closing Date.

(g) <u>Post-Financial Developments.</u> In the event that either of the letters to be delivered pursuant to Sections 7(e) and 7(f) above sets forth any changes, decreases or increases, it shall be a further condition to your obligations that you shall have reasonably determined, after discussions with officers of the Company responsible for financial and accounting matters and with Skoda Minotti, Tampa, Florida, that such changes, decreases or increases as are set forth in such letter do not reflect a material adverse change in the capital stock, long-term debt, obligations under capital leases, total assets, net current assets, or shareholders' equity of the Company as compared with the amounts shown in the latest balance sheet of the Company, or a material adverse change in the revenues or operating income before interest, depreciation and amortization for the Company.

(h) <u>Additional Information</u>. On the Closing Date, you shall have been furnished with all such documents, certificates and opinions as you may reasonably request for the purpose of enabling your counsel to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Units as contemplated in this Agreement and the matters referred to in Section 7(b), and in order to evidence the accuracy and completeness of, any of the representations, warranties or statements of the Company, the performance of any of the covenants of the Company, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Company at or prior to the Closing Date in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of the Units as contemplated in this Agreement, shall be satisfactory in form and substance to you and to your counsel. The Company will furnish you with such number of conformed copies of such opinions, certificates, letters and documents as you shall reasonably request. Any certificate signed by any officer, partner, or other official of the Company and delivered to you or your counsel shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to you as to the statements made therein.

(i) <u>Adverse Events.</u> Subsequent to the date hereof, there shall not have occurred any of the following: (i) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities generally on the NASDAQ Capital Market, (ii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities in the State of Florida or United States, (iii) the outbreak or escalation of hostilities involving the United States or the declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war if the effect of any such event specified in this clause (iii) in your reasonable judgment makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering

or the delivery of the Units on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus, or (iv) such a material adverse change in general economic, political, financial or international conditions affecting financial markets in the United States having a material adverse impact on trading prices of securities in general, as, in your reasonable judgment, makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering of the Units or the delivery of the Units on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus.

(j) <u>FINRA Review.</u> FINRA, upon review of the terms of the Offering, shall not have objected to the Offering, the terms of the Offering or your participation in the Offering.

(k) NASDAQ Quotation. The Units, Shares and Warrants shall be approved for quotation on the NASDAQ Capital Market.

(1) <u>IAA Satisfaction</u>. In the opinion of IAA, there will have been no material adverse changes in the business or financial condition of the Company or any material adverse change in the overall capital markets of the United States, and IAA is satisfied in its sole and unfettered discretion with the results of any due diligence inquiry or matters.

If any of the conditions specified in this Section 7 shall not have been fulfilled when and as required by this Agreement to be fulfilled, this Agreement may be terminated by you on notice to the Company at any time at or prior to the Closing Date, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party, except as provided in Sections 6 and 10. Notwithstanding any such termination, the provisions of Section 8 shall remain in effect.

## 8. Indemnification and Contribution.

(a) Indemnification by the Company. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section 8(a), the Company will indemnify and hold you harmless against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities, joint or several, to which you may become subject under the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any breach of any representation, warranty or covenant of the Company herein contained or any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and will reimburse you for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by you in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage, or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or any such amendment or supplement, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by you expressly for use therein; provided further, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 8(a) with respect to the Prospectus shall not inure to your benefit if you failed to send or give a copy of the Prospectus to such person at or prior to the written confirmation of the sale of such Units to such person in any case where such delivery is required by the 1933 Act or the Rules and Regulations and if the Prospectus would have cured any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission giving rise to such loss, claim, damage, or liability. In addition to its other obligations under this Section 8(a), the Company agrees that, as an interim measure during the pendency of any such claim, action, investigation, inquiry, or other proceeding arising out of or based upon any statement or omission, or any alleged statement or omission, described in this Section 8(a), it will reimburse you on a monthly basis for all reasonable legal and other expenses incurred in connection with investigating or defending any such claim, action, investigation, inquiry. or other proceeding (to the extent documented by

reasonably itemized invoices therefor), notwithstanding the absence of a judicial determination as to the propriety and enforceability of the Company's obligation to reimburse you for such expenses and the possibility that such payments might later be held to have been improper by a court of competent jurisdiction. To the extent that any such interim reimbursement payment is so held to have been improper, you shall promptly return it to the person(s) from whom it was received. Any such interim reimbursement payments that are not made to you within thirty (30) days of a request for reimbursement shall bear interest at the prime rate (or reference rate or other commercial lending rate for borrowers of the highest credit standing) published from time to time by The Wall Street Journal (the "Prime Rate") from the date of such request. This indemnity agreement shall be in addition to any liabilities that the Company may otherwise have. For purposes of this Section 8, the information set forth in the second paragraph on the front cover page (insofar as such information relates to you) and under the caption "Plan of Distribution" in the Registration Statement and in the Prospectus constitutes the only information furnished by you to the Company for inclusion in the Prospectus or the Registration Statement. The Company will not, without your prior written consent, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in any pending or threatened action or claim or related cause of action or portion of such cause of action in respect of which indemnification may be sought hereunder (whether or not you are a party to such action or claim), unless such settlement, compromise, or consent includes an unconditional release of you from all liability arising out of such action or claim (or related cause of action or portion thereof). The indemnity agreement in this Section 8(a) shall extend upon the same terms and conditions to, and shall inure to the benefit of, each person, if any, who controls you within the meaning of the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act to the same extent as such agreement applies to you.

(b) Indemnification by the Sales Agents. Subject to the limitations in this paragraph below, each of you, severally and not jointly, will indemnify and hold harmless the Company against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which the Company may become subject, under the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act, or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any breach of any warranty or covenant by you herein contained or any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that (i) such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any such amendment or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by you expressly for use therein, or (ii) you failed to deliver an amendment or supplement to the Prospectus that the Company made available to you prior to the Closing Date and that corrected any statement or omission in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus which forms the basis for a claim against the Company, and will reimburse the Company for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action. In addition to its other obligations under this Section 8(b), you agree that, as an interim measure during the pendency of any such claim, action, investigation, inquiry, or other proceeding arising out of or based upon any statement or omission, or any alleged statement or omission, described in this Section 8(b), you will reimburse the Company on a monthly basis for all reasonable legal and other expenses incurred in connection with investigating or defending any such claim, action, investigation, inquiry, or other proceeding (to the extent documented by reasonably itemized invoices therefor), notwithstanding the absence of a judicial determination as to the propriety and enforceability of your obligation to reimburse the Company for such expenses and the possibility that such payments might later be held to have been improper by a court of competent jurisdiction. To the extent that any such interim reimbursement arrangement is so held to have been improper, the Company shall promptly return it to the person(s) from whom it was received. Any such interim reimbursement payments that are not made to the Company within thirty (30) days of a request for reimbursement shall bear interest at the Prime Rate from the date of such request. This indemnity

agreement shall be in addition to any liabilities that you may otherwise have. You will not, without the Company's prior written consent, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in any pending or threatened action or claim or related cause of action or portion of such cause of action in respect of which indemnification may be sought hereunder (whether or not the Company is a party to such action or claim), unless such settlement, compromise, or consent includes an unconditional release of the Company from all liability arising out of such action or claim (or related cause of action or portion thereof). The indemnity agreement in this Section 8(b) shall extend upon the same terms and conditions to, and shall inure to the benefit of, each officer and director of the Company and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act to the same extent as such agreement applies to the Company.

(c) Notices of Claims; Employment of Counsel. Any party that proposes to assert the right to be indemnified under this Section 8 promptly shall notify in writing each party against which a claim is to be made under this Section 8 of the institution of such action but the omission so to notify such indemnifying party of any such action shall not relieve it from any liability it may have to any indemnified party except (i) to the extent that the omission to notify shall have caused or increased the indemnifying party's liability or resulted in the forfeiture by the indemnifying party of substantial rights or defenses, and (ii) that the indemnifying party shall be relieved of its indemnity obligation for expenses of the indemnified party incurred before the indemnifying party is notified. Such indemnifying party or parties shall assume the defense of such action, including the employment of counsel (reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party) and payment of fees and expenses. An indemnified party shall have the right to employ its own counsel in any such case, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless the employment of such counsel shall have been authorized in writing by the indemnifying party or parties in connection with the defense of such action or the indemnifying party or parties shall not have employed counsel to have charge of the defense of such action or such indemnified party or parties shall have been advised by counsel that there may be defenses available to it or them that are different from or additional to those available to such indemnifying party or parties (in which case such indemnifying party or parties shall not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of the indemnified party or parties), in any of which events such fees and expenses shall be borne by such indemnifying party or parties; provided that the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel. Anything in this paragraph to the contrary notwithstanding, an indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any such claim or action effected without its written consent.

(d) <u>Arbitration</u>. It is agreed that any controversy arising out of the operation of the interim reimbursement arrangements set forth in Sections 8(a) and 8(b) hereof, including the amounts of any requested reimbursement payments, the method of determining such amounts and the basis on which such amounts shall be apportioned among the indemnifying parties, shall be settled by arbitration conducted pursuant to the Code of Arbitration Procedure of FINRA. Any such arbitration must be commenced by service of a written demand for arbitration or a written notice of intention to arbitrate, therein electing the arbitration tribunal. In the event the party demanding arbitration does not make such designation of an arbitration tribunal in such demand or notice, then the party responding to said demand or notice is authorized to do so. Any such arbitration will be limited to the operation of the interim reimbursement provisions contained in Sections 8(a) and 8(b) hereof and will not resolve the ultimate propriety or enforceability of the obligation to indemnify for expenses that is created by the provisions of Sections 8(a) and 8(b).

(e) <u>Contribution</u>. If the indemnification provided for in Section 8(a) or 8(b) is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then the Company on the one hand and you on the other shall contribute to the amount paid or payable as a result of such losses, claims,

damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and you on the other from the offering of the Units. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law, then the Company and you shall contribute to such amount paid or payable in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and you on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and you on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the Offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total selling commissions received by you in each case as set forth in the table on the cover page of the Prospectus. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or allegedly untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company on the one hand or to information with respect to you and furnished by you respectively, in writing specifically for inclusion in the Prospectus on the other and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission, The Company and you agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8(e) were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 8(e). The amount paid or payable as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this Section 8(e) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any such party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) with respect to the transactions giving rise to the right of contribution provided in this Section 8(e) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The obligations in this Section 8(e) for you to contribute are several in proportion to your respective underwriting obligations and not joint. For purposes of this Section 8(e), each person, if any, who controls you within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as you, and each director of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act, shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company.

9. <u>Representations and Agreements to Survive</u>. Except as the context otherwise requires, all representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by you, or on your behalf, or by any controlling person, or by or on behalf of the Company, and shall survive until the fifth anniversary of the Offering Termination Date and the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 10 hereof.

## 10. Termination of Agreement.

(a) <u>Termination of Agreement.</u> You shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time prior to the Closing Date if any of the conditions in Section 7(b) hereof have not been satisfied or otherwise waived by you, or if any of the events listed in Section 7(i) hereof occurs. If you elect to terminate the agreement as provided in this Section 10, you shall notify the Company promptly in writing. You shall have no liability to the Company pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise as a result of any such termination.

#### (b) Result of Termination.

(i) If:

(A) you should terminate this Agreement upon the breach by the Company of any material term of this Agreement;

(B) the Offering fails to close by November 13, 2015, for reasons within the control of the Company (it being understood that to the extent the Company used reasonable good faith efforts to respond to comments on the Registration Statement from the Commission and any other applicable regulatory body, then the Offering shall not be deemed in accordance with this Agreement to have failed for reasons within the control of the Company);

(C) the Offering fails to close by November 13, 2015 due to reasons beyond the control of the Company or you (other than your inability to sell the Units due to adverse market conditions or as a result of any factor referenced in Section 7(i) of this Agreement); or

(D) the Company abandons the Offering, then in addition to its obligations with respect to expenses as set forth in Section 6, the Company will reimburse you on demand for all your reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and disbursements (including the fees and expenses of your counsel) actually incurred by you in reviewing the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, and in investigating and making preparations for the marketing of the Units up to a maximum of \$100,000. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the amount reimbursable shall not exceed the amount of out-of-pocket accountable expenses actually incurred by you in compliance with applicable FINRA rules.

(ii) If the sale of the Units provided for herein is not consummated for any other reason, the Company shall pay expenses as required by Section 6, and neither party shall have any additional liability to the other except for such liabilities, if any, as may exist or thereafter arise under Section 8.

(iii) For purposes of clarification, if the closing of the Offering is not completed by November 13, 2015, this Agreement will expire and the Company will have no further obligation or liability hereunder except as set forth in Sections 6, 8, and 10 hereof and you will have no further obligation or liability hereunder except as set forth in Section 8 hereof.

## 11. Notices.

(a) <u>Method and Location of Notices.</u> All communications hereunder, except as herein otherwise specifically provided, shall be in writing and shall be sent by overnight courier, hand-delivery, facsimile or electronic mail and confirmed as follows:

To the Company:

LM Funding America, Inc. 302 Knights Run Avenue Suite 1000 Tampa, Florida 33602 Attention: Stephen Weclew, Chief Financial Officer Facsimile: (813) 221-7909 Email: sweclew@lmfunding.com

with copy to:

Foley & Lardner LLP 100 North Tampa Street, Suite 2700 Tampa, Florida 33602 Attention: Curt P. Creely, Esq. Facsimile: (813) 221-4210 Email: ccreely@foley.com

To the Sales Agents:

International Assets Advisory, LLC 390 North Orange Avenue, #750 Orlando, Florida 32801 Attention: Edward R. Cofrancesco Facsimile: (407) 254-1505 <u>Email: ecofrancesco@iaac.com</u>

with copy to:

Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP 911 Chestnut Street Clearwater, Florida 33756 Attention: Michael T. Cronin, Esq. Facsimile: (727) 462-0365 <u>Email: MikeC@jpfirm.com</u>

(b) <u>Time of Notices</u>. Notice shall be deemed to be given by you to the Company or by the Company to you when it is sent by overnight courier, hand-delivery, facsimile or electronic mail as provided in Section 11(a).

12. <u>Parties.</u> This Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of and shall be binding upon you, the Company and the controlling persons referred to in Section 8, and their respective successors, legal representatives and assigns. No other person shall have or be construed to have a legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of or by virtue of this Agreement or any provision herein contained, time of day refers to United States Eastern Time. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

13. <u>Governing Law, Construction, and Time</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware.

14. <u>Description Headings</u>. The descriptive headings of the several sections and paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute a part of this Agreement.

15. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, and if executed in more than one counterpart, the executed counterparts shall together constitute a single instrument.

[Signature page follows]

If the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding between you and the Company, please so indicate in the space provided below for that purpose, whereupon this letter shall constitute a binding agreement between us.

Very truly yours,

LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce M. Rodgers

Name: Bruce M. Rodgers Title: Chief Executive Officer

LM FUNDING, LLC

By: <u>/s/ Carollinn Gould</u> Name: Carollinn Gould Title: Manager

Confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written:

On behalf of the Sales Agents:

INTERNATIONAL ASSETS ADVISORY, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Edward R. Cofrancesco</u> Name: Edward R. Cofrancesco

Title: President

## List of Sales Agent

International Assets Advisory, LLC

## EXHIBIT A

## Form of Foley & Lardner Opinion

\_, 2015

International Assets Advisory, LLC 390 North Orange Avenue, #750 Orlando, Florida 32801 Attention: Edward R. Cofrancesco

Re: LM Funding America, Inc.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

This opinion is furnished to you pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Sales Agency Agreement (the "Sales Agency Agreement"), dated , 2015, by and between LM Funding America, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and each of the sales agents listed on Schedule I thereto, relating to the sale of a minimum of units and a maximum of units, with each unit consisting of one common share, \$0.001 par value, and one warrant, of the Company. All capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the Sales Agency Agreement. When we refer to the Company, we also include the Company's predecessor, LM Funding, LLC and subsidiaries, unless otherwise noted.

We have acted as counsel to the Company in connection with the Sales Agency Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby. We have examined (a) the Sales Agency Agreement and the Escrow Agreement, (b) the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, (c) the Articles and the Bylaws of the Company, (d) the proceedings of and actions taken by the Board of Directors of the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of the Units, and (e) such other records, certificates and documents as we have considered necessary or appropriate to render the opinions set forth below. We have, among other things, relied upon the representations and warranties contained in, and made pursuant to the Sales Agency Agreement. As to certain factual matters, we have relied upon certificates of public officials and upon certificates of officers of the Company and have not sought to independently verify such matters.

In expressing the opinions set forth below, we have assumed and relied upon the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to originals of all documents submitted to us as copies and the authenticity of the originals from which any such copies were made, the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all persons executing such documents and the due execution and delivery (other than by the Company) where due execution and delivery are prerequisites to the effectiveness thereof.

With regard to our opinion in paragraph 4 as to the absence of any stop order proceedings with respect the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the 1933 Act, we have relied solely upon our telephone call to the Commission, made as of the date of this opinion, that no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and that no proceedings for that purpose have been initiated or threatened by the Commission. We have made no further investigation.

The opinions set forth in this letter are limited solely to the laws of the States of Florida and Delaware and the federal laws of the United States of America, and we do not express any opinion regarding the laws of any other jurisdiction.

As used in this letter, the words "know," "to our knowledge" and words of similar import, when referring to this firm, mean the actual knowledge of any lawyer in this firm who has given substantive attention to matters related to the Company on a regular basis over the past six months.

Based on the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations, and qualifications stated in this letter, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Company has been duly organized and is an existing exempted company in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware. LM Funding, LLC is a limited liability company duly organized and in good standing under the laws of the State of Florida.

2. When the Securities are issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Registration Statement, the Securities covered by the Registration Statement will then be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

3. Assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery of the Sales Agency Agreement by the Company under Delaware law, the Sales Agency Agreement (to the extent execution and delivery are governed the laws of Delaware) has been duly executed and delivered by the Company.

4. The statements under the heading "Plan of Distribution" included in the Prospectus, insofar as they purport to describe the provisions of the documents referred to therein, are accurate, complete and fair in all material respects.

5. The Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act. To our knowledge, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued, no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened and the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (other than consolidated financial statements and related schedules and other financial information contained therein, as to which we do not express an opinion) comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act and the rules thereunder.

6. The Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Units and the application of their proceeds as described in the Prospectus under the heading "Use of Proceeds", will not be required to be registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

7. Neither the issuance and sale of the Units, nor the compliance by the Company with the provisions of the Sales Agency Agreement nor the performance by the Company of its obligations thereunder will, to our knowledge, conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any (i) U.S. federal or New York statute, law, rule, or regulation, or (ii) judgment, order or decree known to us applicable to the Company or its subsidiaries of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority in the United States having jurisdiction over the Company or its subsidiaries or any of its or their properties or assets.

8. To our knowledge, no consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of, or with, any court or governmental agency or body of the States of Florida and Delaware or the United States (other than as required by any state securities or Blue Sky laws) is required for the issue and sale of the Units or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by the Sales Agency Agreement except such as have been obtained under the 1933 Act.

In addition to the opinions provided above, we confirm to you as follows: we have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and in communications with officers and other representatives of the Company, representatives of the company, representatives of the Company, counsel for the Sales Agent and representatives of the Sales Agent pursuant to which the contents of the Registration Statement and Prospectus and related matters were discussed and although we have not independently verified, and (except as to those matters and to the extent set forth in the opinions referred to in paragraph 2 above) are not passing upon and do not assume any responsibility for, the factual accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, on the basis of such participation, no facts have come to our attention which have caused us to believe that (i) at the time it became effective and as of the time the Sales Agency Agreement was entered into, the Registration Statement (other than the financial statements and other financial data, and the information of each such person as an "expert" within the meaning of the 1933 Act, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, as to which we do not express a belief), contained any 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.

This opinion letter is provided to you for your exclusive use solely in connection with the transactions described above and may not be relied upon by any other person for any other purpose without our prior written consent.

This opinion letter may not be used, quoted, referred to, copied, published, relied upon or furnished to any other person without our prior written consent. This opinion letter speaks only as of the date hereof and to its addressee and we have no responsibility or obligation to update this opinion, to consider its applicability or correctness to other than its addressee, or to take into account changes in law, facts or any other developments of which we may later become aware.

Very truly yours,

Foley & Lardner LLP

## **CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

THIS CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT is made as of this 21st day of October, 2015 by and between CGR63, LLC ("63"), BRR HOLDING, LLC ("BRR") and LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC. ("America").

WHEREAS, 63 and BRR own all issued and outstanding equity of LM FUNDING, LLC ("LMF");

WHEREAS America is contemplating selling common shares and warrants in an initial public offering ("IPO");

WHEREAS, immediately prior to the registration statement for the IPO being declared effective, 63 and BRR desire to contribute all issued and outstanding equity of LMF to America;

WHEREAS, the parties intend that the contribution by 63 and BRR be taxed pursuant to IRC §351;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Contribution</u>. Upon the Effective Time (as hereinafter defined) BRR and 63 agree to contribute the following membership interests in LMF to America in exchange for the number of common shares of America indicated below:

Name	Transferred Interests	Shares of America
63	50	2,058,824
BRR	1	41,176

2. <u>Representations</u>. 63 and BRR hereby represent to America that the membership interests transferred to America hereunder are owned free and clear of all encumbrances and that after this transaction, America shall own all issued and outstanding equity of LMF. America hereby represents to 63 and BRR that all common shares issued to each of them in this transaction will, once issued in this transaction, be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

3. Effective Time. The transactions set forth herein shall occur and take effect immediately prior to the registration statement for the IPO becoming effective (the" Effective Time"). The parties agree that the transfer of the above indicated membership interests of LMF to America shall occur automatically, without any further action on the part of BRR or 63, upon the registration statement for the IPO being declared effective. In the event such registration statement has not been declared effective on or before December 31, 2015, then this Contribution Agreement shall terminate and no parties shall have any rights or obligations hereunder. The parties intend that the issuance of common shares of America to BRR and 63 hereunder and the issuance of common shares and warrants in the IPO be part of one single integrated transaction such that all purchasers in the IPO, 63 and BRR shall all be part of a single group in control of America after the completion of this single integrated transaction under IRC §351.

4. Miscellaneous.

- (a) This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.
- (b) In connection with the transactions contemplated herein the parties shall execute and deliver any further instruments or documents and take such further actions as reasonably necessary to give effect to the transactions contemplated herein.
- (c) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without regard to its conflict of laws principles.
- (d) 63 and BRR hereby waive any provisions in the LMF Operating Agreement (or any other document or instrument) requiring any notice or other action prior to making the contribution set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contribution Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

CGR63, LLC

By: /s/ Carollinn Gould

Its: Manager

BRR HOLDING, LLC

By: /s/ Carollinn Gould

Its: Manager

LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce M. Rodgers

Its: Chief Executive Officer

## **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is dated as of October 22, 2015 (the "Effective Date"), by and between LM Funding America, Inc., Delaware incorporated corporation (the "Company"), and Bruce M. Rodgers ("Executive").

