# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, DC 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): December 6, 2012

# ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 000-26489
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number)

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300, San Diego, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 92108 (Zip Code)

48-1090909

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{(877) 445-4581} \\ \textbf{(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)} \end{tabular}$ 

ck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following isions ( <i>see</i> General Instruction A.2. below):
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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.

On November 27, 2012, Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the "Company") sold \$100,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Company's 3.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 (the "Notes") in a private placement transaction. The Notes were issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated November 27, 2012, between the Company and Union Bank, N.A., as trustee. On December 6, 2012, the initial purchasers exercised, in full, their option to purchase an additional \$15,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (the "Additional Notes"). The Company today announced the closing of the sale of the Additional Notes. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

In connection with the initial purchasers' exercise of their option to purchase the Additional Notes, the Company entered into privately negotiated convertible note hedge transactions (together, the "Convertible Note Hedge Transactions") with each of Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Société Générale (together, the "Option Counterparties"). The Convertible Note Hedge Transactions, collectively, cover, subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments substantially similar to those applicable to the Notes, the number of shares of the Company's common stock underlying the Additional Notes, as described below. Concurrently with entering into the Convertible Note Hedge Transactions, the Company also entered into separate, privately negotiated warrant transactions (together, the "Warrant Transactions") with each of the Option Counterparties, whereby the Company sold to the Option Counterparties warrants to purchase, collectively, subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments, up to the same number of shares of the Company's common stock as in the Convertible Note Hedge Transactions. Subject to certain conditions, the Company may settle the warrants in cash or on a net-share basis.

The Convertible Note Hedge Transactions are expected generally to reduce the potential dilution and/or offset the potential cash payments the Company is required to make in excess of the principal amount upon conversion of the Additional Notes in the event that the market price per share of the Company's common stock, as measured under the terms of the Convertible Note Hedge Transactions, is greater than the strike price of the Convertible Note Hedge Transactions, which initially corresponds to the conversion price of the Notes and is subject to anti-dilution adjustments substantially similar to those applicable to the conversion rate of the Notes. If, however, the market price per share of the Company's common stock, as measured under the terms of the Warrant Transactions, exceeds the strike price of the warrants, there would nevertheless be dilution to the extent that such market price exceeds the strike price of the warrants, unless the Company elects, subject to certain conditions, to settle the Warrant Transactions in cash. The strike price of the Warrant Transactions will initially be \$44.1875 per share of the Company's common stock and is subject to certain adjustments under the terms of the Warrant Transactions.

The Convertible Note Hedge Transactions and the Warrant Transactions are separate transactions, in each case, entered into by the Company with the Option Counterparties, and are not part of the terms of the Notes and will not affect any holder's rights under the Notes. Holders of the Notes will not have any rights with respect to the Convertible Note Hedge Transactions or the Warrant Transactions.

Copies of the confirmations relating to the Convertible Note Hedge Transactions and Warrant Transactions are attached as exhibits to this report and are incorporated by reference (and this description is qualified in its entirety by reference to such documents).

The net proceeds from the sale of the Additional Notes were approximately \$14.6 million, after deducting estimated fees and expenses and the initial purchasers' discounts and commissions. The Company used approximately \$1.5 million of the net proceeds to pay the cost of the Convertible Note Hedge Transactions, taking into account the proceeds to the Company of the Warrant Transactions, and the balance of the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

# Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference.

As previously disclosed, on November 5, 2012, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Restated Credit Agreement"), by and among the Company, the several banks and other financial institutions and lenders from time to time party thereto and listed on the signature pages thereof, and SunTrust Bank, as administrative agent and collateral agent. The Restated Credit Agreement includes provisions allowing the Company to request incremental loan facilities advances of up to \$200.0 million. On December 6, 2012, the Company entered into an Incremental Facility Agreement with Barclays Bank PLC, providing for an incremental loan facility of \$20.0 million. All other terms of the Restated Credit Agreement remain unchanged. A copy of the Incremental Facility Agreement is attached as an exhibit to this report and is incorporated by reference (and this description is qualified in its entirety by reference to such document).

#### Item 3.02. Unregistered Sale of Equity Securities.

The information set forth under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company offered and sold the Additional Notes to the initial purchasers in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and for resale by the initial purchasers to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A under the Securities Act. The Company relied on these exemptions from registration based in part on representations made by the initial purchasers in the purchase agreement.

The Company entered into the Warrant Transactions with the Option Counterparties in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act.

To the extent that any shares of common stock are issued upon conversion of the Additional Notes or exercise of the warrants by the Options Counterparties pursuant to the Warrant Transactions, they will be issued in transactions anticipated to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act by virtue of Section 3(a)(9) thereof, because no commission or other remuneration is expected to be paid in connection with conversion of the Additional Notes and any resulting issuance of shares of common stock.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

The Company today announced the closing of the sale of the Additional Notes. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- 10.1 Letter Agreement, dated December 6, 2012, between Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch and Encore Capital Group, Inc., regarding the Additional Call Option Transaction
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- 10.7 Incremental Facility Agreement, dated December 6, 2012, by and between Encore Capital Group, Inc., Barclays Bank PLC, SunTrust Bank and each of the guarantors party thereto.
- 99.1 Press release, dated December 11, 2012.

### **SIGNATURE**

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

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

Date: December 11, 2012

/s/ Paul Grinberg

Paul Grinberg

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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c/o Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. 60 Wall Street New York, NY 10005 Telephone: 212-250-2500

Re: Additional Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction

(Transaction Reference Number: 515483)

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

From:

The purpose of this communication (this "Confirmation") is to set forth the terms and conditions of the above-referenced transaction entered into on the Trade Date specified below (the "Transaction") between Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch ("Dealer") and Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Counterparty"). This communication constitutes a "Confirmation" as referred to in the ISDA Master Agreement specified below.

DEUTSCHE BANK AG, LONDON BRANCH IS NOT REGISTERED AS A BROKER DEALER UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934. DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC. ("DBSI") HAS ACTED SOLELY AS AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTION AND HAS NO OBLIGATION, BY WAY OF ISSUANCE, ENDORSEMENT, GUARANTEE OR OTHERWISE WITH RESPECT TO THE PERFORMANCE OF EITHER PARTY UNDER THE TRANSACTION. AS SUCH, ALL DELIVERY OF FUNDS, ASSETS, NOTICES, DEMANDS AND COMMUNICATIONS OF ANY KIND RELATING TO THIS TRANSACTION BETWEEN DEUTSCHE BANK AG, LONDON BRANCH, AND COUNTERPARTY SHALL BE TRANSMITTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC. DEUTSCHE BANK AG, LONDON BRANCH IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION (SIPC).

1. This Confirmation is subject to, and incorporates, the definitions and provisions