#### Recitals

A. Upon completion of its initial public offering, the Company desires to hire Executive, and Executive desires to be hired by the Company, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

B. The Company and Executive agree to protect the interests of the Company and Company's customers and Confidential Information (as defined below) that may have been or that may be disclosed to Executive as set forth herein.

## Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

## Section 1. Employment, Duties and Acceptance.

(a) The Company shall employ Executive during the Term (as defined below) as Chief Executive Officer. Executive shall be responsible for performing the duties and exercising the powers which the Board of Directors of the Company (the "**Board**") may from time-to-time assign to him in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer of the Company in connection with the conduct and management of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates.

(b) Executive hereby accepts such employment and agrees, during the Term, to render Executive's services to the Company on a full-time basis and to devote Executive's full business time and attention to the business and affairs of the Company and any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company. Executive agrees that at all times during the Term, Executive will faithfully perform the duties so assigned to him to the best of Executive's ability. Executive further

agrees to accept election and to serve during all or any part of the Term as an officer, director or representative of any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, without any compensation therefor other than that specified in this Agreement. Executive shall report directly to the Board.

(c) The duties to be performed by Executive hereunder shall be principally performed at the Company's offices located in Tampa, Florida, subject to reasonable travel requirements on behalf of the Company. Executive shall be entitled to an annual paid time off of 30 days on the same terms that the Company provides to other similarly situated senior Company executives in accordance with the Company's policies and practices; provided that Executive shall schedule the timing and duration of Executive's vacations in a reasonable manner taking into account the needs of the business of the Company.

(d) Executive acknowledges that from time to time the Company may promulgate workplace policies and rules. Executive agrees to fully comply with all such policies and rules, and understands that failure to do so may result in a disciplinary action up to and including immediate discharge for Cause.

Section 2. *Term.* As used herein, the "Term" means the period commencing on the Effective Date of the Company's initial public offering and ending on July 1, 2018. The Term shall be for three years and is automatically renewed each year unless Executive or the Company gives written notice of termination on or before the 30th day prior to the annual anniversary of the Effective Date of its desire not to renew the Term. Any such renewal shall be upon the terms and conditions set forth herein unless otherwise agreed between the Company and Executive. In the event that the Company gives written notice that it does not intend to renew the Term, Executive shall be entitled to the benefits set forth in <u>Section 4(b)(iii)</u>.

Section 3. Compensation. Executive shall be entitled to the following compensation:

(a) The Company agrees to pay to Executive a salary in cash (the "**Salary**"), as compensation for the services to be performed by Executive, at the rate of \$385,000 per calendar year, paid in accordance with the Company's customary payroll procedures and subject to applicable withholding. Upon completion of the initial public offering, Executive shall be eligible for a bonus as determined by the Board. Based on Executive's performance, Executive will receive

a merit increase for calendar year 2016, effective January 1, 2016, in an amount to be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. During the Term, the Board shall have the right to increase, but not decrease, the Salary, except the Board may decrease the Salary in connection with a base salary decrease that is generally applicable to all members of the Company's senior management. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Executive will be eligible for additional annual salary merit increases during the Term beginning in 2016 based on the evaluation of Executive's performance as determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Executive's salary as in effect from time to time shall constitute the "Salary" for purposes of this Agreement.

(b) The Company shall reimburse Executive for all reasonable expenses incurred by Executive in the course of performing Executive's duties under this Agreement that are consistent with the Company's policies in effect from time to time with respect to travel, entertainment and other business expenses, subject to the Company's requirements with respect to reporting and documentation of such expenses.

(c) Executive shall be eligible to participate in any equity incentive plan, restricted share plan, share award plan, stock appreciation rights plan, stock option plan or similar plan adopted by the Company on the same terms and conditions applicable to other senior Company executives, with the amount of such awards to be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Executive shall be eligible for an annual bonus and long term incentive awards as determined at the sole discretion of the Board.

(d) Executive shall be entitled to all rights and benefits for which Executive shall be eligible under any retirement, retirement savings, profit-sharing, pension or welfare benefit plan, life, disability, health, dental, hospitalization and other forms of insurance and all other so-called "fringe" benefits or perquisites (except for with respect to any plan that provides severance or other similar benefits), on the same terms that the Company provides to other similarly situated senior Company executives (subject to all restrictions on participation that may apply under federal and state tax laws).

## Section 4. Termination.

(a) *Events of Termination*. Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate (the date of such termination being the "**Termination Date**") immediately upon any of the following:

## (i) Executive's death ("Termination Upon Death");

(ii) the effective date of a written notice sent to Executive stating the Company's determination, made in good faith, that due to a mental or physical condition, Executive has been unable and failed to substantially render the services to be provided by Executive to the Company for a period of at least 180 days out of any consecutive 360 days ("**Termination For Disability**");

(iii) the effective date of a written notice sent to Executive stating the Company's determination, made in good faith, that it is terminating Executive's employment for Cause (as defined below) ("**Termination For Cause**");

(iv) the effective date of a notice sent to Executive stating that the Company is terminating Executive's employment without Cause (including any notice from the Company to Executive pursuant to <u>Section 2</u> that the Company has decided not to renew the Term), which notice can be given by the Company at any time after the Effective Date at the Company's sole discretion, for any reason or for no reason ("**Termination Without Cause**");

(v) the effective date of a notice (other than a notice delivered pursuant to  $\underline{\text{Section 4}(a)(vi)}$  of this Agreement) sent to the Company from Executive stating that Executive is electing to terminate Executive's employment with the Company without Good Reason ("**Resignation Without Good Reason**"); or

(vi) the effective date of a written notice to Company stating Executive's determination, made in good faith, that a Good Reason Event (as defined below) has occurred within 30 days preceding such notice and as a consequence Executive is electing to terminate Executive's employment hereunder for a Good Reason Event ("**Resignation For Good Reason**");

*provided, however*, that Executive will give the Company 30 days to cure such Good Reason Event, and if the Company fails to cure such Good Reason Event within 30 days after Executive gives written notice of resignation hereunder, then Executive may immediately terminate Executive's employment with the Company, and such termination will be a Resignation For Good Reason hereunder; provided, further, that Executive's termination shall be deemed a Termination For Cause if the Company has delivered to Executive written notice of any act or omission that, if not cured, would constitute Cause at any time preceding the notice provided by Executive hereunder.

As used herein, the term "**Cause**" shall mean (i) commission of a willful act of dishonesty in the course of Executive's duties hereunder, (ii) conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction of, or plea of no contest to, a crime constituting a felony or conviction in respect of, or plea of no contest to, any act involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude, (iii) Executive's performance under the influence of controlled substances (other than those taken pursuant to a medical doctor's orders), (iv) frequent or extended, and unjustifiable, absenteeism, (v) Executive's personal misconduct or refusal to perform duties and responsibilities or to carry out the lawful directives of the Board, which, if capable of being cured shall not have been cured, within 30 days after the Company shall have advised Executive in writing of its intention to terminate Executive's employment, or (vi) Executive's material non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement, which, if capable of being cured, shall not have been cured within 30 days after the Company shall have advised Executive in writing of its intention to terminate Executive's employment for such reason.

As used herein, the term "**Good Reason Event**" shall mean (i) a material adverse change in the responsibilities or duties of Executive as set forth in this Agreement (including a change in reporting where Executive no longer reports directly to the Board, or a change in Executive's capacity as Chief Executive Officer) without Executive's prior consent at a time when there are no circumstances pending that would permit the Board to terminate Executive for Cause, such that Executive is no longer acting as part of the senior management team of the Company, (ii) any reduction in the Salary or a material reduction in Executive's benefits (other than (x) a reduction in Salary that is the result of an administrative or clerical error, and which is cured within 15 business days after the Company receives notice of such failure or (y) a reduction in Salary or benefits that are generally applicable to all members of the Company's senior management), (iii) a material breach by the Company of this Agreement that is not cured within 30 days following the

Company's receipt of written notice of such breach from Executive, or (iv) without Executive's prior written consent, the relocation of Executive's principal place of employment outside of a 30 mile radius from the location of the Company's offices in Tampa, Florida as of the Effective Date. With regard to clause (i), Executive acknowledges that the Company has flexibility under <u>Section 1(a)</u> to assign Executive a broad range of responsibilities and duties that are consistent with him being a member of the senior management team and such assignments will not constitute a "Good Reason Event."

## (b) Effect of Termination.

(i) *Death or Disability*. In the event of Termination Upon Death or Termination For Disability pursuant to <u>Sections 4(a)</u> (i) or <u>4(a)(ii)</u> of this Agreement:

(A) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to any earned but unpaid Salary owing by the Company to Executive as of the Termination Date (the "Accrued Salary");

(B) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash, to the extent provided under any management bonus plan, an amount equal to the pro rata portion, determined as of the Termination Date, of any bonus to which Executive would have been entitled had Executive been employed by the Company at the time such bonus would have otherwise been paid (the "Accrued Bonus"); and

(C) all unvested Restricted Shares, Options, and Warrants granted to Executive during the Term of this Agreement shall become fully vested and non-forfeitable as of the Termination Date.

(ii) *Termination For Cause*. In the event of a Termination For Cause pursuant to <u>Section 4(a)(iii)</u> of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to any Accrued Salary.

(iii) Termination Without Cause and Resignation For Good Reason and Termination Upon Non-renewal. In the event of Termination Without Cause or Resignation For Good Reason pursuant to Sections 4(a)(iv) or 4(a)(vi) of this Agreement, subject to Section 4(c)(ii) of this Agreement:

(A) a Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to the Accrued Salary;

(B) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to the Accrued Bonus;

(C) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to Executive's Salary (at the rate then in effect, and without taking into account any reductions that would have given rise to Good Reason termination by Executive), payable in equal installments in accordance with the Company's customary payroll procedures commencing on the Termination Date and ending 36 months thereafter;

(D) all unvested Restricted Shares, Options and Warrants granted to Executive during the Term of this Agreement shall become fully vested and non-forfeitable as of the Termination Date.

(iv) Resignation Without Good Reason. In the event of Resignation Without Good Reason pursuant to Section 4(a)(v) of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to any Accrued Salary.

(v) Upon Termination For Any Reason. In the event of any termination, Executive shall be entitled to receive:

(A) any unpaid reasonable, reimbursable business expenses incurred by Executive in the course of performing Executive's duties under this Agreement that were incurred in a manner consistent with the Company's policies in effect from time to time with respect to travel, entertainment and other business expenses, subject to the Company's requirements with respect to incurring, reporting and documenting such expenses; and

(B) benefits under the Company's benefit plans of general application as shall be determined under the provisions of those plans.

# (c) Additional Provisions.

(i) Any amounts to be paid pursuant to this <u>Section 4</u> shall be paid in accordance with the Company's existing payroll or bonus payment practices, as applicable.

(ii) As a condition to the Company's obligations, if any, to make any Accrued Bonus and severance payments provided under Section 4(b)(iii)(B) and (C), Executive shall have executed, delivered and not revoked a general release in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

(iii) Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the obligations and commitments under <u>Section 5</u> of this Agreement shall survive and continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms notwithstanding any termination of Executive's employment for any reason or termination of this Agreement for any reason.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall have no obligation to pay any amounts payable under Sections 4(b)(i)(B), 4(b)(iii)(B) or 4(b)(iii)(C) of this Agreement during such times as Executive is in breach of Section 5 of this Agreement, after the Company provides Executive with notice of such breach.

(v) Executive agrees that termination of Executive's employment for any reason shall, with no further action by Executive required, constitute Executive's resignation, as of the Termination Date and to the extent applicable, from all positions as an officer, director or representative of the Company and any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company.

### Section 5. Noncompetition, Nonsolicitation And Confidentiality.

### (a) Definitions.

"Company's Business" means the business of providing specialty financial products to nonprofit incorporated community associations in the states in which the Company has conducted business.

"Competitor" means any company, other entity or association or individual that directly or indirectly is engaged in the Company's Business.

"Confidential Information" means any confidential information with respect to the Company's Business and/or the businesses of its clients or customers, including, but not limited to: the trade secrets of the Company; products or services; standard proposals; standard submissions, surveys and analyses; policy forms; fees, costs and pricing structures; marketing information; advertising and pricing strategies; analyses; reports; computer software, including operating systems, applications and program listings; flow charts; manuals and documentation; data bases; all copyrightable works; the Company's existing and prospective clients and customers, their addresses or other contact information and/or their confidential information; existing and prospective client and customer lists and other related data; expiration periods; policy numbers; coverage specifications; daily reports and related correspondence; premium renewal notices; and all similar and related information in whatever form. The term Confidential Information does not include, and there shall be no obligation hereunder with respect to, information that (i) is generally available to the public on the date of this Agreement, (ii) becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by Executive not otherwise permissible hereunder or (iii) Executive has learned or learns from other sources where, to Executive's knowledge, such sources have not violated their confidentiality obligation to the Company or any other applicable obligation of confidentiality.

(b) *Noncompetition*. Executive covenants and agrees that during the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending two years following the Termination Date (the "**Restricted Period**"), Executive will not, directly or indirectly, own, manage, operate, control,

render service to, or participate in the ownership, management, operation or control of any Competitor anywhere in the United States of America; provided, however, that Executive shall be entitled to own shares of stock of any corporation having a class of equity securities actively traded on a national securities exchange or on the Nasdaq Stock Market which represent, in the aggregate, not more than 1% of such corporation's fully-diluted shares.

(c) *Nonsolicitation of Employees*. Executive covenants and agrees that during the Restricted Period, Executive will not, directly or indirectly, employ or solicit, or receive or accept the performance of services by any then current officer, manager, employee or independent contractor of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, or in any way interfere with the relationship between the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, and any such officer, manager, employee or independent contractor, on the other hand.

(d) *Nonsolicitation of Customers and Vendors*. Executive covenants and agrees that during the Restricted Period, Executive will not, directly or indirectly, knowingly induce, or attempt to induce, any customer, salesperson, distributor, supplier, vendor, manufacturer, representative, agent, jobber, licensee or other person known by Executive to be transacting business with the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company (collectively the "**Customers**" and "**Vendors**") to reduce or cease doing business with the Company or any such subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, or in any way to interfere with the relationship between any such Customer or Vendor, on the one hand, and the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, on the other hand.

(e) *Representations and Covenants by Executive*. Executive represents and warrants that: (i) Executive's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement do not and will not conflict with, breach, violate or cause a default under any contract, agreement, instrument, order, judgment or decree to which Executive is a party or by which Executive is bound; (ii) Executive is not a party to or bound by any employment agreement, noncompete agreement or confidentiality agreement with any other person or entity (other than the Company) and Executive is not subject to any other agreement that would prevent Executive from performing Executive's duties for the Company or otherwise complying with this Agreement; (iii) Executive is not subject to or in breach of any nondisclosure agreement, including any agreement concerning trade secrets or

confidential information owned by any other party; and (iv) upon the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company, this Agreement shall be the valid and binding obligation of Executive, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

(f) *Nondisclosure of Confidential Information.* Executive hereby acknowledges and represents that Executive has consulted with independent legal counsel regarding Executive's rights and obligations under this Agreement and that Executive fully understands the terms and conditions contained herein and Executive agrees that Executive will not, directly or indirectly: (i) use, disclose, reverse engineer or otherwise exploit for Executive's own benefit or for the benefit of anyone other than the Company the Confidential Information except as authorized by the Company; (ii) during Executive's employment with the Company, use, disclose, or reverse engineer (x) any confidential information or trade secrets of any former employer or third party, or (y) any works of authorship developed in whole or in part by Executive during any former employment or for any other party, unless authorized in writing by the former employer or third party; or (iii) upon Executive's resignation or termination (x) retain Confidential Information, including any copies existing in any form (including electronic form), that are in Executive's possession or control, or (y) destroy, delete or alter the Confidential Information without the Company's consent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Executive may use the Confidential Information in the course of performing Executive's duties on behalf of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company as described hereunder, provided that such use is made in good faith. Executive will immediately surrender possession of all Confidential Information to Company upon any suspension or termination of Executive's employment with Company for any reason.

(g) Inventions and Patents. Executive acknowledges that all (i) inventions, innovations, improvements, developments, methods, designs, analysis, drawings, reports, processes, novel concepts and all similar or related information (whether or not patentable) that relate to the Company's or any of its subsidiaries' or affiliates' actual or anticipated businesses, (ii) research and development and (iii) existing or future products or services that are, to any extent, conceived, developed or made by Executive while employed by the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company ("Work Product") belong to the Company or such subsidiary or affiliate. Executive shall promptly disclose such Work Product to the Board and, at the cost and expense of the Company, perform all actions reasonably necessary or requested by the Board (whether during or after the Term) to establish and confirm such ownership (including, without limitation, executing assignments, consents, powers of attorney and other instruments).

# (h) Miscellaneous.

(i) Executive acknowledges that (x) Executive's position is a position of trust and responsibility with access to Confidential Information of the Company, (y) the Confidential Information, and the relationship between the Company and each of its employees, Customers and Vendors, are valuable assets of the Company and may not be converted to Executives own use and (z) the restrictions contained in this <u>Section 5</u> are reasonable and necessary to protect the legitimate business interests of the Company and will not impair or infringe upon Executive's right to work or earn a living after Executive's employment with the Company ends.

(ii) Each of the foregoing obligations shall be enforceable independent of any other obligation, and the existence of any claim or cause of action that Executive may have against the Company, whether predicated on this Agreement or otherwise, shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by the Company of these obligations.

(iii) Executive acknowledges that monetary damages will not be an adequate remedy for the Company in the event of a breach of this Agreement and that it would be impossible for the Company to measure damages in the event of such a breach. Therefore, Executive agrees that, in addition to other rights that the Company may have at law or equity, the Company is entitled, without posting bond, to seek an injunction preventing Executive from any breach of this Agreement.

(iv) In the event of a breach or violation by Executive during the Restricted Period of any restriction in <u>Section 5(b)</u>, (b) or (d) of this Agreement, the Restricted Period shall be tolled until such breach or violation has been cured.

(v) The parties intend to provide the Company with the maximum protection possible with respect to its Customers and Vendors. The parties, however, do not intend to include a provision that contravenes the public policy of any state. Therefore, if any provision of this <u>Section 5</u> is unlawful, against public policy or otherwise declared void, such provision shall not be deemed part of this Agreement, which otherwise shall remain in full force and effect. If, at the

time of enforcement of this Agreement, a court or other tribunal holds that the duration, scope or area restriction stated herein is unreasonable under the circumstances then existing, the parties agree that the court should enforce the restrictions to the extent it deems reasonable.

(vi) Executive hereby agrees that prior to accepting employment with any other person or entity during the Term or during the Restricted Period following the Termination Date, Executive will provide such prospective employer with written notice of the existence of this Agreement and the provisions of this <u>Section 5</u> of this Agreement, with a copy of such notice delivered simultaneously to the Company in accordance with <u>Section 10</u> of this Agreement.

(vii) Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the obligations and commitments of this <u>Section 5</u> shall survive and continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms notwithstanding any termination of Executive's employment for any reason or termination of this Agreement for any reason.

Section 6. *Withholding Taxes*. Prior to making any payments required to be made pursuant to this Agreement, the Company may require that the Company be reimbursed in cash for any taxes required by any government to be withheld or otherwise deducted and paid by the Company in respect of such payment by the Company. In lieu thereof, the Company shall have the right to withhold the amount of such taxes from any sums due or to become due from it to Executive.

Section 7. *Expenses.* In the event of any legal action to enforce Executive's or the Company's rights under this Agreement, each party will be responsible for that party's reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and disbursements.

Section 8. Assignment. This Agreement is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Executive shall not assign or transfer any rights or obligations hereunder. The Company shall have the right to assign or transfer any rights or obligations hereunder only to (a) a successor entity in the event of a merger, consolidation, or transfer or sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Company or (b) a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company. Any purported assignment, other than as provided above, shall be null and void.

Section 9. *Indemnification*. The Company shall indemnify Executive for any act or omission done or not done in performance of Executive's duties hereunder in accordance with the Company's certificate of incorporation, by-laws and any other constituent document to the extent provided for any other officer or member of the Board. The Company's obligations under this <u>Section 9</u> shall survive any termination of this Agreement or Executive's employment hereunder.

Section 10. *Notices.* All notices, requests, consents and other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder, shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by prepaid telegram, telex, facsimile transmission, overnight courier or mailed, first class, postage prepaid by registered or certified mail, as follows:

If to the Company:LM Funding America, Inc., Sean Galaris, PresidentIf to Executive:To Executive's address as reflected on the payroll records of the Company

or such other address as either party shall designate by notice in writing to the other in accordance herewith. Any such notice shall be deemed given when so delivered personally, by telex, facsimile transmission or telegram, or if sent by overnight courier, one day after delivery to such courier by the sender or if mailed, five days after deposit by the sender in the U.S. mails.

Section 11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between Executive and the Company concerning the subject matter hereof. This Agreement supersedes and preempts any prior employment agreement or other understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties, written or oral, that may have related to the subject matter hereof. No provisions of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such waiver, modification or discharge is agreed to in writing, signed by Executive and an authorized officer of the Company.

Section 12. *Governing Law.* This Agreement shall be subject to and governed by the laws of the State of Florida, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law under Florida law that would require or permit the application of the laws of a jurisdiction other than the State of Florida and irrespective of the fact that the parties now or at any time may be residents of or engage in activities in a different state. Employee agrees that in the event of any dispute or claim arising

under this Agreement, jurisdiction and venue shall be vested and proper, and Employee hereby consents to the jurisdiction of any court sitting in Tampa, Florida, including the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Section 13. *Full Settlement*. Executive acknowledges and agrees that, subject to the payment by the Company of the benefits provided in this Agreement to Executive, in no event will the Company nor any subsidiary or affiliate thereof be liable to Executive for damages under any claim of breach of contract as a result of the termination of Executive's employment. In the event of any such termination, the Company shall be liable only to provide to Executive, or Executive's heirs or beneficiaries, the benefits specified in this Agreement.

**Section 14.** *Strict Compliance.* Executive's or the Company's failure to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement or the failure to assert any right Executive or the Company may have hereunder shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such provision or right or any other provision or right of this Agreement. The waiver, whether express or implied, by either party of a violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent violation of any such provision.

Section 15. *Creditor Status*. No benefit or promise hereunder shall be secured by any specific assets of the Company. Executive shall have only the rights of an unsecured general creditor of the Company in seeking satisfaction of such benefits or promises.

**Section 16.** *Section 409A*. This Agreement is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("**Section 409A**"), and shall be construed accordingly. Any payments or distributions to be made to Executive under this Agreement upon a separation from service of amounts classified as "nonqualified deferred compensation" for purposes of Section 409A, shall in no event be made or commence until six months after such separation from service if Executive is determined to be a specified Executive of a public company (all as determined under Section 409A). Each payment of nonqualified deferred compensation under this Agreement shall be treated as a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A. Any reimbursements made pursuant to this Agreement shall be paid as soon as practicable but no later than 90 days after Executive submits evidence of such expenses to the Company (which payment date shall in no event be later than the last day of the calendar incurred).

The amount of such reimbursements paid and any in-kind benefits the year following the calendar year in which the expense was provided during any calendar year shall not affect the reimbursements paid or in-kind benefits provided in any other calendar year, and the right to any such payments and benefits shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for another payment or benefit.

Section 17. *Cooperation.* Executive agrees to provide assistance to and cooperate with the Company upon its reasonable request with respect to matters within the scope of Executive's duties and responsibilities during the Restricted Period. During such Period, the Company shall, to the maximum extent coordinate or cause any such request with Executive's other commitments and responsibilities to minimize the degree to which such request interferes with such commitments and responsibilities. The Company agrees that it will reimburse Executive for reasonable documented travel expenses (i.e., travel, meals and lodging) that Executive may incur in providing assistance to the Company hereunder.

Section 18. *Non-disparagement.* Executive agrees to not make any statements, written or oral, while employed by the Company and thereafter, which would be reasonably likely to disparage or damage the Company, its affiliates or subsidiaries or the personal or professional reputation of any present or former employees, officers or members of the managing or directorial boards or committees of the Company or its affiliates or subsidiaries. The Company agrees that it will instruct each of its and its affiliates' and subsidiaries' members, directors, managers, officers and employees not to make any disparaging communication regarding Executive, and no such person or entity will be authorized on the Company's or any affiliate's or subsidiary's behalf to make any such disparaging communications regarding Executive.

**Section 19.** *Recoupment.* Executive agrees to reimburse the Company for all or a portion, as determined below, of any bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation paid or awarded to Executive by the Company, if the Board determines that (a) the payment, award or vesting thereof was predicated upon the achievement of certain financial results that were subsequently the subject of a material financial restatement, (b) Executive engaged in fraud or misconduct that caused, in whole or in part, the need for the material financial restatement, and (c) a lower payment, award or vesting would have occurred based upon the restated financial results. In

such event, Executive agrees to reimburse (in the manner determined by the Board, including cancellation of options or other stock awards) any bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation previously paid, awarded or vested in the amount by which such bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation actually paid, awarded or vested exceeds the lower payment, award or vesting that would have occurred based upon the restated financial result; <u>provided</u> that no reimbursement shall be required if the payment, award or vesting otherwise subject to reimbursement hereunder occurred more than three (3) years prior to the date the applicable reinstatement is disclosed. In addition, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation, or other compensation, payable to Executive pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreement, plan or arrangement of the Company shall be subject to repayment or recoupment (clawback) by the Company to the extent applicable under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (and not otherwise exempted) and in accordance with such policies and procedures as the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board may adopt from time to time, including policies and procedures to implement applicable law (including, but not limited to, Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Act), stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.

Section 20. Survival. Any provision of this Agreement that is expressly or by implication intended to survive the termination of this Agreement shall survive or remain in effect after the termination of this Agreement.

Section 21. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, anyone of which need not contain the signature of more than one party, but all such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

# LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

By: /s/ Sean Galaris

Sean Galaris, President

# EXECUTIVE

/s/ Bruce M. Rodgers

Bruce M. Rodgers

### EXHIBIT A FORM OF RELEASE

This RELEASE ("**Release**") is granted effective as of the [•] day of [•], 20[•] by [ ] (the "**Executive**") in favor of [ ] (the "**Company**") and the other Released Parties (as defined below). This is the Release referred to in the Employment Agreement, dated as of September 2, 2014, between the Company and the Executive (the "**Employment Agreement**"). The Executive gives this Release in consideration of the Company's promises and covenants contained in the Employment Agreement, with respect to which this Release is an integral part.

1. *Release of the Company*. The Executive, for himself, his successors, assigns, attorneys, and all those entitled to assert his rights, now and forever hereby releases and discharges the Company and its respective officers, directors, stockholders, trustees, Executives, agents, parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, estates, successors, assigns and attorneys (the "**Released Parties**"), from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, sums of money due, suits, debts, liens, covenants, contracts, obligations, costs, expenses, damages, judgments, agreements, promises, demands, claims for attorney's fees and costs, or liabilities whatsoever, in law or in equity, which the Executive ever had or now has against the Released Parties, arising by reason of or in any way connected with or which may be traced either directly or indirectly to the employment relationship which existed between the Company or any of its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, or predecessors and the Executive, or the termination of that relationship, that the Executive has, had or purports to have, from the beginning of time to the date of this Release, whether known or unknown, that now exists, no matter how remotely they may be related to the aforesaid employment relationship including but not limited to claims for employment discrimination under federal or state law, except as provided in Paragraph 2; claims arising under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e), *et seq.* or the Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*; claims for statutory or common law wrongful discharge, including any claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.*; claims for attorney's fees, expenses and costs; claims for defamation; claims for wages or vacation pay; claims for benefits, including any claims arising under the Executive Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. § 1001, *et seq.*; and provided, however, that nothing herein shall release the Company of its obligations to the Execut

Employment Agreement between the Company and the Executive or any other contractual obligations between the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates and the Executive (including, without limitation, any equity award agreement or indemnification agreement), or any indemnification obligations to the Executive under the Company's certificate of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreement or other constituent document or any federal, state or local law or otherwise.

2. Release of Claims Under Age Discrimination in Employment Act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Executive agrees that by executing this Release, he has released and waived any and all claims he has or may have as of the date of this Release for age discrimination under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 621, *et seq*. It is understood that the Executive has been advised to consult with an attorney prior to executing this Release; that he in fact has consulted a knowledgeable, competent attorney regarding this Release; that he may, before executing this Release, consider this Release for a period of 21 calendar days; and that the consideration he receives for this Release is in addition to amounts to which he was already entitled. It is further understood that this Release is not effective until seven calendar days after the execution of this Release and that the Executive may revoke this Release within seven calendar days from the date of execution hereof.

The Executive agrees that he has carefully read this Release and is signing it voluntarily. The Executive acknowledges that he has had 21 days from receipt of this Release to review it prior to signing or that, if the Executive is signing this Release prior to the expiration of such 21-day period, the Executive is waiving his right to review the Release for such full 21-day period prior to signing it. The Executive has the right to revoke this release within seven days following the date of its execution by him. However, if the Executive revokes this Release within such seven-day period, no severance benefit will be payable to him under the Employment Agreement and he shall return to the Company any such payment received prior to that date.

THE EXECUTIVE HAS CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT CONSTITUTES A GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMPANY UNDER THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT. THE EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE HAS HAD A FULL

OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY OR OTHER ADVISOR OF HIS CHOOSING CONCERNING HIS EXECUTION OF THIS RELEASE AND THAT HE IS SIGNING THIS RELEASE VOLUNTARILY AND WITH THE FULL INTENT OF RELEASING THE COMPANY FROM ALL SUCH CLAIMS.

Name of Executive: [ ] Date: [•], 20[•]

# **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is dated as of October 22, 2015 (the "Effective Date"), by and between LM Funding America, Inc., Delaware incorporated corporation (the "Company"), and Carollinn Gould ("Executive").

#### Recitals

A. Upon completion of its initial public offering, the Company desires to hire Executive, and Executive desires to be hired by the Company, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

B. The Company and Executive agree to protect the interests of the Company and Company's customers and Confidential Information (as defined below) that may have been or that may be disclosed to Executive as set forth herein.

### Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

### Section 1. Employment, Duties and Acceptance.

(a) The Company shall employ Executive during the Term (as defined below) as Vice President and General Manager. Executive shall be responsible for performing the duties and exercising the powers which the Chief Executive Officer and Board of Directors of the Company (the "**Board**") may from time-to-time assign to her in his capacity as Vice President and General Manager of the Company in connection with the conduct and management of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates.

(b) Executive hereby accepts such employment and agrees, during the Term, to render Executive's services to the Company and to devote on a part time basis the Executive's attention to the business and affairs of the Company and any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company. Executive agrees that at all times during the Term, Executive will faithfully perform the duties so

assigned to her to the best of Executive's ability. Executive further agrees to accept election and to serve during all or any part of the Term as an officer, director or representative of any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, without any compensation therefor other than that specified in this Agreement. Executive shall report directly to the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Company acknowledges and agrees that Executive may accept employment by Business Law Group, P.A. or any other law firms engaged to service the Company's Businesses.

(c) The duties to be performed by Executive hereunder shall be principally performed at the Company's offices located in Tampa, Florida, subject to reasonable travel requirements on behalf of the Company. Executive shall be entitled to an annual paid time off of 30 days on the same terms that the Company provides to other similarly situated senior Company executives in accordance with the Company's policies and practices; provided that Executive shall schedule the timing and duration of Executive's vacations in a reasonable manner taking into account the needs of the business of the Company.

(d) Executive acknowledges that from time to time the Company may promulgate workplace policies and rules. Executive agrees to fully comply with all such policies and rules, and understands that failure to do so may result in a disciplinary action up to and including immediate discharge for Cause.

Section 2. *Term.* As used herein, the "Term" means the period commencing on the Effective Date of the Company's initial public offering and ending on July 1, 2018. The Term shall be for three years and is automatically renewed each year unless Executive or the Company gives written notice of termination on or before the 30th day prior to the annual anniversary of the Effective Date of its desire not to renew the Term. Any such renewal shall be upon the terms and conditions set forth herein unless otherwise agreed between the Company and Executive. In the event that the Company gives written notice that it does not intend to renew the Term, Executive shall be entitled to the benefits set forth in <u>Section 4(b)(iii)</u>.

Section 3. Compensation. Executive shall be entitled to the following compensation:

(a) The Company agrees to pay to Executive a salary in cash (the "**Salary**"), as compensation for the services to be performed by Executive, at the rate of \$150,000 per calendar

year, paid in accordance with the Company's customary payroll procedures and subject to applicable withholding. Based on Executive's performance, Executive will receive a merit increase for calendar year 2016, effective January 1, 2016, in an amount to be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. During the Term, the Board shall have the right to increase, but not decrease, the Salary, except the Board may decrease the Salary in connection with a base salary decrease that is generally applicable to all members of the Company's senior management. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Executive will be eligible for additional annual salary merit increases during the Term beginning in 2016 based on the evaluation of Executive's performance as determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Executive's salary as in effect from time to time shall constitute the "**Salary**" for purposes of this Agreement.

(b) The Company shall reimburse Executive for all reasonable expenses incurred by Executive in the course of performing Executive's duties under this Agreement that are consistent with the Company's policies in effect from time to time with respect to travel, entertainment and other business expenses, subject to the Company's requirements with respect to reporting and documentation of such expenses.

(c) Executive shall be eligible to participate in any equity incentive plan, restricted share plan, share award plan, stock appreciation rights plan, stock option plan or similar plan adopted by the Company on the same terms and conditions applicable to other senior Company executives, with the amount of such awards to be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Executive shall be eligible for an annual bonus and long term incentive awards as determined at the sole discretion of the Board.

(d) Executive shall be entitled to all rights and benefits for which Executive shall be eligible under any retirement, retirement savings, profit-sharing, pension or welfare benefit plan, life, disability, health, dental, hospitalization and other forms of insurance and all other so-called "fringe" benefits or perquisites (except for with respect to any plan that provides severance or other similar benefits), on the same terms that the Company provides to other similarly situated senior Company executives (subject to all restrictions on participation that may apply under federal and state tax laws).

## Section 4. Termination.

(a) *Events of Termination*. Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate (the date of such termination being the "**Termination Date**") immediately upon any of the following:

## (i) Executive's death ("Termination Upon Death");

(ii) the effective date of a written notice sent to Executive stating the Company's determination, made in good faith, that due to a mental or physical condition, Executive has been unable and failed to substantially render the services to be provided by Executive to the Company for a period of at least 180 days out of any consecutive 360 days ("**Termination For Disability**");

(iii) the effective date of a written notice sent to Executive stating the Company's determination, made in good faith, that it is terminating Executive's employment for Cause (as defined below) ("**Termination For Cause**");

(iv) the effective date of a notice sent to Executive stating that the Company is terminating Executive's employment without Cause (including any notice from the Company to Executive pursuant to <u>Section 2</u> that the Company has decided not to renew the Term), which notice can be given by the Company at any time after the Effective Date at the Company's sole discretion, for any reason or for no reason ("**Termination Without Cause**");

(v) the effective date of a notice (other than a notice delivered pursuant to  $\underline{\text{Section 4}(a)(vi)}$  of this Agreement) sent to the Company from Executive stating that Executive is electing to terminate Executive's employment with the Company without Good Reason ("**Resignation Without Good Reason**"); or

(vi) the effective date of a written notice to Company stating Executive's determination, made in good faith, that a Good Reason Event (as defined below) has occurred within 30 days preceding such notice and as a consequence Executive is electing to terminate Executive's employment hereunder for a Good Reason Event ("**Resignation For Good Reason**");

*provided, however*, that Executive will give the Company 30 days to cure such Good Reason Event, and if the Company fails to cure such Good Reason Event within 30 days after Executive gives written notice of resignation hereunder, then Executive may immediately terminate Executive's employment with the Company, and such termination will be a Resignation For Good Reason hereunder; provided, further, that Executive's termination shall be deemed a Termination For Cause if the Company has delivered to Executive written notice of any act or omission that, if not cured, would constitute Cause at any time preceding the notice provided by Executive hereunder.

As used herein, the term "**Cause**" shall mean (i) commission of a willful act of dishonesty in the course of Executive's duties hereunder, (ii) conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction of, or plea of no contest to, a crime constituting a felony or conviction in respect of, or plea of no contest to, any act involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude, (iii) Executive's performance under the influence of controlled substances (other than those taken pursuant to a medical doctor's orders), (iv) frequent or extended, and unjustifiable, absenteeism, (v) Executive's personal misconduct or refusal to perform duties and responsibilities or to carry out the lawful directives of the Board, which, if capable of being cured shall not have been cured, within 30 days after the Company shall have advised Executive in writing of its intention to terminate Executive's employment, or (vi) Executive's material non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement, which, if capable of being cured, shall not have been cured within 30 days after the Company shall have advised Executive in writing of its intention to terminate Executive's employment for such reason.

As used herein, the term "**Good Reason Event**" shall mean (i) a material adverse change in the responsibilities or duties of Executive as set forth in this Agreement (including a change in reporting where Executive no longer reports directly to the Board, or a change in Executive's capacity as Vice President and General manager) without Executive's prior consent at a time when there are no circumstances pending that would permit the Board to terminate Executive for Cause, such that Executive is no longer acting as part of the senior management team of the Company, (ii) any reduction in the Salary or a material reduction in Executive's benefits (other than (x) a reduction in Salary that is the result of an administrative or clerical error, and which is cured within 15 business days after the Company receives notice of such failure or (y) a reduction in Salary or benefits that are generally applicable to all members of the Company's senior management), (iii) a material breach by the Company of this Agreement that is not cured within 30 days following the

Company's receipt of written notice of such breach from Executive, or (iv) without Executive's prior written consent, the relocation of Executive's principal place of employment outside of a 30 mile radius from the location of the Company's offices in Tampa, Florida as of the Effective Date. With regard to clause (i), Executive acknowledges that the Company has flexibility under <u>Section 1(a)</u> to assign Executive a broad range of responsibilities and duties that are consistent with her being a member of the senior management team and such assignments will not constitute a "Good Reason Event."

# (b) Effect of Termination.

(i) *Death or Disability*. In the event of Termination Upon Death or Termination For Disability pursuant to <u>Sections 4(a)</u> (i) or <u>4(a)(ii)</u> of this Agreement:

(A) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to any earned but unpaid Salary owing by the Company to Executive as of the Termination Date (the "Accrued Salary");

(B) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash, to the extent provided under any management bonus plan, an amount equal to the pro rata portion, determined as of the Termination Date, of any bonus to which Executive would have been entitled had Executive been employed by the Company at the time such bonus would have otherwise been paid (the "Accrued Bonus"); and

(C) all unvested Restricted Shares, Options, and Warrants granted to Executive during the Term of this Agreement shall become fully vested and non-forfeitable as of the Termination Date.

(ii) *Termination For Cause*. In the event of a Termination For Cause pursuant to <u>Section 4(a)(iii)</u> of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to any Accrued Salary.

(iii) Termination Without Cause and Resignation For Good Reason and Termination Upon Non-renewal. In the event of Termination Without Cause or Resignation For Good Reason pursuant to Sections 4(a)(iv) or 4(a)(vi) of this Agreement, subject to Section 4(c)(ii) of this Agreement:

(A) a Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to the Accrued Salary;

(B) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to the Accrued Bonus;

(C) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to Executive's Salary (at the rate then in effect, and without taking into account any reductions that would have given rise to Good Reason termination by Executive), payable in equal installments in accordance with the Company's customary payroll procedures commencing on the Termination Date and ending 36 months thereafter;

(D) all unvested Restricted Shares, Options and Warrants granted to Executive during the Term of this Agreement shall become fully vested and non-forfeitable as of the Termination Date.

(iv) Resignation Without Good Reason. In the event of Resignation Without Good Reason pursuant to Section 4(a)(v) of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to any Accrued Salary.

(v) Upon Termination For Any Reason. In the event of any termination, Executive shall be entitled to receive:

(A) any unpaid reasonable, reimbursable business expenses incurred by Executive in the course of performing Executive's duties under this Agreement that were incurred in a manner consistent with the Company's policies in effect from time to time with respect to travel, entertainment and other business expenses, subject to the Company's requirements with respect to incurring, reporting and documenting such expenses; and

(B) benefits under the Company's benefit plans of general application as shall be determined under the provisions of those plans.

# (c) Additional Provisions.

(i) Any amounts to be paid pursuant to this <u>Section 4</u> shall be paid in accordance with the Company's existing payroll or bonus payment practices, as applicable.

(ii) As a condition to the Company's obligations, if any, to make any Accrued Bonus and severance payments provided under Section 4(b)(iii)(B) and (C), Executive shall have executed, delivered and not revoked a general release in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

(iii) Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the obligations and commitments under <u>Section 5</u> of this Agreement shall survive and continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms notwithstanding any termination of Executive's employment for any reason or termination of this Agreement for any reason.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall have no obligation to pay any amounts payable under Sections 4(b)(i)(B), 4(b)(iii)(B) or 4(b)(iii)(C) of this Agreement during such times as Executive is in breach of Section 5 of this Agreement, after the Company provides Executive with notice of such breach.

(v) Executive agrees that termination of Executive's employment for any reason shall, with no further action by Executive required, constitute Executive's resignation, as of the Termination Date and to the extent applicable, from all positions as an officer, director or representative of the Company and any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company.

### Section 5. Noncompetition, Nonsolicitation And Confidentiality.

### (a) Definitions.

"Company's Business" means the business of providing specialty financial products to nonprofit incorporated community associations in the states in which the Company has conducted business.

"Competitor" means any company, other entity or association or individual that directly or indirectly is engaged in the Company's Business.

"Confidential Information" means any confidential information with respect to the Company's Business and/or the businesses of its clients or customers, including, but not limited to: the trade secrets of the Company; products or services; standard proposals; standard submissions, surveys and analyses; policy forms; fees, costs and pricing structures; marketing information; advertising and pricing strategies; analyses; reports; computer software, including operating systems, applications and program listings; flow charts; manuals and documentation; data bases; all copyrightable works; the Company's existing and prospective clients and customers, their addresses or other contact information and/or their confidential information; existing and prospective client and customer lists and other related data; expiration periods; policy numbers; coverage specifications; daily reports and related correspondence; premium renewal notices; and all similar and related information in whatever form. The term Confidential Information does not include, and there shall be no obligation hereunder with respect to, information that (i) is generally available to the public on the date of this Agreement, (ii) becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by Executive not otherwise permissible hereunder or (iii) Executive has learned or learns from other sources where, to Executive's knowledge, such sources have not violated their confidentiality obligation to the Company or any other applicable obligation of confidentiality.

(b) *Noncompetition*. Executive covenants and agrees that during the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending two years following the Termination Date (the "**Restricted Period**"), Executive will not, directly or indirectly, own, manage, operate, control,

render service to, or participate in the ownership, management, operation or control of any Competitor anywhere in the United States of America; provided, however, that Executive shall be entitled to own shares of stock of any corporation having a class of equity securities actively traded on a national securities exchange or on the Nasdaq Stock Market which represent, in the aggregate, not more than 1% of such corporation's fully-diluted shares.

(c) *Nonsolicitation of Employees*. Executive covenants and agrees that during the Restricted Period, Executive will not, directly or indirectly, employ or solicit, or receive or accept the performance of services by any then current officer, manager, employee or independent contractor of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, or in any way interfere with the relationship between the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, and any such officer, manager, employee or independent contractor, on the other hand.

(d) *Nonsolicitation of Customers and Vendors*. Executive covenants and agrees that during the Restricted Period, Executive will not, directly or indirectly, knowingly induce, or attempt to induce, any customer, salesperson, distributor, supplier, vendor, manufacturer, representative, agent, jobber, licensee or other person known by Executive to be transacting business with the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company (collectively the "**Customers**" and "**Vendors**") to reduce or cease doing business with the Company or any such subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, or in any way to interfere with the relationship between any such Customer or Vendor, on the one hand, and the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, on the other hand.

(e) *Representations and Covenants by Executive*. Executive represents and warrants that: (i) Executive's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement do not and will not conflict with, breach, violate or cause a default under any contract, agreement, instrument, order, judgment or decree to which Executive is a party or by which Executive is bound; (ii) Executive is not a party to or bound by any employment agreement, noncompete agreement or confidentiality agreement with any other person or entity (other than the Company) and Executive is not subject to any other agreement that would prevent Executive from performing Executive's duties for the Company or otherwise complying with this Agreement; (iii) Executive is not subject to or in breach of any nondisclosure agreement, including any agreement concerning trade secrets or

confidential information owned by any other party; and (iv) upon the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company, this Agreement shall be the valid and binding obligation of Executive, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

(f) *Nondisclosure of Confidential Information.* Executive hereby acknowledges and represents that Executive has consulted with independent legal counsel regarding Executive's rights and obligations under this Agreement and that Executive fully understands the terms and conditions contained herein and Executive agrees that Executive will not, directly or indirectly: (i) use, disclose, reverse engineer or otherwise exploit for Executive's own benefit or for the benefit of anyone other than the Company the Confidential Information except as authorized by the Company; (ii) during Executive's employment with the Company, use, disclose, or reverse engineer (x) any confidential information or trade secrets of any former employer or third party, or (y) any works of authorship developed in whole or in part by Executive during any former employment or for any other party, unless authorized in writing by the former employer or third party; or (iii) upon Executive's resignation or termination (x) retain Confidential Information, including any copies existing in any form (including electronic form), that are in Executive's possession or control, or (y) destroy, delete or alter the Confidential Information without the Company's consent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Executive may use the Confidential Information in the course of performing Executive's duties on behalf of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company as described hereunder, provided that such use is made in good faith. Executive will immediately surrender possession of all Confidential Information to Company upon any suspension or termination of Executive's employment with Company for any reason.

(g) Inventions and Patents. Executive acknowledges that all (i) inventions, innovations, improvements, developments, methods, designs, analysis, drawings, reports, processes, novel concepts and all similar or related information (whether or not patentable) that relate to the Company's or any of its subsidiaries' or affiliates' actual or anticipated businesses, (ii) research and development and (iii) existing or future products or services that are, to any extent, conceived, developed or made by Executive while employed by the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company ("Work Product") belong to the Company or such subsidiary or affiliate. Executive shall promptly disclose such Work Product to the Board and, at the cost and expense of the Company, perform all actions reasonably necessary or requested by the Board (whether during or after the Term) to establish and confirm such ownership (including, without limitation, executing assignments, consents, powers of attorney and other instruments).

# (h) Miscellaneous.

(i) Executive acknowledges that (x) Executive's position is a position of trust and responsibility with access to Confidential Information of the Company, (y) the Confidential Information, and the relationship between the Company and each of its employees, Customers and Vendors, are valuable assets of the Company and may not be converted to Executives own use and (z) the restrictions contained in this <u>Section 5</u> are reasonable and necessary to protect the legitimate business interests of the Company and will not impair or infringe upon Executive's right to work or earn a living after Executive's employment with the Company ends.

(ii) Each of the foregoing obligations shall be enforceable independent of any other obligation, and the existence of any claim or cause of action that Executive may have against the Company, whether predicated on this Agreement or otherwise, shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by the Company of these obligations.

(iii) Executive acknowledges that monetary damages will not be an adequate remedy for the Company in the event of a breach of this Agreement and that it would be impossible for the Company to measure damages in the event of such a breach. Therefore, Executive agrees that, in addition to other rights that the Company may have at law or equity, the Company is entitled, without posting bond, to seek an injunction preventing Executive from any breach of this Agreement.

(iv) In the event of a breach or violation by Executive during the Restricted Period of any restriction in <u>Section 5(b)</u>, (b) or (d) of this Agreement, the Restricted Period shall be tolled until such breach or violation has been cured.

(v) The parties intend to provide the Company with the maximum protection possible with respect to its Customers and Vendors. The parties, however, do not intend to include a provision that contravenes the public policy of any state. Therefore, if any provision of this <u>Section 5</u> is unlawful, against public policy or otherwise declared void, such provision shall not be deemed part of this Agreement, which otherwise shall remain in full force and effect. If, at the

time of enforcement of this Agreement, a court or other tribunal holds that the duration, scope or area restriction stated herein is unreasonable under the circumstances then existing, the parties agree that the court should enforce the restrictions to the extent it deems reasonable.

(vi) Executive hereby agrees that prior to accepting employment with any other person or entity, other than Business Law Group, P.A., during the Term or during the Restricted Period following the Termination Date, Executive will provide such prospective employer with written notice of the existence of this Agreement and the provisions of this <u>Section 5</u> of this Agreement, with a copy of such notice delivered simultaneously to the Company in accordance with <u>Section 10</u> of this Agreement.

(vii) Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the obligations and commitments of this <u>Section 5</u> shall survive and continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms notwithstanding any termination of Executive's employment for any reason or termination of this Agreement for any reason.

Section 6. *Withholding Taxes*. Prior to making any payments required to be made pursuant to this Agreement, the Company may require that the Company be reimbursed in cash for any taxes required by any government to be withheld or otherwise deducted and paid by the Company in respect of such payment by the Company. In lieu thereof, the Company shall have the right to withhold the amount of such taxes from any sums due or to become due from it to Executive.

Section 7. *Expenses.* In the event of any legal action to enforce Executive's or the Company's rights under this Agreement, each party will be responsible for that party's reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and disbursements.

Section 8. Assignment. This Agreement is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Executive shall not assign or transfer any rights or obligations hereunder. The Company shall have the right to assign or transfer any rights or obligations hereunder only to (a) a successor entity in the event of a merger, consolidation, or transfer or sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Company or (b) a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company. Any purported assignment, other than as provided above, shall be null and void.

Section 9. *Indemnification.* The Company shall indemnify Executive for any act or omission done or not done in performance of Executive's duties hereunder in accordance with the Company's certificate of incorporation, by-laws and any other constituent document to the extent provided for any other officer or member of the Board. The Company's obligations under this <u>Section 9</u> shall survive any termination of this Agreement or Executive's employment hereunder.

Section 10. *Notices.* All notices, requests, consents and other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder, shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by prepaid telegram, telex, facsimile transmission, overnight courier or mailed, first class, postage prepaid by registered or certified mail, as follows:

If to the Company:LM Funding America, Inc., Sean Galaris, PresidentIf to Executive:To Executive's address as reflected on the payroll records of the Company

or such other address as either party shall designate by notice in writing to the other in accordance herewith. Any such notice shall be deemed given when so delivered personally, by telex, facsimile transmission or telegram, or if sent by overnight courier, one day after delivery to such courier by the sender or if mailed, five days after deposit by the sender in the U.S. mails.

Section 11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between Executive and the Company concerning the subject matter hereof. This Agreement supersedes and preempts any prior employment agreement or other understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties, written or oral, that may have related to the subject matter hereof. No provisions of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such waiver, modification or discharge is agreed to in writing, signed by Executive and an authorized officer of the Company.

Section 12. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be subject to and governed by the laws of the State of Florida, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law under Florida

law that would require or permit the application of the laws of a jurisdiction other than the State of Florida and irrespective of the fact that the parties now or at any time may be residents of or engage in activities in a different state. Employee agrees that in the event of any dispute or claim arising under this Agreement, jurisdiction and venue shall be vested and proper, and Employee hereby consents to the jurisdiction of any court sitting in Tampa, Florida, including the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

**Section 13.** *Full Settlement.* Executive acknowledges and agrees that, subject to the payment by the Company of the benefits provided in this Agreement to Executive, in no event will the Company nor any subsidiary or affiliate thereof be liable to Executive for damages under any claim of breach of contract as a result of the termination of Executive's employment. In the event of any such termination, the Company shall be liable only to provide to Executive, or Executive's heirs or beneficiaries, the benefits specified in this Agreement.

Section 14. *Strict Compliance*. Executive's or the Company's failure to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement or the failure to assert any right Executive or the Company may have hereunder shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such provision or right or any other provision or right of this Agreement. The waiver, whether express or implied, by either party of a violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent violation of any such provision.

Section 15. *Creditor Status.* No benefit or promise hereunder shall be secured by any specific assets of the Company. Executive shall have only the rights of an unsecured general creditor of the Company in seeking satisfaction of such benefits or promises.

Section 16. Section 409A. This Agreement is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Section 409A"), and shall be construed accordingly. Any payments or distributions to be made to Executive under this Agreement upon a separation from service of amounts classified as "nonqualified deferred compensation" for purposes of Section 409A, shall in no event be made or commence until six months after such separation from service if Executive is determined to be a specified Executive of a public company (all as determined under Section 409A). Each payment of nonqualified deferred compensation under this Agreement shall be treated as a separate payment for purposes of

Section 409A. Any reimbursements made pursuant to this Agreement shall be paid as soon as practicable but no later than 90 days after Executive submits evidence of such expenses to the Company (which payment date shall in no event be later than the last day of the calendar incurred). The amount of such reimbursements paid and any in-kind benefits the year following the calendar year in which the expense was provided during any calendar year shall not affect the reimbursements paid or in-kind benefits provided in any other calendar year, and the right to any such payments and benefits shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for another payment or benefit.

Section 17. *Cooperation.* Executive agrees to provide assistance to and cooperate with the Company upon its reasonable request with respect to matters within the scope of Executive's duties and responsibilities during the Restricted Period. During such Period, the Company shall, to the maximum extent coordinate or cause any such request with Executive's other commitments and responsibilities to minimize the degree to which such request interferes with such commitments and responsibilities. The Company agrees that it will reimburse Executive for reasonable documented travel expenses (i.e., travel, meals and lodging) that Executive may incur in providing assistance to the Company hereunder.

Section 18. *Non-disparagement.* Executive agrees to not make any statements, written or oral, while employed by the Company and thereafter, which would be reasonably likely to disparage or damage the Company, its affiliates or subsidiaries or the personal or professional reputation of any present or former employees, officers or members of the managing or directorial boards or committees of the Company or its affiliates or subsidiaries. The Company agrees that it will instruct each of its and its affiliates' and subsidiaries' members, directors, managers, officers and employees not to make any disparaging communication regarding Executive, and no such person or entity will be authorized on the Company's or any affiliate's or subsidiary's behalf to make any such disparaging communications regarding Executive.

Section 19. *Recoupment.* Executive agrees to reimburse the Company for all or a portion, as determined below, of any bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation paid or awarded to Executive by the Company, if the Board determines that (a) the payment, award or vesting thereof was predicated upon the achievement of certain financial results that were

subsequently the subject of a material financial restatement, (b) Executive engaged in fraud or misconduct that caused, in whole or in part, the need for the material financial restatement, and (c) a lower payment, award or vesting would have occurred based upon the restated financial results. In such event, Executive agrees to reimburse (in the manner determined by the Board, including cancellation of options or other stock awards) any bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation previously paid, awarded or vested in the amount by which such bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation actually paid, awarded or vested exceeds the lower payment, award or vesting that would have occurred based upon the restated financial result; provided that no reimbursement shall be required if the payment, award or vesting otherwise subject to reimbursement hereunder occurred more than three (3) years prior to the date the applicable reinstatement is disclosed. In addition, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation, or other compensation, payable to Executive pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreement, plan or arrangement of the Company shall be subject to repayment or recoupment (clawback) by the Company to the extent applicable under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (and not otherwise exempted) and in accordance with such policies and procedures as the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board may adopt from time to time, including policies and procedures to implement applicable law (including, but not limited to, Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Act), stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.

Section 20. *Survival.* Any provision of this Agreement that is expressly or by implication intended to survive the termination of this Agreement shall survive or remain in effect after the termination of this Agreement.

Section 21. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, anyone of which need not contain the signature of more than one party, but all such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

# LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce M. Rodgers

Bruce M. Rodgers, Chief Executive Officer

# EXECUTIVE

/s/ Carollinn Gould Carollinn Gould

### EXHIBIT A FORM OF RELEASE

This RELEASE ("**Release**") is granted effective as of the [•] day of [•], 20[•] by [ ] (the "**Executive**") in favor of [] (the "**Company**") and the other Released Parties (as defined below). This is the Release referred to in the Employment Agreement, dated as of September 2, 2014, between the Company and the Executive (the "**Employment Agreement**"). The Executive gives this Release in consideration of the Company's promises and covenants contained in the Employment Agreement, with respect to which this Release is an integral part.

1. *Release of the Company*. The Executive, for herself, his successors, assigns, attorneys, and all those entitled to assert his rights, now and forever hereby releases and discharges the Company and its respective officers, directors, stockholders, trustees, Executives, agents, parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, estates, successors, assigns and attorneys (the "**Released Parties**"), from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, sums of money due, suits, debts, liens, covenants, contracts, obligations, costs, expenses, damages, judgments, agreements, promises, demands, claims for attorney's fees and costs, or liabilities whatsoever, in law or in equity, which the Executive ever had or now has against the Released Parties, arising by reason of or in any way connected with or which may be traced either directly or indirectly to the employment relationship which existed between the Company or any of its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, or predecessors and the Executive, or the termination of that relationship, that the Executive has, had or purports to have, from the beginning of time to the date of this Release, whether known or unknown, that now exists, no matter how remotely they may be related to the aforesaid employment relationship including but not limited to claims for employment discrimination under federal or state law, except as provided in Paragraph 2; claims arising under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e), *et seq.* or the Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*; claims for statutory or common law wrongful discharge, including any claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.*; claims for attorney's fees, expenses and costs; claims for defamation; claims for wages or vacation pay; claims for benefits, including any claims arising under the Executive Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. § 1001, *et seq.*; and provided, however, that nothing herein shall release the Company of its obligations to the Execut

Employment Agreement between the Company and the Executive or any other contractual obligations between the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates and the Executive (including, without limitation, any equity award agreement or indemnification agreement), or any indemnification obligations to the Executive under the Company's certificate of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreement or other constituent document or any federal, state or local law or otherwise.

2. Release of Claims Under Age Discrimination in Employment Act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Executive agrees that by executing this Release, he has released and waived any and all claims he has or may have as of the date of this Release for age discrimination under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 621, *et seq.* It is understood that the Executive has been advised to consult with an attorney prior to executing this Release; that he in fact has consulted a knowledgeable, competent attorney regarding this Release; that he may, before executing this Release, consider this Release for a period of 21 calendar days; and that the consideration he receives for this Release is in addition to amounts to which he was already entitled. It is further understood that this Release is not effective until seven calendar days after the execution of this Release and that the Executive may revoke this Release within seven calendar days from the date of execution hereof.

The Executive agrees that he has carefully read this Release and is signing it voluntarily. The Executive acknowledges that he has had 21 days from receipt of this Release to review it prior to signing or that, if the Executive is signing this Release prior to the expiration of such 21-day period, the Executive is waiving his right to review the Release for such full 21-day period prior to signing it. The Executive has the right to revoke this release within seven days following the date of its execution by her. However, if the Executive revokes this Release within such seven-day period, no severance benefit will be payable to her under the Employment Agreement and he shall return to the Company any such payment received prior to that date.

THE EXECUTIVE HAS CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT CONSTITUTES A GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMPANY UNDER THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT. THE EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE HAS HAD A FULL

OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY OR OTHER ADVISOR OF HIS CHOOSING CONCERNING HIS EXECUTION OF THIS RELEASE AND THAT HE IS SIGNING THIS RELEASE VOLUNTARILY AND WITH THE FULL INTENT OF RELEASING THE COMPANY FROM ALL SUCH CLAIMS.

Name of Executive: [ ] Date: [•], 20[•]

## **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is dated as of October 22, 2015 (the "Effective Date"), by and between LM Funding America, Inc., Delaware incorporated corporation (the "Company"), and Sean Galaris ("Executive").

#### Recitals

A. Upon completion of its initial public offering, the Company desires to hire Executive, and Executive desires to be hired by the Company, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

B. The Company and Executive agree to protect the interests of the Company and Company's customers and Confidential Information (as defined below) that may have been or that may be disclosed to Executive as set forth herein.

### Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

## Section 1. Employment, Duties and Acceptance.

(a) The Company shall employ Executive during the Term (as defined below) as President. Executive shall be responsible for performing the duties and exercising the powers which the Chief Executive Officer and Board of Directors of the Company (the "**Board**") may from time-to-time assign to him in his capacity as President of the Company in connection with the conduct and management of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates.

(b) Executive hereby accepts such employment and agrees, during the Term, to render Executive's services to the Company on a full-time basis and to devote Executive's full business time and attention to the business and affairs of the Company and any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company. Executive agrees that at all times during the Term, Executive will faithfully perform the duties so assigned to him to the best of Executive's ability. Executive further

agrees to accept election and to serve during all or any part of the Term as an officer, director or representative of any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, without any compensation therefor other than that specified in this Agreement. Executive shall report directly to the Board and the Chief Executive Officer.

(c) The duties to be performed by Executive hereunder shall be principally performed at the Company's offices located in Tampa, Florida, subject to reasonable travel requirements on behalf of the Company. Executive shall be entitled to an annual paid time off of 30 days on the same terms that the Company provides to other similarly situated senior Company executives and officers in accordance with the Company's policies and practices; provided that Executive shall schedule the timing and duration of Executive's vacations in a reasonable manner taking into account the needs of the business of the Company.

(d) Executive acknowledges that from time to time the Company may promulgate workplace policies and rules. Executive agrees to fully comply with all such policies and rules, and understands that failure to do so may result in a disciplinary action up to and including immediate discharge for Cause. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section 1, Executive will not be required to comply with any policy or rule that is in contradiction to this Agreement or its terms and conditions.

Section 2. *Term.* As used herein, the "Term" means the period commencing on the Effective Date of the Company's initial public offering and ending twenty-four (24) months thereafter. Prior to the Effective Date, or if the Company fails to complete its initial public offering, Executive shall remain employed pursuant to Executive's Employment Agreement with LM Funding, LLC. The Term shall be for two years and is automatically renewed each successive two years unless Executive or the Company gives written notice of termination on or before the 30th day prior to the annual anniversary of the Effective Date of its desire not to renew the Term. Any such renewal shall be upon the terms and conditions set forth herein unless otherwise agreed between the Company and Executive. In the event that the Company gives written notice that it does not intend to renew the Term, Executive shall be entitled to the benefits set forth in <u>Section 4(b)(iii)</u>.

Section 3. Compensation. Executive shall be entitled to the following compensation:

(a) The Company agrees to pay to Executive a salary in cash (the "**Salary**"), as compensation for the services to be performed by Executive, at the rate of \$250,000 per calendar year, paid in accordance with the Company's customary payroll procedures and subject to

applicable withholding. During the Term, the Board shall have the right to increase, but not decrease, the Salary. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Executive will be eligible for additional annual salary merit increases during the Term beginning in 2016 after 12 months of employment from the effective date based on the evaluation of Executive's performance as determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Executive's salary as in effect from time to time shall constitute the "**Salary**" for purposes of this Agreement.

(b) On the Effective Date, the Company shall execute and deliver to the Executive a Stock Option Agreement evidencing a grant to Executive of Stock Options to purchase 4.5% of the outstanding and issued shares of the Company as of the Effective Date at a price equal to the offering price of the Company's initial public offering. Such Option shall vest in equal parts over three years from the date of the Agreement. During the Term, additional merit grants of stock options may be made to Executive based on the evaluation of Executive's performance as determined by the Board in its sole discretion.

(c) The Company shall reimburse Executive for all reasonable expenses incurred by Executive in the course of performing Executive's duties under this Agreement that are consistent with the Company's policies in effect from time to time with respect to travel, entertainment and other business expenses, subject to the Company's requirements with respect to reporting and documentation of such expenses.

(d) Executive shall be eligible to participate in any equity incentive plan, restricted share plan, share award plan, stock appreciation rights plan, stock option plan or similar plan adopted by the Company on the same terms and conditions applicable to other senior Company executives and officers, with the amount of such awards to be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Executive shall be eligible for an annual bonus and long term incentive awards as determined at the sole discretion of the Board.

(e) Executive shall be entitled to all rights and benefits for which Executive shall be eligible under any retirement, retirement savings, profit-sharing, pension or welfare benefit plan. In addition, the Company shall purchase and maintain family policies for health insurance, dental insurance and hospitalization insurance. Executive shall also be entitled to all benefits including but not limited to life insurance, disability insurance, and other forms of insurance and all other so-called "fringe" benefits or perquisites (except for with respect to any plan that provides severance or other similar benefits), on the same terms that the Company provides to other similarly situated senior Company executives, officers and the Chief Executive Officer (subject to all restrictions on participation that may apply under federal and state tax laws). In addition, Executive will be entitled to an automobile allowance of up to \$1,000.00 per month during the Term of this Agreement.

## Section 4. Termination.

(a) *Events of Termination*. Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate (the date of such termination being the "**Termination Date**") immediately upon any of the following:

## (i) Executive's death ("Termination Upon Death");

(ii) the effective date of a written notice sent to Executive stating the Company's determination, made in good faith, that due to a mental or physical condition, Executive has been unable and failed to substantially render the services to be provided by Executive to the Company for a period of at least 180 consecutive days out of any consecutive 360 days ("**Termination For Disability**");

(iii) the effective date of a written notice sent to Executive stating the Company's determination, made in good faith, that it is terminating Executive's employment for Cause (as defined below) ("**Termination For Cause**");

(iv) the effective date of a notice sent to Executive stating that the Company is terminating Executive's employment without Cause (including any notice from the Company to Executive pursuant to <u>Section 2</u> that the Company has decided not to renew the Term), which notice can be given by the Company at any time after the Effective Date at the Company's sole discretion, for any reason or for no reason ("**Termination Without Cause**");

(v) the effective date of a notice (other than a notice delivered pursuant to  $\underline{\text{Section 4}(a)(vi)}$  of this Agreement) sent to the Company from Executive stating that Executive is electing to terminate Executive's employment with the Company without Good Reason ("**Resignation Without Good Reason**"); or

(vi) the effective date of a written notice to Company stating Executive's determination, made in good faith, that a Good Reason Event (as defined below) has occurred within 30 days preceding such notice and as a consequence Executive is electing to terminate Executive's employment hereunder for a Good Reason Event ("**Resignation For Good Reason**");

*provided, however*, that Executive will give the Company 30 days to cure such Good Reason Event, and if the Company fails to cure such Good Reason Event within 30 days after Executive gives written notice of resignation hereunder, then Executive may immediately terminate Executive's employment with the Company, and such termination will be a Resignation For Good Reason hereunder; provided, further, that Executive's termination shall be deemed a Termination For Cause if the Company has delivered to Executive written notice of any act or omission that, if not cured, would constitute Cause at any time preceding the notice provided by Executive hereunder.

As used herein, the term "**Cause**" shall mean (i) proof of commission of a willful act of dishonesty in the course of Executive's duties hereunder, (ii) conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction of, or plea of no contest to, a crime constituting a felony or conviction in respect of, or plea of no contest to, any act involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude, (iii) Executive's performance under the influence of controlled substances (other than those taken pursuant to a medical doctor's orders), (iv) frequent or extended, and unjustifiable, absenteeism, (v) Executive's personal misconduct or refusal to perform duties and responsibilities or to carry out the lawful directives of the Board, which, if capable of being cured shall not have been cured, within 30 days after the Company shall have advised Executive in writing of its intention to terminate Executive's employment, or (vi) Executive's material non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement, which, if capable of being cured, shall not have been cured within 30 days after the Company shall have advised Executive in writing of its intention to terminate Executive's employment for such reason.

As used herein, the term "**Good Reason Event**" shall mean (i) a material adverse change in the responsibilities or duties of Executive as set forth in this Agreement (including a change in reporting where Executive no longer reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer, or a change in Executive's capacity as President) without Executive's prior consent at a time when there are no circumstances pending that would permit the Board to terminate Executive for Cause, such that Executive is no longer acting as part of the senior management team of the Company, (ii) any reduction in the Salary or a material reduction in Executive's benefits (other than (x) a reduction in Salary that is the result of an administrative or clerical error, and which is cured within 15 business days after the Company receives notice of such failure, (iii) a material breach by the Company of this Agreement that is not cured within 30 days following the

Company's receipt of written notice of such breach from Executive, or (iv) without Executive's prior written consent, the relocation of Executive's principal place of employment outside of a 10 mile radius from the location of the Company's offices in Tampa, Florida as of the Effective Date. With regard to clause (i), Executive acknowledges that the Company has flexibility under <u>Section 1(a)</u> to assign Executive a broad range of responsibilities and duties that are consistent with him being a member of the senior management team and such assignments will not constitute a "Good Reason Event," provided they fall within the range of responsibilities and duties that are consistent with senior executive management at comparable companies.

# (b) Effect of Termination.

(i) Death or Disability. In the event of Termination Upon Death or Termination For Disability pursuant to Sections 4(a) (i) or 4(a)(ii) of this Agreement:

(A) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to any earned but unpaid Salary owing by the Company to Executive as of the Termination Date (the "Accrued Salary");

(B) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash, to the extent provided under any management bonus plan, an amount equal to the pro rata portion, determined as of the Termination Date, of any bonus to which Executive would have been entitled had Executive been employed by the Company at the time such bonus would have otherwise been paid (the "Accrued Bonus"); and

(C) all unvested Restricted Shares, Options, and Warrants granted to Executive during the Term of this Agreement shall become fully vested and non-forfeitable as of the Termination Date.

(D) any accrued vacation or sick time shall be paid at the regular rate of pay within 30 days of the Termination Date.

(ii) *Termination For Cause*. In the event of a Termination For Cause pursuant to <u>Section 4(a)(iii)</u> of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to any Accrued Salary.

(iii) Termination Without Cause and Resignation For Good Reason and Termination Upon Non-renewal. In the event of Termination Without Cause or Resignation For Good Reason pursuant to Sections 4(a)(iv) or 4(a)(vi) of this Agreement, subject to Section 4(c)(ii) of this Agreement:

(A) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to the Accrued Salary;

(B) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to the Accrued Bonus;

(C) Executive (or Executive's legal representative) shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to Executive's Salary (at the rate then in effect, and without taking into account any reductions that would have given rise to Good Reason termination by Executive), payable in equal installments in accordance with the Company's customary payroll procedures commencing on the Termination Date and ending 24 months thereafter;

(D) all unvested Restricted Shares, Options and Warrants granted to Executive during the Term of this Agreement shall become fully vested and non-forfeitable as of the Termination Date.

(E) Any accrued vacation and sick time shall be paid at the regular rate of pay within 30 days of the last date of employment

(F) Family health insurance and dental insurance, either private coverage or via COBRA coverage, shall be paid by the Company based on its normal policy from the Termination Date and ending 24 months thereafter.

(iv) Resignation Without Good Reason. In the event of Resignation Without Good Reason pursuant to Section 4(a)(v) of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to any Accrued Salary.

(v) Upon Termination For Any Reason. In the event of any termination, Executive shall be entitled to receive:

(A) any unpaid reasonable, reimbursable business expenses incurred by Executive in the course of performing Executive's duties under this Agreement that were incurred in a manner consistent with the Company's policies in effect from time to time with respect to travel, entertainment and other business expenses, subject to the Company's requirements with respect to incurring, reporting and documenting such expenses; and

(B) benefits under the Company's benefit plans of general application as shall be determined under the provisions of those plans.

## (c) Additional Provisions.

(i) Any amounts to be paid pursuant to this <u>Section 4</u> shall be paid in accordance with the Company's existing payroll or bonus payment practices, as applicable.

(ii) As a condition to the Company's obligations, if any, to make any Accrued Bonus and severance payments provided under Section 4(b)(iii)(B) and (C), Executive shall have executed, delivered and not revoked a general release in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

(iii) Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the obligations and commitments under <u>Section 5</u> of this Agreement shall survive and continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms notwithstanding any termination of Executive's employment for any reason or termination of this Agreement for any reason, provided the Company is in compliance with its obligations under this Agreement.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall have no obligation to pay any amounts payable under <u>Sections 4(b)(i)(B)</u>, 4(b)(iii)(B) or 4(b)(iii)(C) of this Agreement during such times as Executive is in breach of <u>Section 5</u> of this Agreement, after the Company provides Executive with notice of such breach.

(v) Executive agrees that termination of Executive's employment for any reason shall, with no further action by Executive required, constitute Executive's resignation, as of the Termination Date and to the extent applicable, from all positions as an officer, director or representative of the Company and any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company.

### Section 5. Noncompetition, Nonsolicitation And Confidentiality.

### (a) Definitions.

"Company's Business" means the business of providing specialty financial products to nonprofit incorporated community associations in the states in which the Company has conducted business.

"Competitor" means any company, other entity or association or individual that directly or indirectly is engaged in the Company's Business.

"Confidential Information" means any confidential information with respect to the Company's Business and/or the businesses of its clients or customers, including, but not limited to: the trade secrets of the Company; products or services; standard proposals; standard submissions, surveys and analyses; policy forms; fees, costs and pricing structures; marketing information; advertising and pricing strategies; analyses; reports; computer software, including operating systems, applications and program listings; flow charts; manuals and documentation; data bases; all copyrightable works; the Company's existing and prospective clients and customers, their addresses or other contact information and/or their confidential information; existing and prospective client and customer lists and other related data; expiration periods; policy numbers; coverage specifications; daily reports and related correspondence; premium renewal notices; and all similar and related information in whatever form. The term Confidential Information does not include, and there shall be no obligation hereunder with respect to, information that (i) is generally available to the public on the date of this Agreement, (ii) becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by Executive not otherwise permissible hereunder or (iii) Executive has learned or learns from other sources where, to Executive's knowledge, such sources have not violated their confidentiality obligation to the Company or any other applicable obligation of confidentiality.

(b) *Noncompetition*. Executive covenants and agrees that during the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending two years following the Termination Date (the "**Restricted Period**"), Executive will not, directly or indirectly, own, manage, operate, control,

render service to, or participate in the ownership, management, operation or control of any Competitor anywhere in the United States of America; provided, however, that Executive shall be entitled to own shares of stock of any corporation having a class of equity securities actively traded on a national securities exchange or on the Nasdaq Stock Market which represent, in the aggregate, not more than 1% of such corporation's fully-diluted shares.

(c) *Nonsolicitation of Employees*. Executive covenants and agrees that during the Restricted Period, Executive will not, directly or indirectly, employ or solicit, or receive or accept the performance of services by any then current officer, manager, employee or independent contractor of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, or in any way interfere with the relationship between the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, and any such officer, manager, employee or independent contractor, on the other hand.

(d) *Nonsolicitation of Customers and Vendors*. Executive covenants and agrees that during the Restricted Period, Executive will not, directly or indirectly, knowingly induce, or attempt to induce, any customer, salesperson, distributor, supplier, vendor, manufacturer, representative, agent, jobber, licensee or other person known by Executive to be transacting business with the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company (collectively the "**Customers**" and "**Vendors**") to reduce or cease doing business with the Company or any such subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, or in any way to interfere with the relationship between any such Customer or Vendor, on the one hand, and the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, on the other hand.

(e) *Representations and Covenants by Executive*. Executive represents and warrants that: (i) Executive's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement do not and will not conflict with, breach, violate or cause a default under any contract, agreement, instrument, order, judgment or decree to which Executive is a party or by which Executive is bound; (ii) Executive is not a party to or bound by any employment agreement, noncompete agreement or confidentiality agreement with any other person or entity (other than the Company) and Executive is not subject to any other agreement that would prevent Executive from performing Executive's duties for the Company or otherwise complying with this Agreement; (iii) Executive is not subject to or in breach of any nondisclosure agreement, including any agreement concerning trade secrets or

confidential information owned by any other party; and (iv) upon the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company, this Agreement shall be the valid and binding obligation of Executive, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

(f) *Nondisclosure of Confidential Information*. Executive hereby acknowledges and represents that Executive fully understands the terms and conditions contained herein and Executive agrees that Executive will not, directly or indirectly: (i) use, disclose, reverse engineer or otherwise exploit for Executive's own benefit or for the benefit of anyone other than the Company the Confidential Information except as authorized by the Company; (ii) during Executive's employment with the Company, use, disclose, or reverse engineer (x) any confidential information or trade secrets of any former employer or third party, or (y) any works of authorship developed in whole or in part by Executive's resignation or termination (x) retain Confidential Information, including any copies existing in any form (including electronic form), that are in Executive's possession or control, or (y) destroy, delete or alter the Confidential Information without the Company's consent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Executive may use the Confidential Information in the course of performing Executive's duties on behalf of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company as described hereunder, provided that such use is made in good faith. Executive will immediately surrender possession of all Confidential Information to Company upon any suspension or termination of Executive's employment with Company for any reason.

(g) Inventions and Patents. Executive acknowledges that all (i) inventions, innovations, improvements, developments, methods, designs, analysis, drawings, reports, processes, novel concepts and all similar or related information (whether or not patentable) that relate to the Company's or any of its subsidiaries' or affiliates' actual or anticipated businesses, (ii) research and development and (iii) existing or future products or services that are, to any extent, conceived, developed or made by Executive while employed by the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company ("Work Product") belong to the Company or such subsidiary or affiliate. Executive shall promptly disclose such Work Product to the Board and, at the cost and expense of the Company, perform all actions reasonably necessary or requested by the Board (whether during or after the Term) to establish and confirm such ownership (including, without limitation, executing assignments, consents, powers of attorney and other instruments).

## (h) Miscellaneous.

(i) Executive acknowledges that (x) Executive's position is a position of trust and responsibility with access to Confidential Information of the Company, (y) the Confidential Information, and the relationship between the Company and each of its employees, Customers and Vendors, are valuable assets of the Company and may not be converted to Executives own use and (z) the restrictions contained in this <u>Section 5</u> are reasonable and necessary to protect the legitimate business interests of the Company and will not impair or infringe upon Executive's right to work or earn a living after Executive's employment with the Company ends.

(ii) Each of the foregoing obligations shall be enforceable independent of any other obligation, and the existence of any claim or cause of action that Executive may have against the Company, shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by the Company of these obligations.

(iii) Executive acknowledges that monetary damages will not be an adequate remedy for the Company in the event of a breach of this Agreement and that it would be impossible for the Company to measure damages in the event of such a breach. Therefore, Executive agrees that, in addition to other rights that the Company may have at law or equity, the Company is entitled, without posting bond, to seek an injunction preventing Executive from any breach of this Agreement.

(iv) In the event of a breach or violation by Executive during the Restricted Period of any restriction in <u>Section 5(b)</u>, (b) or (d) of this Agreement, the Restricted Period shall be tolled until such breach or violation has been cured.

(v) The parties intend to provide the Company with the maximum protection possible with respect to its Customers and Vendors. The parties, however, do not intend to include a provision that contravenes the public policy of any state. Therefore, if any provision of this <u>Section 5</u> is unlawful, against public policy or otherwise declared void, such provision shall not be deemed part of this Agreement, which otherwise shall remain in full force and effect. If, at the

time of enforcement of this Agreement, a court or other tribunal holds that the duration, scope or area restriction stated herein is unreasonable under the circumstances then existing, the parties agree that the court should enforce the restrictions to the extent it deems reasonable.

(vi) Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the obligations and commitments of this <u>Section 5</u> shall survive and continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms notwithstanding any termination of Executive's employment for any reason or termination of this Agreement for any reason subject to the specific performance required under Section 4 of this Agreement and all of the terms contained in such section.

Section 6. *Withholding Taxes*. Prior to making any payments required to be made pursuant to this Agreement, the Company may require that the Company be reimbursed in cash for any taxes required by any government to be withheld or otherwise deducted and paid by the Company in respect of such payment by the Company. In lieu thereof, the Company shall have the right to withhold the amount of such taxes from any sums due or to become due from it to Executive.

Section 7. *Expenses.* In the event of any legal action to enforce Executive's or the Company's rights under this Agreement, each party will be responsible for that party's reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and disbursements.

Section 8. Assignment. This Agreement is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Executive shall not assign or transfer any rights or obligations hereunder. The Company shall have the right to assign or transfer any rights or obligations hereunder only to (a) a successor entity in the event of a merger, consolidation, or transfer or sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Company or (b) a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company. Any purported assignment, other than as provided above, shall be null and void.

**Section 9.** *Indemnification.* The Company shall indemnify Executive for any act or omission done or not done in performance of Executive's duties hereunder in accordance with the Company's certificate of incorporation, by-laws and any other constituent document to the extent provided for any other officer, the Chief Executive Officer or member of the Board. The Company's obligations under this <u>Section 9</u> shall survive any termination of this Agreement or Executive's employment hereunder.

Section 10. *Notices.* All notices, requests, consents and other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder, shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by prepaid telegram, telex, facsimile transmission, overnight courier or mailed, first class, postage prepaid by registered or certified mail, as follows:

If to the Company:LM Funding America, Inc., Bruce M. Rodgers, CEOIf to Executive:To Executive's address as reflected on the payroll records of the Company

or such other address as either party shall designate by notice in writing to the other in accordance herewith. Any such notice shall be deemed given when so delivered personally, by telex, facsimile transmission or telegram, or if sent by overnight courier, one day after delivery to such courier by the sender or if mailed, five days after deposit by the sender in the U.S. mails.

Section 11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between Executive and the Company concerning the subject matter hereof. This Agreement supersedes and preempts any prior employment agreement or other understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties, written or oral, that may have related to the subject matter hereof. No provisions of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such waiver, modification or discharge is agreed to in writing, signed by Executive and an authorized officer of the Company.

Section 12. *Governing Law.* This Agreement shall be subject to and governed by the laws of the State of Florida, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law under Florida law that would require or permit the application of the laws of a jurisdiction other than the State of Florida and irrespective of the fact that the parties now or at any time may be residents of or engage in activities in a different state. Employee agrees that in the event of any dispute or claim arising

under this Agreement, jurisdiction and venue shall be vested and proper, and Employee hereby consents to the jurisdiction of any court sitting in Tampa, Florida, including the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Section 13. *Full Settlement.* Executive acknowledges and agrees that, subject to the payment by the Company of the benefits provided in this Agreement to Executive, in no event will the Company nor any subsidiary or affiliate thereof be liable to Executive for damages under any claim of breach of contract as a result of the termination of Executive's employment. In the event of any such termination, the Company shall be liable only to provide to Executive, or Executive's heirs or beneficiaries, the benefits specified in this Agreement.

**Section 14.** *Strict Compliance.* Executive's or the Company's failure to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement or the failure to assert any right Executive or the Company may have hereunder shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such provision or right or any other provision or right of this Agreement. The waiver, whether express or implied, by either party of a violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent violation of any such provision.

Section 15. *Creditor Status.* No benefit or promise hereunder shall be secured by any specific assets of the Company. Executive shall have only the rights of an unsecured general creditor of the Company in seeking satisfaction of such benefits or promises.

**Section 16.** *Section 409A*. This Agreement is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("**Section 409A**"), and shall be construed accordingly. Any payments or distributions to be made to Executive under this Agreement upon a separation from service of amounts classified as "nonqualified deferred compensation" for purposes of Section 409A, shall in no event be made or commence until six months after such separation from service if Executive is determined to be a specified Executive of a public company (all as determined under Section 409A). Each payment of nonqualified deferred compensation under this Agreement shall be treated as a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A. Any reimbursements made pursuant to this Agreement shall be paid as soon as practicable but no later than 90 days after Executive submits evidence of such expenses to the Company (which payment date shall in no event be later than the last day of the calendar incurred).

The amount of such reimbursements paid and any in-kind benefits the year following the calendar year in which the expense was provided during any calendar year shall not affect the reimbursements paid or in-kind benefits provided in any other calendar year, and the right to any such payments and benefits shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for another payment or benefit.

Section 17. *Cooperation.* Executive agrees to provide assistance to and cooperate with the Company upon its reasonable request with respect to matters within the scope of Executive's duties and responsibilities during the Restricted Period. During such Period, the Company shall, to the maximum extent coordinate or cause any such request with Executive's other commitments and responsibilities to minimize the degree to which such request interferes with such commitments and responsibilities. The Company agrees that it will reimburse Executive for reasonable documented travel expenses (i.e., travel, meals and lodging) that Executive may incur in providing assistance to the Company hereunder.

Section 18. *Non-disparagement.* Executive agrees to not make any statements, written or oral, while employed by the Company and thereafter, which would be reasonably likely to disparage or damage the Company, its affiliates or subsidiaries or the personal or professional reputation of any present or former employees, officers or members of the managing or directorial boards or committees of the Company or its affiliates or subsidiaries. The Company agrees that it will instruct each of its and its affiliates' and subsidiaries' members, directors, managers, officers and employees not to make any disparaging communication regarding Executive, and no such person or entity will be authorized on the Company's or any affiliate's or subsidiary's behalf to make any such disparaging communications regarding Executive.

**Section 19.** *Recoupment.* Executive agrees to reimburse the Company for all or a portion, as determined below, of any bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation paid or awarded to Executive by the Company, if the Board determines that (a) the payment, award or vesting thereof was predicated upon the achievement of certain financial results that were subsequently the subject of a material financial restatement, (b) Executive engaged in fraud or misconduct that caused, in whole or in part, the need for the material financial restatement, and (c) a lower payment, award or vesting would have occurred based upon the restated financial results. In

such event, Executive agrees to reimburse (in the manner determined by the Board, including cancellation of options or other stock awards) any bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation previously paid, awarded or vested in the amount by which such bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation actually paid, awarded or vested exceeds the lower payment, award or vesting that would have occurred based upon the restated financial result; <u>provided</u> that no reimbursement shall be required if the payment, award or vesting otherwise subject to reimbursement hereunder occurred more than three (3) years prior to the date the applicable reinstatement is disclosed. In addition, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any bonus or incentive or equity-based compensation, or other compensation, payable to Executive pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreement, plan or arrangement of the Company shall be subject to repayment or recoupment (clawback) by the Company to the extent applicable under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (and not otherwise exempted) and in accordance with such policies and procedures as the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board may adopt from time to time, including policies and procedures to implement applicable law (including, but not limited to, Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Act), stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.

Section 20. Survival. Any provision of this Agreement that is expressly or by implication intended to survive the termination of this Agreement shall survive or remain in effect after the termination of this Agreement.

Section 21. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, anyone of which need not contain the signature of more than one party, but all such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

# LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce M. Rodgers

Bruce M. Rodgers, Chief Executive Officer

# EXECUTIVE

/s/ Sean Galaris Sean Galaris

### EXHIBIT A FORM OF RELEASE

This RELEASE ("Release") is granted effective as of the  $[\bullet]$  day of  $[\bullet]$ ,  $20[\bullet]$  by [ ] (the "Executive") in favor of [ ] (the "Company") and the other Released Parties (as defined below). This is the Release referred to in the Employment Agreement, dated as of September 2, 2014, between the Company and the Executive (the "Employment Agreement"). The Executive gives this Release in consideration of the Company's promises and covenants contained in the Employment Agreement, with respect to which this Release is an integral part.

1. *Release of the Company*. The Executive, for himself, his successors, assigns, attorneys, and all those entitled to assert his rights, now and forever hereby releases and discharges the Company and its respective officers, directors, stockholders, trustees, Executives, agents, parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, estates, successors, assigns and attorneys (the "**Released Parties**"), from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, sums of money due, suits, debts, liens, covenants, contracts, obligations, costs, expenses, damages, judgments, agreements, promises, demands, claims for attorney's fees and costs, or liabilities whatsoever, in law or in equity, which the Executive ever had or now has against the Released Parties, arising by reason of or in any way connected with or which may be traced either directly or indirectly to the employment relationship which existed between the Company or any of its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, or predecessors and the Executive, or the termination of that relationship, that the Executive has, had or purports to have, from the beginning of time to the date of this Release, whether known or unknown, that now exists, no matter how remotely they may be related to the aforesaid employment relationship including but not limited to claims for employment discrimination under federal or state law, except as provided in Paragraph 2; claims arising under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e), *et seq.* or the Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*; claims for statutory or common law wrongful discharge, including any claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.*; claims for attorney's fees, expenses and costs; claims for defamation; claims for wages or vacation pay; claims for benefits, including any claims arising under the Executive Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. § 1001, *et seq.*; and provided, however, that nothing herein shall release the Company of its obligations to the Execut

Employment Agreement between the Company and the Executive or any other contractual obligations between the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates and the Executive (including, without limitation, any equity award agreement or indemnification agreement), or any indemnification obligations to the Executive under the Company's certificate of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreement or other constituent document or any federal, state or local law or otherwise.

2. Release of Claims Under Age Discrimination in Employment Act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Executive agrees that by executing this Release, he has released and waived any and all claims he has or may have as of the date of this Release for age discrimination under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 621, *et seq*. It is understood that the Executive has been advised to consult with an attorney prior to executing this Release; that he in fact has consulted a knowledgeable, competent attorney regarding this Release; that he may, before executing this Release, consider this Release for a period of 21 calendar days; and that the consideration he receives for this Release is in addition to amounts to which he was already entitled. It is further understood that this Release is not effective until seven calendar days after the execution of this Release and that the Executive may revoke this Release within seven calendar days from the date of execution hereof.

The Executive agrees that he has carefully read this Release and is signing it voluntarily. The Executive acknowledges that he has had 21 days from receipt of this Release to review it prior to signing or that, if the Executive is signing this Release prior to the expiration of such 21-day period, the Executive is waiving his right to review the Release for such full 21-day period prior to signing it. The Executive has the right to revoke this release within seven days following the date of its execution by him. However, if the Executive revokes this Release within such seven-day period, no severance benefit will be payable to him under the Employment Agreement and he shall return to the Company any such payment received prior to that date.

THE EXECUTIVE HAS CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT CONSTITUTES A GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMPANY UNDER THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT. THE EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE HAS HAD A FULL

OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY OR OTHER ADVISOR OF HIS CHOOSING CONCERNING HIS EXECUTION OF THIS RELEASE AND THAT HE IS SIGNING THIS RELEASE VOLUNTARILY AND WITH THE FULL INTENT OF RELEASING THE COMPANY FROM ALL SUCH CLAIMS.

Name of Executive: [ ] Date: [•], 20[•]

## LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC. 2015 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

### 1. Purpose, Effective Date and Definitions.

(a) *Purpose*. This LM Funding America, Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan has two complementary purposes: (i) to attract, retain, focus and motivate executives and other selected employees, directors, consultants and advisors and (ii) to increase stockholder value. The Plan will accomplish these objectives by offering participants the opportunity to acquire shares of the Company's common stock, receive monetary payments based on the value of such common stock or receive other incentive compensation on the terms that this Plan provides.

(b) Effective Date. This Plan is effective as of October 21, 2015 (the "Effective Date").

(c) *Definitions*. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in various sections of the Plan have the meanings given in Section 18.

### 2. Administration.

(a) *Administration*. In addition to the authority specifically granted to the Administrator in this Plan, the Administrator has full discretionary authority to administer this Plan, including but not limited to the authority to: (i) interpret the provisions of this Plan or any agreement covering an Award; (ii) prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to this Plan; (iii) correct any defect, supply any omission, or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan, any Award or any agreement covering an Award in the manner and to the extent it deems desirable to carry this Plan or such Award into effect; and (iv) make all other determinations necessary or advisable for the administrator determinations shall be made in the sole discretion of the Administrator and are final and binding on all interested parties.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Administrator shall have the discretion to grant an Award with any vesting condition, any vesting period or any performance period if the Award is granted to a newly hired or promoted Participant, or accelerate or shorten the vesting or performance period of an Award, in connection with a Participant's death, Disability, Retirement or termination by the Company or an Affiliate without Cause or a Change of Control.

Notwithstanding the above statement or any other provision of the Plan, once established, the Administrator shall have no discretion to increase the amount of compensation payable under an Award that is intended to be performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), although the Administrator may decrease the amount of compensation a Participant may earn under such an Award.

(b) *Delegation to Other Committees or Officers*. To the extent applicable law permits, the Board may delegate to another committee of the Board, or the Committee may delegate to one or more officers of the Company, any or all of their respective authority and responsibility as an Administrator of the Plan; *provided* that no such delegation is permitted with respect to Stock-based Awards made to Section 16 Participants at the time any such delegated authority or responsibility is exercised unless the delegation is to another committee of the Board consisting entirely of Non-Employee Directors. If the Board or the Committee has made such a delegation, then all references to the Administrator in this Plan include such other committee or one or more officers to the extent of such delegation.

(c) *No Liability; Indemnification*. No member of the Board or the Committee, and no officer or member of any other committee to whom a delegation under Section 2(b) has been made, will be liable for any act done, or determination made, by the individual in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Award. The Company will indemnify and hold harmless each such individual as to any acts or omissions, or determinations made, with respect to this Plan or any Award to the maximum extent that the law and the Company's by-laws permit.

**3. Eligibility.** The Administrator may designate any of the following as a Participant from time to time, to the extent of the Administrator's authority: any officer or other employee of the Company or its Affiliates; any individual that the Company or an Affiliate has engaged to become an officer or employee; any consultant or advisor who provides services to the Company or its Affiliates; or any Director, including a Non-Employee Director. The Administrator's granting of an Award to a Participant will not require the Administrator to grant an Award to such individual at any future time. The Administrator's granting of a particular type of Award to a Participant will not require the Administrator to grant any other type of Award to such individual.

# 4. Types of Awards; Assistance to Participants.

(a) *Grants of Awards*. Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Administrator may grant any type of Award to any Participant it selects, but only employees of the Company or a Subsidiary (that qualifies under Code Section 422) may receive grants of incentive stock options within the meaning of Code Section 422. Awards may be granted alone or in addition to, in tandem with, or (subject to the prohibition on repricing set forth in Section 14(e)) in substitution for any other Award (or any other award granted under another plan of the Company or any Affiliate, including the plan of an acquired entity).

(b) Assistance. On such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the Administrator, the Company or any Subsidiary may directly or indirectly lend money to any Participant or other person to accomplish the purposes of the Plan, including to assist such Participant or other person to acquire Shares upon the exercise of Options, *provided* that such lending is not permitted to the extent it would violate terms of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or any other law, regulation or other requirement applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary.

### 5. Shares Reserved under this Plan.

(a) *Plan Reserve*. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 16, an aggregate of 600,000 Shares are reserved for issuance under this Plan, all of which may be issued upon the exercise of incentive stock options. The Shares reserved for issuance may be either authorized and unissued Shares or shares reacquired at any time and now or hereafter held as treasury stock. The aggregate number of Shares reserved under this Section 5(a) shall be depleted by the maximum number of Shares, if any, that may be issuable under an Award as determined at the time of grant. For purposes of determining the aggregate number of Shares reserved for issuance under this Plan, any fractional Share shall be rounded to the next highest full Share.

(b) *Replenishment of Shares Under this Plan*. If (i) an Award lapses, expires, terminates or is cancelled without the issuance of Shares under the Award (whether due currently or on a deferred basis), (ii) it is determined during or at the conclusion of the term of an Award that all or some portion of the Shares with respect to which the Award was granted will not be issuable, or that other compensation with respect to the Shares covered by the Award will not be payable, on the basis that the conditions for such issuance will not be satisfied, (iii) Shares are forfeited under an Award, (iv) Shares are issued under any Award and the Company subsequently reacquires them pursuant to rights reserved upon the issuance of the Shares or (v) Shares are tendered to satisfy the exercise price of an Award or federal, state or local tax withholding obligations, then such Shares shall be recredited to the Plan's reserve and may again be used for new Awards under this Plan, but Shares recredited to the Plan's reserve pursuant to clause (iv) or (v) may not be issued pursuant to incentive stock options.

6. Options. Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Administrator will determine all terms and conditions of each Option, including but not limited to: (a) whether the Option is an "incentive stock option" which meets the requirements of Code Section 422, or a "nonqualified stock option" which does not meet the requirements of Code Section 422; (b) the grant date, which may not be any day prior to the date that the Administrator approves the grant; (c) the number of Shares subject to the Option; (d) the exercise price, which may not be less than the Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to the Option as determined on the date of grant; (e) the terms and conditions of vesting and exercise; and (f) the term, except that an Option must terminate no later than ten (10) years after the date of grant. In all other respects, the terms of any incentive stock option should comply with the provisions of Code Section 422 except to the extent the Administrator determines otherwise. Except to the extent the Administrator determines otherwise, a Participant may exercise an Option in whole or part after the right to exercise the Option has accrued, provided that any partial exercise must be for one hundred (100) Shares or multiples thereof. If an Option that is intended to be an incentive stock option fails to meet the requirements thereof, the Option shall automatically be treated as a nonqualified stock option to the extent of such failure. Unless restricted by the Administrator, and subject to such procedures as the Administrator may specify, the payment of the exercise price of Options may be made by (x) delivery of cash or other Shares or other securities of the Company (including by attestation) having a then Fair Market Value equal to the purchase price of such Shares or (y) by delivery to the Company or its designated agent of an executed irrevocable option exercise form together with irrevocable instructions to a broker-dealer to sell or margin a sufficient portion of the Shares and deliver the sale or margin loan proceeds directly to the Company to pay for the exercise price. To the extent permitted by the Administrator, the payment of the exercise price of the Options may also be made by surrendering the right to receive Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant upon exercise of the Award having a Fair Market Value at the time of exercise equal to the total exercise price or by any combination of such method and the methods described in the preceding sentence. Except to the extent otherwise set forth in an Award agreement, a Participant shall have no rights as a holder of Stock as a result of the grant of an Option until the Option is exercised, the exercise price and applicable withholding taxes are paid and the Shares subject to the Option are issued thereunder.

7. Stock Appreciation Rights. Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Administrator will determine all terms and conditions of each SAR, including but not limited to: (a) whether the SAR is granted independently of an Option or relates to an Option; (b) the grant date, which may not be any day prior to the date that the Administrator approves the grant; (c) the number of Shares to which the SAR relates; (d) the grant price, *provided* that the grant price shall not be less than the Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to the SAR as determined on the date of grant; (e) the terms and conditions of exercise or maturity, including vesting; (f) the term, *provided* that an SAR must terminate no later than ten (10) years after the date of grant; and (g) whether the SAR will be settled in cash, Shares or a combination thereof. If an SAR is granted

in relation to an Option, then unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, the SAR shall be exercisable or shall mature at the same time or times, on the same conditions and to the extent and in the proportion, that the related Option is exercisable and may be exercised or mature for all or part of the Shares subject to the related Option. Upon exercise of any number of SARs, the number of Shares subject to the related Option shall be reduced accordingly and such Option may not be exercised with respect to that number of Shares. The exercise of any number of Options that relate to an SAR shall likewise result in an equivalent reduction in the number of Shares covered by the related SAR.

8. Performance and Stock Awards. Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Administrator will determine all terms and conditions of each award of Shares, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares or Performance Units, including but not limited to: (a) the number of Shares and/or units to which such Award relates; (b) whether, as a condition for the Participant to realize all or a portion of the benefit provided under the Award, one or more Performance Goals must be achieved during such period as the Administrator specifies; (c) whether the restrictions imposed on Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall lapse, and all or a portion of the Performance Goals subject to an Award shall be deemed achieved, upon a Participant's death, Disability or Retirement; (d) the length of the vesting and/or performance period and, if different, the date on which payment of the benefit provided under the Award will be made; (e) with respect to Performance Units, whether to measure the value of each unit in relation to a designated dollar value or the Fair Market Value of one or more Shares; and (f) with respect to Restricted Stock Units and Performance Units, whether to settle such Awards in cash, in Shares (including Restricted Stock), or a combination thereof.

**9. Annual Incentive Awards.** Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Administrator will determine all terms and conditions of an Annual Incentive Award, including but not limited to the Performance Goals, performance period, the potential amount payable, and the timing of payment; *provided* that the Administrator must require that payment of all or any portion of the amount subject to the Annual Incentive Award is contingent on the achievement of one or more Performance Goals during the period the Administrator specifies, although the Administrator may specify that all or a portion of the Performance Goals subject to an Award are deemed achieved upon a Participant's death, Disability or Retirement (except, in the case of an Award intended to constitute performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), to the extent inconsistent with the applicable requirements of Code Section 162(m)), or such other circumstances as the Administrator may specify.

**10. Long-Term Incentive Awards.** Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Administrator will determine all terms and conditions of a Long-Term Incentive Award, including but not limited to the Performance Goals, performance period (which must be more than one year), the potential amount payable, and the timing of payment; *provided* that the Administrator must require that payment of all or any portion of the amount subject to the Long-Term Incentive Award is contingent on the achievement of one or more Performance Goals during the period the Administrator specifies, although the Administrator may specify that all or a portion of the Performance Goals subject to an Award are deemed achieved upon a Participant's death, Disability or Retirement (except, in the case of an Award intended to constitute performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), to the extent inconsistent with the applicable requirements of Code Section 162(m)), or such other circumstances as the Administrator may specify.

**11. Dividend Equivalent Units.** Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Administrator will determine all terms and conditions of each award of Dividend Equivalent Units, including but not limited to whether: (a) such Award will be granted in tandem with another Award; (b) payment of the Award will be made concurrently with dividend payments or credited to an account for the Participant which provides for the deferral of such amounts until a stated time; (c) the Award will be settled in cash or Shares; and (d) as a condition for the Participant to realize all or a portion of the benefit provided under the Award, one or more Performance Goals must be achieved during such period as the Administrator specifies; *provided* that Dividend Equivalent Units may not be granted in connection with an Option, Stock Appreciation Right or other "stock right" within the meaning of Code Section 409A; and *provided further* that no Dividend Equivalent Unit granted in tandem with another Award shall include vesting provisions more favorable to the Participant than the vesting provisions, if any, to which the tandem Award is subject.

12. Other Stock-Based Awards. Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Administrator may grant to Participants other types of Awards, which may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, Shares, either alone or in addition to or in conjunction with other Awards, and payable in Stock or cash. Without limitation except as provided herein (and subject to the limitations of Section 14(e)), such Award may include the issuance of shares of unrestricted Stock, which may be awarded in payment of director fees, in lieu of cash compensation, in exchange for cancellation of a compensation right, as a bonus, or upon the attainment of Performance Goals or otherwise, or rights to acquire Stock from the Company. The Administrator shall determine all terms and conditions of the Award, including but not limited to, the time or times at which such Awards shall be made, and the number of Shares to be granted pursuant to such Awards or to which such Award shall relate; *provided* that any Award that provides for purchase rights shall be priced at 100% of Fair Market Value on the date of the Award.

**13. Restrictions on Transfer, Encumbrance and Disposition**. No Award granted under this Plan may be sold, assigned, mortgaged, pledged, exchanged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred, or encumbered or disposed of, by a Participant other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and during the lifetime of the Participant such Awards may be exercised only by the Participant or the Participant's legal representative or by the permitted transferee of such Participant as hereinafter provided (or by the legal representative of such permitted transferee). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant may transfer an Award to the extent expressly permitted by the Administrator. Subsequent transfers of transferred Awards are prohibited except transfers otherwise made in accordance with this Section 13. Any attempted transfer not permitted by this Section 13 shall be null and void and have no legal effect. The restrictions set forth in this Section 13, and any risk of forfeiture applicable to an Award, shall be enforceable against any transferee of an Award.

#### 14. Termination and Amendment of Plan; Amendment, Modification or Cancellation of Awards.

(a) *Term of Plan.* Unless the Board earlier terminates this Plan pursuant to Section 14(b), this Plan will terminate when all Shares reserved for issuance have been issued. If the term of this Plan extends beyond ten (10) years from the Effective Date, no incentive stock options may be granted after such time unless the stockholders of the Company have approved an extension of this Plan. In addition, no Award may constitute qualified performance-based compensation within the meaning of Code Section 162(m) unless, to the extent required by Code Section 162(m) for such Award to constitute qualified performance-based compensation, the material terms of the Performance Goals applicable to such Award are disclosed to and reapproved by the stockholders of the Company no later than the first stockholder meeting that occurs in the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) year following the year in which the stockholders previously approved the Performance Goals.

(b) *Termination and Amendment*. The Board or the Administrator may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue or terminate this Plan at any time, subject to the following limitations:

(i) the Board must approve any amendment of this Plan to the extent the Company determines such approval is required by: (A) prior action of the Board, (B) applicable corporate law, or (C) any other applicable law;

(ii) stockholders must approve any amendment of this Plan to the extent the Company determines such approval is required by: (A) Section 16 of the Exchange Act, (B) the Code, (C) the listing requirements of any principal securities exchange or market on which the Shares are then traded, or (D) any other applicable law; and

(iii) stockholders must approve any of the following Plan amendments: (A) an amendment to materially increase any number of Shares specified in Section 5(a) (except as permitted by Section 16) or (B) an amendment that would diminish the protections afforded by Section 14(e).

### (c) Amendment, Modification, Cancellation and Disgorgement of Awards.

(i) Except as provided in Section 14(e) and subject to the requirements of this Plan, the Administrator may modify, amend or cancel any Award, or waive any restrictions or conditions applicable to any Award or the exercise of the Award; *provided* that, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Award agreement, any modification or amendment that materially diminishes the rights of the Participant, or the cancellation of the Award, shall be effective only if agreed to by the Participant or any other person(s) as may then have an interest in the Award, but the Administrator need not obtain Participant (or other interested party) consent for the modification, amendment or cancellation of an Award pursuant to the provisions of subsection (ii) or Section 16 or as follows: (A) to the extent the Administrator deems such action necessary to comply with any applicable law or the listing requirements of any principal securities exchange or market on which the Shares are then traded; (B) to the extent the Administrator deems necessary to preserve favorable accounting or tax treatment of any Award for the Company; or (C) to the extent the Administrator determines that such action does not materially and adversely affect the value of an Award or that such action is in the best interest of the affected Participant (or any other person(s) as may then have an interest in the Award). Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless determined otherwise by the Administrator, any such amendment shall be made in a manner that will enable an Award intended to be exempt from Code Section 409A to continue to be so exempt, or to enable an Award intended to comply with Code Section 409A to continue to so comply.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in an Award agreement, the Administrator shall have full power and authority to terminate or cause the Participant to forfeit the Award, and require the Participant to disgorge to the Company any gains attributable to the Award, if the Participant engages in any action constituting, as determined by the Administrator in its discretion, Cause for termination, or a breach of any Award agreement or any other agreement between the Participant and the Company or an Affiliate concerning noncompetition, nonsolicitation, confidentiality, trade secrets, intellectual property, nondisparagement or similar obligations.

(iii) Any Awards granted pursuant to this Plan, and any Stock issued or cash paid pursuant to an Award, shall be subject to any recoupment or clawback policy that is adopted by, or any recoupment or similar requirement otherwise made applicable by law, regulation or listing standards to, the Company from time to time.

(d) *Survival of Authority and Awards*. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the authority of the Board and the Administrator under this Section 14 and to otherwise administer the Plan with respect to then-outstanding Awards will extend beyond the date of this Plan's termination. In addition, termination of this Plan will not affect the rights of Participants with respect to Awards previously granted to them, and all unexpired Awards will continue in force and effect after termination of this Plan except as they may lapse or be terminated by their own terms and conditions.

(e) *Repricing and Backdating Prohibited*. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, and except for the adjustments provided for in Section 16, neither the Administrator nor any other person may (i) amend the terms of outstanding Options or SARs to reduce the exercise or grant price of such outstanding Options or SARs; (ii) cancel outstanding Options or SARs in exchange for Options or SARs with an exercise or grant price that is less than the exercise or grant price of the original Options or SARs; or (iii) cancel outstanding Options or SARs with an exercise or grant price above the current Fair Market Value of a Share in exchange for cash or other securities. In addition, the Administrator may not make a grant of an Option or SAR with a grant date that is effective prior to the date the Administrator takes action to approve such Award.

(f) *Foreign Participation*. To assure the viability of Awards granted to Participants employed or residing in foreign countries, the Administrator may provide for such special terms as it may consider necessary or appropriate to accommodate differences in local law, tax policy, accounting or custom. Moreover, the Administrator may approve such supplements to, or amendments, restatements or alternative versions of, this Plan as it determines is necessary or appropriate for such purposes. Any such amendment, restatement or alternative versions that the Administrator approves for purposes of using this Plan in a foreign country will not affect the terms of this Plan for any other country. In addition, all such supplements, amendments, restatements or alternative versions must comply with the provisions of Section 14(b)(ii).

(g) *Code Section 409A*. The provisions of Code Section 409A are incorporated herein by reference to the extent necessary for any Award that is subject to Code Section 409A to comply therewith.

### 15. Taxes.

(a) *Withholding*. In the event the Company or one of its Affiliates is required to withhold any Federal, state or local taxes or other amounts in respect of any income recognized by a Participant as a result of the grant, vesting, payment or settlement of an Award or disposition of any Shares acquired under an Award, the Company or its Affiliate may deduct (or require an Affiliate to deduct) from any cash payments of any kind otherwise due the Participant, or with the consent of the Administrator, Shares otherwise deliverable or vesting under an Award, to satisfy such tax or other obligations. Alternatively, the Company or its Affiliate may require such Participant to pay to the Company or its Affiliate, in cash, promptly on demand, or make other

arrangements satisfactory to the Company or its Affiliate regarding the payment to the Company or its Affiliate of the aggregate amount of any such taxes and other amounts. If Shares are deliverable upon exercise or payment of an Award, then, unless restricted by the Administrator and subject to such procedures as the Administrator may specify, a Participant may satisfy all or a portion of the Federal, state and local withholding tax obligations arising in connection with such Award by electing to deliver other previously owned Shares. To the extent expressly permitted by the Administrator, a Participant may satisfy all or a portion of the Federal, state and local withholding tax obligations arising in connection with such Award by electing to deliver other previously owned Shares. To the extent expressly permitted by the Administrator, a Participant may satisfy all or a portion of the Federal, state and local withholding tax obligations arising in connection with an Award by having the Company or its Affiliate withhold Shares otherwise issuable under the Award or tendering back Shares received in connection with such Award. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the amount to be withheld may not exceed the total minimum federal, state and local tax withholding obligations associated with the transaction to the extent needed for the Company and its Affiliates to avoid an accounting charge. If an election is provided, the election must be made on or before the date as of which the amount of tax to be withheld is determined and otherwise as the Administrator requires. In any case, the Company and its Affiliates may defer making payment or delivery under any Award if any such tax may be pending unless and until indemnified to its satisfaction.

(b) *No Guarantee of Tax Treatment*. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan, the Company does not guarantee to any Participant or any other Person with an interest in an Award that (i) any Award intended to be exempt from Code Section 409A shall be so exempt, (ii) any Award intended to comply with Code Section 409A or Code Section 422 shall so comply, or (iii) any Award shall otherwise receive a specific tax treatment under any other applicable tax law, nor in any such case will the Company or any Affiliate be required to indemnify, defend or hold harmless any individual with respect to the tax consequences of any Award.

#### 16. Adjustment Provisions; Change of Control.

(a) Adjustment of Shares. If: (i) the Company shall at any time be involved in a merger or other transaction in which the Shares are changed or exchanged; (ii) the Company shall subdivide or combine the Shares or the Company shall declare a dividend payable in Shares, other securities (other than stock purchase rights issued pursuant to a stockholder rights agreement) or other property; (iii) the Company shall effect a cash dividend the amount of which, on a per Share basis, exceeds ten percent (10%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share at the time the dividend is declared, or the Company shall effect any other dividend or other distribution on the Shares in the form of cash, or a repurchase of Shares, that the Board determines by resolution is special or extraordinary in nature or that is in connection with a transaction that the Company characterizes publicly as a recapitalization or reorganization involving the Shares; or (iv) any other event shall occur, which, in the case of this clause (iv), in the judgment of the Administrator necessitates an adjustment to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under this Plan, then the Administrator shall, in such manner as it may deem equitable to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under this Plan, adjust as applicable: (A) the number and type of shares subject to this Plan (including the number and type of shares described in Sections 5(a) and (b)) and which may after the event be made the subject of Awards; (B) the number and type of shares subject to outstanding Awards; (C) the grant, purchase, or exercise price with respect to any Award; and (D) to the extent such discretion does not cause an Award that is intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m) to lose its status as such, the Performance Goals of an Award. In any such case, the Administrator may also (or in lieu of the foregoing) make provision for a cash payment to the holder of an outstanding Award in exchange for the

cancellation of all or a portion of the Award (without the consent of the holder of an Award) in an amount determined by the Administrator effective at such time as the Administrator specifies (which may be the time such transaction or event is effective). However, in each case, with respect to Awards of incentive stock options, no such adjustment may be authorized to the extent that such authority would cause this Plan to violate Code Section 422(b). Further, the number of Shares subject to any Award payable or denominated in Shares must always be a whole number. In any event, previously granted Options or SARs are subject to only such adjustments as are necessary to maintain the relative proportionate interest the Options and SARs represented immediately prior to any such event and to preserve, without exceeding, the value of such Options or SARs.

Without limitation, in the event of any reorganization, merger, consolidation, combination or other similar corporate transaction or event, whether or not constituting a Change of Control (other than any such transaction in which the Company is the continuing corporation and in which the outstanding Stock is not being converted into or exchanged for different securities, cash or other property, or any combination thereof), the Administrator may substitute, on an equitable basis as the Administrator determines, for each Share then subject to an Award and the Shares subject to this Plan (if the Plan will continue in effect), the number and kind of shares of stock, other securities, cash or other property to which holders of Stock are or will be entitled in respect of each Share pursuant to the transaction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a stock dividend (other than a stock dividend declared in lieu of an ordinary cash dividend) or subdivision or combination of the Shares (including a reverse stock split), if no action is taken by the Administrator, adjustments contemplated by this subsection that are proportionate shall nevertheless automatically be made as of the date of such stock dividend or subdivision or combination of the Shares.

(b) *Issuance or Assumption*. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, and without affecting the number of Shares otherwise reserved or available under this Plan, in connection with any merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, or reorganization, the Administrator may authorize the issuance or assumption of awards under this Plan upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate.

(c) *Change of Control.* Unless otherwise expressly provided in an Award agreement or another contract, including an employment agreement, or under the terms of a transaction constituting a Change of Control, the Administrator may provide for the acceleration of the vesting or earning and, if applicable, exercisability of any outstanding Award, or portion thereof, or the lapsing of any conditions or restrictions on or the time for payment in respect of any outstanding Award, or portion thereof, upon a Change of Control or the termination of the Participant's employment following a Change of Control. In addition, unless otherwise expressly provided in an Award agreement or another contract, including an employment agreement, or under the terms of a transaction constituting a Change of Control, without limitation of the foregoing, the Administrator may provide that any or all of the following shall occur in connection with a Change of Control: (a) the substitution for the Shares subject to any outstanding Award, or portion thereof, of stock or other securities of the surviving corporation or any successor corporation to the Company, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, in which event the aggregate purchase or exercise price, if any, of such Award, or portion thereof, shall remain the same, (b) the conversion of any outstanding Award, or portion thereof, into a right to receive cash or other property upon or following the consummation of the Change of Control in an amount equal to the value of the consideration to be received by holders of Shares in connection with such transaction for one Share, less the per share purchase or exercise price of such Award, if any,

multiplied by the number of Shares subject to such Award, or a portion thereof, (c) acceleration of the vesting (and, as applicable, the exercisability) of any and/or all outstanding Awards, (d) the cancellation of any outstanding and unexercised Awards upon or following the consummation of the Change of Control (without the consent of an Award holder or any person with an interest in an Award), (e) in the case of Options or SARs, the cancellation of all outstanding Options or SARs in exchange for a cash payment equal to the excess of the Change of Control Price over the exercise price of the Shares subject to such Option or SAR upon the Change of Control (or for no cash payment if such excess is zero), and/or (f) the cancellation of any Awards in exchange for a cash payment based on the value of the Award as of the date of the Change of Control (or for no payment if the Award has no value).

For purposes of this Section 16, the "value" of a Performance Share shall be equal to, and the "value" of a Performance Unit for which the value is equal to the Fair Market Value of Shares shall be based on, the Change of Control Price. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 16(c), the terms of any Awards that are subject to Code Section 409A shall govern the treatment of such Awards upon a Change of Control, and the terms of this Section 16(c) shall not apply, to the extent required for such Awards to remain compliant with Code Section 409A, as applicable.

# (d) Application of Limits on Payments.

(i) *Determination of Cap or Payment*. Except to the extent the Participant has in effect an employment or similar agreement with the Company or any Affiliate or is subject to a policy that provides for a more favorable result to the Participant upon a Change of Control, if any payments or benefits paid by the Company pursuant to this Plan, including any accelerated vesting or similar provisions ("Plan Payments"), would cause some or all of the Plan Payments in conjunction with any other payments made to or benefits received by a Participant in connection with a Change of Control (such payments or benefits, together with the Plan Payments, the "Total Payments") to be subject to the tax ("Excise Tax") imposed by Code Section 4999 but for this Section 16(d), then, notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, the Total Payments shall be delivered either (A) in full or (B) in an amount such that the value of the aggregate Total Payments that the Participant is entitled to receive shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) less than the maximum amount that the Participant may receive without being subject to the Excise Tax, whichever of (A) or (B) results in the receipt by the Participant of the greatest benefit on an after-tax basis (taking into account applicable federal, state and local income taxes and the Excise Tax).

## (ii) Procedures.

(A) If a Participant or the Company believes that a payment or benefit due the Participant will result in some or all of the Total Payments being subject to the Excise Tax, then the Company, at its expense, shall obtain the opinion (which need not be unqualified) of nationally recognized tax counsel ("National Tax Counsel") selected by the Company (which may be regular outside counsel to the Company), which opinion sets forth (1) the amount of the Base Period Income (as defined below), (2) the amount and present value of the Total Payments, (3) the amount and present value of any excess parachute payments determined without regard to any reduction of Total Payments pursuant to Section 6(a)(ii), and (4) the net after-tax proceeds to the Participant, taking into

account applicable federal, state and local income taxes and the Excise Tax if (x) the Total Payments were delivered in accordance with Section 16(d)(i)(A) or (y) the Total Payments were delivered in accordance with Section 16(d)(i)(B). The opinion of National Tax Counsel shall be addressed to the Company and the Participant and shall be binding upon the Company and the Participant. If such National Tax Counsel opinion determines that Section 16(d)(i)(B) applies, then the Plan Payments or any other payment or benefit determined by such counsel to be includable in the Total Payments shall be reduced or eliminated so that under the bases of calculations set forth in such opinion there will be no excess parachute payment. In such event, payments or benefits included in the Total Payments shall be reduced or eliminated by applying the following principles, in order: (1) the payment or benefit with the higher ratio of the parachute payment or benefit with a lower ratio; (2) the payment or benefit with the later possible payment date shall be reduced or eliminated before a payment or benefit with a lower ratio; (2) the payment or benefit with the later possible payment date shall be reduced or eliminated before a payment or benefit with an earlier payment date; and (3) cash payments shall be reduced prior to non-cash benefits; *provided* that if the foregoing order of reduction or elimination would violate Code Section 409A, then the reduction shall be made pro rata among the payments or benefits included in the Total Payments (on the basis of the relative present value of the parachute payments).

(B) For purposes of this Section 16: (1) the terms "excess parachute payment" and "parachute payments" shall have the meanings given in Code Section 280G and such "parachute payments" shall be valued as provided therein; (2) present value shall be calculated in accordance with Code Section 280G(d)(4); (3) the term "Base Period Income" means an amount equal to the Participant's "annualized includible compensation for the base period" as defined in Code Section 280G(d)(1); (4) for purposes of the opinion of National Tax Counsel, the value of any noncash benefits or any deferred payment or benefit shall be determined by the Company's independent auditors in accordance with the principles of Code Sections 280G(d)(3) and (4); and (5) the Participant shall be deemed to pay federal income tax and employment taxes at the highest marginal rate of federal income and employment taxation, and state and local income taxes at the highest marginal rate of the or locality of the Participant's domicile, net of the maximum reduction in federal income taxes that may be obtained from the deduction of such state and local taxes.

(C) If National Tax Counsel so requests in connection with the opinion required by this Section 16(d)(ii), the Company shall obtain, at the Company's expense, and the National Tax Counsel may rely on, the advice of a firm of recognized executive compensation consultants as to the reasonableness of any item of compensation to be received by the Participant solely with respect to its status under Code Section 280G.

(D) The Company agrees to bear all costs associated with, and to indemnify and hold harmless the National Tax Counsel from, any and all claims, damages and expenses resulting from or relating to its determinations pursuant to this Section 16, except for claims, damages or expenses resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such firm.

(E) This Section 16 shall be amended to comply with any amendment or successor provision to Code Section 280G or Code Section 4999. If such provisions are repealed without successor, then this Section 16(d) shall be cancelled without further effect.

#### 17. Miscellaneous.

(a) *Other Terms and Conditions*. The Administrator may provide in any Award agreement such other provisions (whether or not applicable to the Award granted to any other Participant) as the Administrator determines appropriate to the extent not otherwise prohibited by the terms of the Plan.

(b) *Employment and Service*. The issuance of an Award shall not confer upon a Participant any right with respect to continued employment or service with the Company or any Affiliate, or the right to continue as a Director. Unless determined otherwise by the Administrator, for purposes of the Plan and all Awards, the following rules shall apply:

(i) a Participant who transfers employment between the Company and its Affiliates, or between Affiliates, will not be considered to have terminated employment;

(ii) a Participant who ceases to be a Non-Employee Director because he or she becomes an employee of the Company or an Affiliate shall not be considered to have ceased service as a Director with respect to any Award until such Participant's termination of employment with the Company and its Affiliates;

(iii) a Participant who ceases to be employed by the Company or an Affiliate and immediately thereafter becomes a Non-Employee Director, a non-employee director of an Affiliate, or a consultant to the Company or any Affiliate shall not be considered to have terminated employment until such Participant's service as a director of, or consultant to, the Company and its Affiliates has ceased; and

(iv) a Participant employed by an Affiliate will be considered to have terminated employment when such entity ceases to be an Affiliate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of an Award that is subject to Code Section 409A, if a Participant's termination of employment or service triggers the payment of compensation under such Award, then the Participant will be deemed to have terminated employment or service upon his or her "separation from service" within the meaning of Code Section 409A. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Plan or an Award to the contrary, if any Participant is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Code Section 409A as of the date of his or her "separation from service" within the meaning of Code Section 409A, then, to the extent required by Code Section 409A, any payment made to the Participant on account of such separation from service shall not be made before a date that is six months after the date of the separation from service.

(c) *No Fractional Shares*. No fractional Shares or other securities may be issued or delivered pursuant to this Plan, and the Administrator may determine whether cash, other securities or other property will be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Shares or other securities, or whether such fractional Shares or other securities or any rights to fractional Shares or other securities will be canceled, terminated or otherwise eliminated.

(d) Unfunded Plan; Awards Not Includable for Benefits Purposes. This Plan is unfunded and does not create, and should not be construed to create, a trust or separate fund with respect to this Plan's benefits. This Plan does not establish any fiduciary relationship between the Company and any Participant or other person. To the extent any person holds any rights by virtue of an Award granted under this Plan, such rights are no greater than the rights of the Company's general unsecured creditors. Income recognized by a Participant pursuant to an Award shall not be included in the determination of benefits under any employee pension benefit plan (as such term is defined in Section 3(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended) or group insurance or other benefit plans applicable to the Participant which are maintained by the Company or any Affiliate, except as may be provided under the terms of such plans or determined by resolution of the Board.

(e) *Requirements of Law and Securities Exchange*. The granting of Awards and the issuance of Shares in connection with an Award are subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations and to such approvals by any governmental agencies or national securities exchanges as may be required. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan or any award agreement, the Company has no liability to deliver any Shares under this Plan or make any payment unless such delivery or payment would comply with all applicable laws and the applicable requirements of any securities exchange or similar entity, and unless and until the Participant has taken all actions required by the Company in connection therewith. The Company may impose such restrictions on any Shares issued under the Plan as the Company determines necessary or desirable to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations or the requirements of any national securities exchanges.

(f) *Governing Law; Venue*. This Plan, and all agreements under this Plan, will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without reference to any conflict of law principles. Any legal action or proceeding with respect to this Plan, any Award or any award agreement, or for recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect of this Plan, any Award or any award agreement, may only be brought and determined in (i) a court sitting in the State of Delaware, and (ii) a "bench" trial, and any party to such action or proceeding shall agree to waive its right to a jury trial.

(g) *Limitations on Actions*. Any legal action or proceeding with respect to this Plan, any Award or any award agreement, must be brought within one year (365 days) after the day the complaining party first knew or should have known of the events giving rise to the complaint.

(h) *Construction*. Whenever any words are used herein in the masculine, they shall be construed as though they were used in the feminine in all cases where they would so apply; and wherever any words are used in the singular or plural, they shall be construed as though they were used in the plural or singular, as the case may be, in all cases where they would so apply. Titles of sections are for general information only, and this Plan is not to be construed with reference to such titles.

(i) *Severability*. If any provision of this Plan or any award agreement or any Award (a) is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, or as to any person or Award, or (b) would disqualify this Plan, any award agreement or any Award under any law the Administrator deems applicable, then such provision should be construed or deemed amended to conform to applicable laws, or if it cannot be so construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Administrator, materially altering the intent of this Plan, award agreement or Award, then such provision should be stricken as to such jurisdiction, person or Award, and the remainder of this Plan, such award agreement and such Award will remain in full force and effect.

**18. Definitions.** Capitalized terms used in this Plan or any Award agreement have the following meanings, unless the Award agreement otherwise provides:

(a) "Administrator" means the Committee; *provided* that, to the extent the Board has retained authority and responsibility as an Administrator of the Plan, the term "Administrator" shall also mean the Board or, to the extent the Committee has delegated authority and responsibility as an Administrator of the Plan to one or more officers of the Company as permitted by Section 2(b), the term "Administrator" shall also mean such officers.

(b) "Affiliate" shall have the meaning given in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of determining those individuals to whom an Option or Stock Appreciation Right may be granted, the term "Affiliate" means any entity that, directly or through one or more intermediaries, is controlled by, controls, or is under common control with, the Company within the meaning of Code Sections 414(b) or (c); *provided* that, in applying such provisions, the phrase "at least 20 percent" shall be used in place of "at least 80 percent" each place it appears therein.

(c) "Award" means a grant of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Shares, an Annual Incentive Award, a Long-Term Incentive Award, Dividend Equivalent Units or any other type of award permitted under the Plan.

(d) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(e) "Cause" means any of the following as determined by the Company: (i) with respect to Participants other than Non-Employee Directors, (A) the failure of the Participant to perform or observe any of the material terms or provisions of any written employment agreement between the Participant and the Company or its Affiliates or, if no written agreement exists, the gross dereliction of the Participant's duties (for reasons other than the Participant's Disability) with respect to the Company or its Affiliates; (B) the failure of the Participant to comply fully with the lawful directives of the Board or the board of directors of an Affiliate of the Company, as applicable, or the officers or supervisory employees to whom the Participant reports; (C) the Participant's dishonesty, misconduct, misappropriation of funds, or disloyalty or disparagement of the Company, any of its Affiliates or its management or employees; or (D) other proper cause determined in good faith by the Administrator; or (ii) with respect to Non-Employee Directors, (A) fraud or intentional misrepresentation; (B) embezzlement, misappropriation or conversion of assets or opportunities of the Company or any of its Affiliates; or (C) any other gross or willful misconduct as determined by the Committee, in its sole and conclusive discretion.

(f) "Change of Control" means the first to occur of the following with respect to the Company (which, for purposes of this definition, shall be included in references to "the Company"):

(i) Any "Person," as that term is defined in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act (but excluding (A) the Company;
(B) any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company; (C) any corporation owned directly or indirectly by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as they own the stock of the Company; or (D) either of Bruce M. Rodgers or Carollinn Gould or any of their respective Affiliates or family members), is or becomes the "Beneficial Owner" (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities; or

(ii) The Company is merged or consolidated with any other corporation or other entity, other than: (A) a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity) more than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation; or (B) the Company engages in a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of the Company (or similar transaction) in which no "Person" (as defined above) acquires fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Company is the foregoing, a merger or consolidation involving the Company shall not be considered a "Change of Control" if the Company is the surviving corporation and shares of the Stock are not converted into or exchanged for stock or securities of any other corporation, cash or any other thing of value, unless persons who beneficially owned shares of the Stock outstanding immediately prior to such transaction own beneficially less than a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to consolidation;

(iii) The Company or any Affiliate sells, assigns or otherwise transfers assets in a transaction or series of related transactions, if the aggregate market value of the assets so sold, assigned or otherwise transferred exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the Company's consolidated book value, determined by the Company in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, measured at the time at which such transaction occurs or the first of such series of related transactions occurs; *provided* that such a transfer effected pursuant to a spin-off or split-up where stockholders of the Company retain ownership of the transferred assets proportionate to their pro rata ownership interest in the Company shall not be deemed a "Change of Control";

(iv) The Company dissolves and liquidates substantially all of its assets; or

(v) At any time after the Effective Date when the "Continuing Directors" cease to constitute a majority of the Board. For this purpose, a "Continuing Director" shall mean: (A) the individuals who, at the Effective Date, constitute the Board; and (B) any new Directors (other than Directors designated by a person who has entered into an agreement with the Company to effect a transaction described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of this definition) whose appointment to the Board or nomination for election by Company stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the then-serving Continuing Directors.

If an Award is considered deferred compensation subject to the provisions of Code Section 409A, then the Administrator may include an amended definition of "Change of Control" in the Award agreement issued with respect to such Award as necessary to comply with, or as necessary to permit a deferral under, Code Section 409A.

(g) "Change of Control Price" means the highest of the following: (i) the Fair Market Value of the Shares, as determined on the date of the Change of Control; (ii) the highest price per Share paid in the Change of Control transaction; or (iii) the Fair Market Value of the Shares, calculated on the date of surrender of the relevant Award in accordance with Section 16(c), but this clause (iii) shall not apply if in the Change of Control transaction, or pursuant to an agreement to which the Company is a party governing the Change of Control transaction, all of the Shares are purchased for and/or converted into the right to receive a current payment of cash and no other securities or other property.

(h) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any reference to a specific provision of the Code includes any successor provision and the regulations promulgated under such provision.

(i) "Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board, or such other committee of the Board that is designated by the Board with the same or similar authority. The Committee shall consist only of Non-Employee Directors (not fewer than two (2)) who also qualify as Outside Directors to the extent necessary for the Plan to comply with Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act or any successor rule and to permit Awards that are otherwise eligible to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code to so qualify.

(j) "Company" means LM Funding America, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any successor thereto.

(k) "Director" means a member of the Board; "Non-Employee Director" means a Director who is not also an employee of the Company or its Subsidiaries; and "Outside Director" means a Director who qualifies as an outside director within the meaning of Code Section 162(m).

(1) "Disability" means disability as defined in the Company's long-term disability plan covering exempt salaried employees, except as otherwise determined by the Administrator and set forth in an Award agreement. The Administrator shall make the determination of Disability and may request such evidence of disability as it reasonably determines.

(m) "Dividend Equivalent Unit" means the right to receive a payment, in cash or Shares, equal to the cash dividends or other distributions paid with respect to a Share as described in Section 11.

(n) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Any reference to a specific provision of the Exchange Act includes any successor provision and the regulations and rules promulgated under such provision.

(o) "Fair Market Value" means, per Share on a particular date, the last sales price on such date on the national securities exchange on which the Stock is then traded, as reported in The Wall Street Journal, or if no sales of Stock occur on the date in question, on the last preceding date on which there was a sale on such exchange. If the Shares are not listed on a national securities exchange, but are traded in an over-the-counter market, the last sales price (or, if there is no last sales price reported, the average of the closing bid and asked prices) for the Shares on the particular date, or on the last preceding date on which there was a sale of Shares on that market, will be used. If the Shares are neither listed on a national securities exchange nor traded in an over-the-counter market, the price determined by the Administrator, in its discretion, will be used. If an actual sale of a Share occurs on the market, then the Company may consider the sale price to be the Fair Market Value of such Share.

(p) "Incentive Award" means the right to receive a cash payment to the extent Performance Goals are achieved (or other requirements are met), and shall include "Annual Incentive Awards" as described in Section 9 and "Long-Term Incentive Awards" as described in Section 10.

- (q) "Option" means the right to purchase Shares at a stated price for a specified period of time.
- (r) "Participant" means an individual selected by the Administrator to receive an Award.

(s) "Performance Goals" means any goals the Administrator establishes that relate to one or more of the following with respect to the Company or any one or more of its Subsidiaries, Affiliates or other business units: book value; revenue; cash flow; total stockholder return; dividends; debt; net cash provided by operating activities; net cash provided by operating activities less net cash used in investing activities; ratio of debt to debt plus equity; profit before tax; gross profit; net profit; net operating profit; net operating profit after taxes; net sales; earnings before interest and taxes; earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; Fair Market Value of Shares; basic earnings per share; diluted earnings per share; return on stockholder equity; return on average equity; return on average total capital employed; return on net assets employed before interest and taxes; economic value added; return on year-end equity; capital; cost of capital; cost of equity; cost of debt; taxes; market share; operating ratios; combined ratio; loss ratio, net plus the expense ratio; customer satisfaction; customer retention; customer loyalty; strategic business criteria based on meeting specified revenue goals; market penetration goals; investment performance goals; business expansion goals or cost targets; accomplishment of mergers, acquisitions, dispositions or similar extraordinary business transactions; profit returns and margins; financial return ratios; market performance and/or goals or returns or a combination of the foregoing. As to each Performance Goal, the relevant measurement of performance shall be computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles to the extent applicable, but, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, will exclude the effects of the following: (i) charges for reorganizing and restructuring; (ii) discontinued operations; (iii) asset write-downs; (iv) gains or losses on the disposition of a business; (v) changes in tax or accounting principles, regulations or laws; (vi) mergers, acquisitions, dispositions or recapitalizations; (vii) impacts on interest expense, preferred dividends and share dilution as a result of debt and capital transactions; and (viii) extraordinary, unusual and/or non-recurring items of income, expense, gain or loss, that, in case of each of the foregoing, the Company identifies in its publicly filed periodic or current reports, its audited financial statements, including notes to the financial statements, or the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the Company's annual report. With respect to any Award intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), such exclusions shall be made only to the extent consistent with Code Section 162(m). To the extent consistent with Code Section 162(m), the Administrator may also provide for other adjustments to Performance Goals in the Award agreement or plan document evidencing any Award. In addition, the Administrator may appropriately adjust any evaluation of performance under a Performance Goal to exclude any of the following events that occurs during a performance period: (i) litigation, claims, judgments or settlements; (ii) the effects of changes in other laws or regulations affecting reported results; and (iii) accruals of any amounts for

payment under this Plan or any other compensation arrangements maintained by the Company; *provided* that, with respect to any Award intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), such adjustment may be made only to the extent consistent with Code Section 162(m). Where applicable, the Performance Goals may be expressed, without limitation, in terms of attaining a specified level of the particular criterion or the attainment of an increase or decrease (expressed as absolute numbers, averages and/or percentages) in the particular criterion or achievement in relation to a peer group or other index. The Performance Goals may include a threshold level of performance below which no payment will be made (or no vesting will occur), levels of performance at which specified payments will be paid (or specified vesting will occur), and a maximum level of performance above which no additional payment will be made (or at which full vesting will occur). In addition, in the case of Awards that the Administrator determines at the date of grant will not be considered "performance-based compensation" under Code Section 162(m), the Administrator may establish other Performance Goals and provide for other exclusions or adjustments not listed in this Plan.

(t) "Performance Shares" means the right to receive Shares to the extent Performance Goals are achieved (or other requirements are met) as described in Section 8.

(u) "Performance Unit" means the right to receive a cash payment and/or Shares valued in relation to a unit that has a designated dollar value or the value of which is equal to the Fair Market Value of one or more Shares, to the extent Performance Goals are achieved (or other requirements are met) as described in Section 8.

(v) "Person" has the meaning given in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, or any group of Persons acting in concert that would be considered "persons acting as a group" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.409A-3(i)(5).

(w) "Plan" means this LM Funding America, Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time.

(x) "Restricted Stock" means a Share that is subject to a risk of forfeiture or restrictions on transfer, or both a risk of forfeiture and restrictions on transfer, as described in Section 8.

(y) "Restricted Stock Unit" means the right to receive a cash payment and/or Shares equal to the Fair Market Value of one Share that is subject to a risk of forfeiture or restrictions on transfer, or both a risk of forfeiture and restrictions on transfer, as described in Section 8.

(z) "Retirement" means termination of employment or service with the Company and its Affiliates on or after the date the Participant has both attained age sixty (60) and completed ten (10) years of service with the Company and its Affiliates.

(aa) "Section 16 Participants" means Participants who are subject to the provisions of Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

(bb) "Share" means a share of Stock.

(cc) "Stock" means the Common Stock, par value \$0.001, of the Company.

(dd) "Stock Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means the right to receive cash, and/or Shares with a Fair Market Value, equal to the appreciation of the Fair Market Value of a Share during a specified period of time.

(ee) "Subsidiary" means any corporation, limited liability company or other limited liability entity in an unbroken chain of entities beginning with the Company if each of the entities (other than the last entities in the chain) owns the stock or equity interest possessing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock or other equity interests in one of the other entities in the chain.

### LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC. 2015 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN STOCK OPTION AWARD AGREEMENT

Dear			_
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You have been granted an option (this "<u>Option</u>") to purchase shares of the common stock of LM Funding America, Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>") pursuant to the Company's 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>") and this Stock Option Award Agreement (this "<u>Option Agreement</u>"). This Option is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Option Agreement. Additional provisions regarding this Option and definitions of capitalized terms used and not defined in this Option Agreement can be found in the Plan.

Grant Date:	, 20
Type of Option:	€ Incentive Stock Option € Nonqualified Stock Option
Number of Option Shares:	
Exercise Price per Share:	\$
Term:	This Option shall expire on the tenth anniversary of the Grant Date (the " <u>Expiration Date</u> "), unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of this Option Agreement or the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if this Option is designated as an Incentive Stock Option and is granted to an employee who, at the time of the grant, owns (directly or indirectly, within the meaning of Code Section 424(d)) more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or of any Subsidiary, then the Expiration Date shall mean the fifth anniversary of the Grant Date.
	Upon termination or expiration of this Option, all your rights hereunder shall cease.
Vesting:	This Option will vest with respect to one third $(1/3)$ of the total number of Option Shares on each of the first three (3) anniversaries of the Grant Date, provided that you are continuously employed with or in the service of the Company or its Affiliates through the applicable anniversary date.
	The vesting of this Option may be accelerated in the Administrator's sole discretion if it determines

circumstances so warrant.

#### Termination of Employment:

The following conditions apply in the event that your employment or service with the Company and its Affiliates is terminated prior to the Expiration Date of this Option. In no event, however, will the time periods described herein extend the term of this Option beyond its Expiration Date or beyond the date this Option is otherwise cancelled or terminates pursuant to the provisions of the Plan.

- a. *Termination Other than As a Result of Death, Disability or Cause.* If your employment or service terminates (at a time when you could not have been terminated for Cause) other than by reason of your death or Disability and other than for Cause, then the unvested portion of this Option shall automatically terminate immediately and the vested portion of this Option shall automatically terminate 90 days after the date of such termination.
- b. *Termination for Cause*. If your employment or service terminates for Cause, then this Option shall automatically terminate immediately on the date of such termination.
- c. *Termination As a Result of Death or Disability.* If your employment or service terminates by reason of your death or Disability (at a time when you could not have been terminated for Cause), then the unvested portion of this Option shall automatically terminate immediately and the vested portion of this Option shall automatically terminate 12 months after such termination.
- d. *Determination of Cause After Termination*. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if after your employment or service terminates the Company determines that it could have terminated you for Cause had all relevant facts been known at the time of your termination, then the Company may terminate this Option immediately upon such determination, and you will be prohibited from exercising this Option thereafter. In such event, you will be notified of the termination of this Option.

If the date this Option terminates as specified above (other than as a result of a termination for Cause) falls on a day on which the stock market is not open for trading or on a date on which you are prohibited by Company policy (such as an insider trading policy) from exercising the Option, the termination date shall be automatically extended to the first available trading day following the original termination date, but not beyond the Expiration Date.

Manner of Exercise: You may exercise this Option only if it has not been forfeited or has not otherwise expired, and only to the extent this Option is vested. To exercise this Option, you must comply with such exercise and notice procedures as the Administrator may establish from time to time, including, without limitation, payment of the exercise price and any applicable tax withholding amounts. Unless otherwise

determined by the Administrator, the payment of the exercise price and applicable tax withholding amounts may be made at your election (i) in cash or its equivalent (e.g., by check), (ii) in Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate exercise price for the Shares being purchased and satisfying such other requirements as may be imposed by the Administrator (provided that such Shares have been held by the Participant for no less than six months or such other period, if any, as established from time to time by the Administrator to avoid adverse accounting treatment under generally accepted accounting principles) or (iii) partly in cash and partly in such Shares. To the extent expressly permitted by the Administrator, the payment of the exercise price and applicable tax withholding amounts may be made at your election by any of the foregoing methods or by having the Company withhold from the Shares otherwise issuable upon exercise a whole number of shares with a Fair Market Value equal to the exercise price and applicable tax withholding amounts and issuing the net number of remaining Shares to you. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the amount to be withheld may not exceed the total minimum federal, state and local tax withholding obligations associated with the transaction to the extent needed for the Company and its Affiliates to avoid an accounting charge. A properly completed notice of stock option exercise (or such other notice as is prescribed) will become effective upon receipt of the notice and any required payment by the Company (or its designee); provided that the Company may suspend exercise of the Option pending its determination of whether your employment will be or could have been terminated for Cause and, if such a determination is made, your notice of stock option exercise (or such other notice as is prescribed) will automatically be rescinded. If, following your death, your beneficiary or heir, or such other person or persons as may acquire your rights under this Option by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, wishes to exercise this Option, such person must contact the Company and prove to the Company's satisfaction that such person has the right and is entitled to exercise this Option. Your ability to exercise this Option, or the manner of exercise or payment of withholding taxes, may be restricted by the Company if required by applicable law or by the Company's trading policies as in effect from time to time. Restrictions on Resale By accepting this Option, you agree not to sell any shares of Stock acquired under this Option at a time when applicable laws, Company policies or an agreement between the Company and its underwriters prohibit a sale. 3

Transferability:	You may not transfer or assign this Option for any reason, other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution or as otherwise set forth in the Plan. Any attempted transfer or assignment of this Option, other than as set forth in the preceding sentence or the Plan, will be null and void.
Market Stand-Off:	In connection with any underwritten public offering by the Company of its equity securities pursuant to an effective registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), you agree that you shall not directly or indirectly sell, make any short sale of, loan, hypothecate, pledge, offer, grant or sell any option or other contract for the purchase of, purchase any option or other contract for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of or transfer or agree to engage in any of the foregoing transactions with respect to, any Shares acquired under this Option without the prior written consent of the Company and the Company's underwriters. Such restriction shall be in effect for such period of time following the date of the final prospectus for the offering as may be requested by the Company or such underwriters. In no event, however, shall such period exceed one hundred eighty (180) days.
Recoupment; Rescission of Exercise:	If the Administrator determines that recoupment of incentive compensation paid to you pursuant to this Option is required under any law or any recoupment policy of the Company, then this Option will terminate immediately on the date of such determination to the extent required by such law or recoupment policy, any prior exercise of this Option may be deemed to be rescinded, and the Administrator may recoup any such incentive compensation in accordance with such recoupment policy or as required by law. The Company shall have the right to offset against any other amounts due from the Company to you the amount owed by you hereunder and any exercise price and withholding amount tendered by you with respect to any such incentive compensation.
Notice of Disqualifying Disposition:	If this Option is designated as an Incentive Stock Option and you sell Shares that were acquired through the exercise of this Option within two years from the Grant Date or one year from the date of exercise, you must notify the Administrator of the sale to permit proper treatment of the compensation expense.
Restrictions on Exercise, Issuance and Transfer of Shares:	a. <i>General.</i> No individual may exercise this Option, and no shares of Stock subject to this Option will be issued, unless and until the Company has determined to its satisfaction that such exercise and issuance will comply with all applicable federal and state securities laws, rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, rules of any stock exchange on which shares of Stock of the Company may then be traded, or any other applicable laws. In addition, if required by underwriters for the Company, you agree to enter into a lock-up agreement with respect to any shares of Stock acquired or to be acquired under this Option.

- Securities Laws. You acknowledge that you are acquiring this Option, and the right to purchase the b. shares of Stock subject to this Option, for investment purposes only and not with a view toward resale or other distribution thereof to the public which would be in violation of the Securities Act. You agree and acknowledge with respect to any shares of Stock that have not been registered under the Securities Act, that: (i) you will not sell or otherwise dispose of such shares of Stock, except as permitted pursuant to a registration statement declared effective under the Securities Act and qualified under any applicable state securities laws, or in a transaction which in the opinion of counsel for the Company is exempt from such required registration, and (ii) that a legend containing a statement to such effect will be placed on the certificates evidencing such shares of Stock. Further, as additional conditions to the issuance of the shares of Stock subject to this Option, you agree (with such agreement being binding upon any of your beneficiaries, heirs, legatees and/or legal representatives) to do the following prior to any issuance of such shares of Stock: (i) to execute and deliver to the Company such investment representations and warranties as are required by the Company; (ii) to enter into a restrictive stock transfer agreement if required by the Board; and (iii) to take or refrain from taking such other actions as counsel for the Company may deem necessary or appropriate for compliance with the Securities Act, and any other applicable federal or state securities laws, regardless of whether the shares of Stock have at that time been registered under the Securities Act, or otherwise qualified under any applicable state securities laws.
- This Option Agreement may be amended only by written consent signed by both you and the Company, unless the amendment is not to your detriment or the amendment is otherwise permitted without your consent by the Plan.
  - The failure of the Company to enforce any provision of this Option Agreement at any time shall in no way constitute a waiver of such provision or of any other provision hereof.
  - You will have none of the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to this Option until Shares are transferred to you upon exercise of the Option.
  - In the event any provision of this Option Agreement is held illegal or invalid for any reason, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the legality or validity of the remaining provisions of this Option Agreement, and this Option Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included in this Option Agreement.

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# Miscellaneous:

- As a condition to the grant of this Option, you agree (with such agreement being binding upon your legal representatives, guardians, legatees or beneficiaries) that this Option Agreement shall be interpreted by the Administrator and that any interpretation by the Administrator of the terms of this Option Agreement or the Plan, and any determination made by the Administrator pursuant to this Option Agreement or the Plan, shall be final, binding and conclusive.
- This Option Agreement may be executed in counterparts.

# BY SIGNING BELOW AND AGREEING TO THIS STOCK OPTION AWARD AGREEMENT, YOU AGREE TO ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND IN THE PLAN. YOU ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE HAVING READ THIS AGREEMENT AND THE PLAN.

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LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

By:

[Name of Authorized Officer]

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[Name of Recipient]

Date:

#### LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC. NOTICE OF STOCK OPTION EXERCISE

Your completed form should be delivered to: \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

Phone: \_\_\_\_ Fax:

\_\_\_\_\_. Incomplete forms may cause a delay in processing your option exercise.

## OPTIONEE INFORMATION

Please complete the following. PLEASE WRITE YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME SINCE THIS NAME MAY BE ON YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATE OR APPEAR IN THE BOOK ENTRY FOR YOUR SHARES.

Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Work Phone #: ()	Home Phone #: ()	
Social Security #:		

## DESCRIPTION OF OPTION(S) BEING EXERCISED

Please complete the following for each option that you wish to exercise.

Grant Date	Type of Option (specify ISO or NQSO)	Exercise Price Per Share	Number of Option Shares Being Purchased*	Total Exercise Price (multiply Exercise Price Per Share by Number of Option Shares Being Purchased) \$
		\$		\$
		\$		\$
		\$		\$
		\$		\$
Aggregate Exercise Price				\$

\* Must be a whole number only. Exercise of fractional Option Shares is not permitted.

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT OF OPTION EXERCISE PRICE

Please select only one:

- Cash Exercise. I am enclosing a check or money order payable to "LM Funding America, Inc." for the Aggregate Exercise Price.
- Cashless Exercise (Available Only to the Extent Expressly Permitted by the Company). I am exercising the Option pursuant to the cashless exercise provisions provided for by the Company. The Company will withhold from the Shares otherwise issuable upon exercise a whole number of shares with a Fair Market Value equal to (or less than) the Aggregate Exercise Price, and will then issue the net number of remaining Shares to me. If the whole number of Shares to be withheld does not exactly equal my Aggregate Exercise Price, then the Company

will withhold the whole number of Shares necessary to cover my Aggregate Exercise Price, and will issue a check to me equal to the Fair Market Value of any fractional Share not needed. If your option is designated in the Option agreement as an incentive stock option ("ISO"), then selecting this method of payment may result in the Option losing its ISO status and being treated as a nonqualified stock option for tax purposes.

Share Delivery. I am enclosing the following certificate(s) for shares of LM Funding America, Inc. common stock to pay for all or a part of the Aggregate Exercise Price. The Fair Market Value of these shares will be determined as of the date this form is received by the Company.

Certificate Number Certificate Date Number of Shares
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The Company is instructed to apply the number of shares indicated above towards the Aggregate Exercise Price. If the number of shares indicated above covers less than the Aggregate Exercise Price, I also have enclosed (or will promptly provide) a check or money order made payable to "LM Funding America, Inc." for the balance of the Aggregate Exercise Price. If the number of shares indicated above covers more than the Aggregate Exercise Price, the Company will issue to me a new stock certificate for the whole number of shares not needed to pay the purchase price, and if necessary, a check in the amount of the Fair Market Value of any fractional share.

- □ <u>Cashless Exercise Through a Broker-Dealer</u>. I have requested through the broker specified below to (*select only one*):
- Sell to Cover. Sell or margin only enough of the option being exercised to cover the Aggregate Exercise Price (and tax withholding, if elected below), deliver the sale or margin loan proceeds directly to LM Funding America, Inc., and deposit the remaining shares and any residual cash in my brokerage account.
- Same-Day-Sale. Sell or margin <u>all</u> of the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the options, deliver a portion of the sale or margin loan proceeds directly to LM Funding America, Inc. to pay the Aggregate Exercise Price (and tax withholding, if elected below), and deposit any remaining cash proceeds in my brokerage account.

Sale Price\*:

\* The sale price and sale date are required in order to execute the cashless exercise.

Sale Date\*:

Broker-Dealer Name:
Contact Person:
DWAC – Depository Trust Company (DTC) #:
Brokerage Account #:
Broker Phone #: () Broker Fax #: ()

If your option is designated in the Option agreement as an ISO, then selecting this method of payment may result in the Option losing its ISO status and being treated as a nonqualified stock option for tax purposes.

#### \* It is your responsibility to contact a broker to open a brokerage account and sell your stock option shares. LM Funding America, Inc. WILL NOT send this form to your broker.

#### CERTIFICATE OR BOOK ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

Do not complete this portion if you elected a cashless exercise through a broker-dealer. (Shares issued pursuant to a cashless exercise through a broker-dealer will be automatically sent to your specified broker.)

Please select only one:

Name(s) in which the purchased shares will be issued:

- $\Box$  In my name only
- □ In the names of my spouse and myself as community property
- □ In the names of my spouse and myself as joint tenants with the rights of survivorship

\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name (if applicable): \_

The certificate or notice of book entry for the purchased shares should be sent to the following address (*complete only if to be sent to a different address than specified in Part 1*):

Street Address:

City:

\_\_\_\_Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## METHOD OF SATISFYING TAX WITHHOLDING OBLIGATION

Please select only one. You do not need to complete this Part if you are exercising incentive stock options (ISOs) or if you are a nonemployee director or consultant.

- **Cash.** I am enclosing a check or money order payable to "LM Funding America, Inc." for the withholding tax amount.
- Tax Amount Request. Please notify me of the amount of withholding taxes that will be due as a result of this option exercise. I understand that, after receiving notification of the withholding tax amount, I must immediately remit to the Company a check or money order payable to "LM Funding America, Inc." for that amount. I understand that the Company will not process my option exercise until it receives the check or money order covering the withholding tax amount due.
- Share Delivery. I am enclosing the following certificate(s) for shares of LM Funding America, Inc. common stock to pay for all or a part of the withholding tax amount. The Fair Market Value of these shares (as defined in the Plan) will be determined as of the date this form is received by the Company.

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The Company is instructed to apply the number of shares indicated above towards the withholding tax amount. If the number of shares indicated above covers less than the withholding tax amount, I also have enclosed (or will promptly provide) a check or money order made payable to "LM Funding America, Inc." for the balance of the withholding tax amount If the number of shares indicated above covers more than the withholding tax amount, the Company will issue to me a new stock certificate or create a new book entry for the whole number of shares not needed to pay the purchase price, and if necessary, a check in the amount of the Fair Market Value of any fractional share.

- Share Withholding (Available Only to the Extent Expressly Permitted by the Company). The Company is instructed to withhold that number of whole shares otherwise issuable as a result of the exercise of the Option(s) having a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the aggregate minimum federal, state and local taxes required to be withheld. If such number of shares covers more than the aggregate minimum taxes required to be withheld, the Company will issue to me a check in the amount of the Fair Market Value of any fractional share.
- Broker Exercise. I have elected to exercise my option(s) through a broker. The broker will sell sufficient Shares to pay for the tax amount and will remit that amount to LM Funding America, Inc.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SIGNATURE

- 1. I understand that all sales of LM Funding America, Inc. common stock received upon exercise of this option are subject to compliance with the company's policy on securities trades.
- 2. I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the plan of LM Funding America, Inc. under which the Option(s) listed above were issued and a copy of the plan, and understand the tax consequences of an exercise.

3. I understand that this Notice cannot be revoked. If I have selected a cashless exercise through a broker-dealer, I personally guarantee that the Aggregate Exercise Price and applicable taxes will be paid to LM Funding America, Inc. in full in the event the Company does not receive the full amount from the broker for any reason.

Signature:

Date:

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FOR COMPANY USE ONLY: Received by the Company on \_\_\_\_\_

### LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC. 2015 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD AGREEMENT

Dear

You have been granted an award of restricted shares of the common stock of LM Funding America, Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>") constituting a Restricted Stock Award (this "<u>Award</u>") under the Company's 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>"). This Award is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Award Agreement. Additional provisions regarding this Award and definitions of capitalized terms used and not defined in this Award Agreement can be found in the Plan.

Grant Date:	, 20
Number of Shares of Restricted Stock (" <u>Restricted Shares</u> "):	
Vesting Schedule and/or Performance Requirements:	Your Restricted Shares will vest as follows: One-third $(1/3)$ of your Restricted Shares will vest on each of the first three (3) anniversaries of the Grant Date, provided that you are continuously employed with or in the service of the Company or its Affiliates through the applicable vesting date.
	Upon your termination of employment with, or cessation of services to, the Company prior to the date all of the Restricted Shares are vested, you will forfeit the unvested Restricted Shares.
Certificate:	Until the Restricted Shares vest, the Company may, at the Administrator's discretion, issue one or more certificates or make appropriate book entries representing such Restricted Shares, with an appropriate restrictive legend or stop transfer order, and/or maintain possession of the certificate representing the Restricted Shares (with or without a legend) and/or take any other action that the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to enforce the limitations under this Award Agreement and the Plan. The following is an example of a legend that may be appropriate:
	The sale or other transfer of the shares of Stock represented by this certificate, whether

The sale or other transfer of the shares of Stock represented by this certificate, whether voluntary or by operation of law, is subject to certain restrictions set forth in a Restricted Stock Award Agreement, dated as of ,20, by and between LM Funding America, Inc. and the registered owner hereof. A copy of such Agreement may be obtained from the Secretary of LM Funding America, Inc.

	After (i) a Restricted Share vests and, if applicable, the Administrator certifies that performance goals have been achieved; (ii) the receipt by the Company from you of the certificate with legend representing such Restricted Share (if such a certificate had been issued to you); and (iii) any applicable tax requirements under this Award Agreement and the Plan are met, the Company will deliver to you a certificate representing such Restricted Share, free of legends pertaining to transfer restrictions that were lifted as a result of such vesting, or instruct its transfer agent to remove analogous stop-transfer orders, and such Restricted Share shall thereupon be free of such transfer restrictions, although transfer restrictions imposed by law, company policy or other regulatory standards may still apply. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company will not be obligated to issue or deliver any certificates or transfer shares through book entry unless and until the Company is advised by its counsel that the issuance and delivery of the certificates or such transfer are in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations of governmental authorities and the requirements of any securities exchange upon which the Stock is traded.
Transferability of Restricted Shares:	You may not transfer or assign this Award for any reason, other than as set forth in the Plan, nor may you sell, transfer, assign or otherwise alienate or hypothecate any of your Restricted Shares until they are vested. In addition, by accepting this Award, you agree not to sell any Shares acquired under this Award other than as set forth in the Plan and at a time when applicable laws, Company policies or an agreement between the Company and its underwriters do not prohibit a sale. The Company also may require you to enter into a shareholder's agreement that will include additional restrictions on the transfer of Shares acquired under this Award that will remain effective after such Shares have vested. Any attempted transfer or assignment not permitted will be null and void.
Voting and Dividends:	Subject to the terms of the Plan, you will have all the rights of a shareholder of the Company with respect to voting and receipt of dividends and other distributions on the Restricted Shares.
Market Stand-Off:	In connection with any underwritten public offering by the Company of its equity securities pursuant to an effective registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, you agree that you shall not directly or indirectly sell, make any short sale of, loan, hypothecate, pledge, offer, grant or sell any option or other contract for the purchase of, purchase any option or other contract for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of or transfer or agree to engage in any of the foregoing transactions with respect to, any Shares acquired under this Award without the prior written consent of the Company and the Company's underwriters. Such restriction shall be in effect for such period of time following the date of the final prospectus for the offering as may be determined by the Company. In no event, however, shall such period exceed one hundred eighty (180) days.

You understand that you (and not the Company or any Affiliate) shall be responsible for your own federal, state, local or foreign tax liability and any other tax consequences that may arise as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Award. You shall rely solely on the determinations of your tax advisors or your own determinations, and not on any statements or representations by the Company or any of its agents, with regard to all such tax matters. You understand that you may alter the tax treatment of the Shares subject to this Award by filing an election under Section 83(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Such election must be filed within thirty (30) days after the date of this Award to be effective. You should consult with your tax advisor to determine the tax consequences of acquiring the Shares and the advantages and disadvantages of filing the Code Section 83(b) election. You acknowledge that it is your sole responsibility, and not the Company's, to file a timely election under Code Section 83(b), even if you request the Company or its representatives to make this filing on your behalf.

To the extent that the receipt or the vesting of the Restricted Shares, or the payment of dividends on the Restricted Shares, results in income to you for federal, state or local income tax purposes, you shall deliver to the Company at the time the Company is obligated to withhold taxes in connection with such receipt, vesting or payment, as the case may be, such amount as the Company requires to meet its withholding obligation under applicable tax laws or regulations. If you fail to do so, the Company has the right and authority to deduct or withhold from other compensation payable to you an amount sufficient to satisfy its withholding obligations or to delay delivery of the shares.

Miscellaneous:

- This Award Agreement may be amended only by written consent signed by both you and the Company, unless the amendment is not to your detriment or the amendment is otherwise permitted without your consent by the Plan.
- The failure of the Company to enforce any provision of this Award Agreement at any time shall in no way constitute a waiver of such provision or of any other provision hereof.
- In the event any provision of this Award Agreement is held illegal or invalid for any reason, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the legality or validity of the remaining provisions of this Award Agreement, and this Award Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included in this Award Agreement.

- As a condition to the grant of this Award, you agree (with such agreement being binding upon your legal representatives, guardians, legatees or beneficiaries) that this Award shall be interpreted by the Administrator and that any interpretation by the Administrator of the terms of this Award Agreement or the Plan, and any determination made by the Administrator pursuant to this Award Agreement or the Plan, shall be final, binding and conclusive.
- This Award may be executed in counterparts.

BY SIGNING BELOW AND ACCEPTING THIS RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD AGREEMENT, YOU AGREE TO ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND IN THE PLAN. YOU ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE HAVING READ THIS AGREEMENT AND THE PLAN.

LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

By:

[Name of Authorized Officer]

[Name of Recipient]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_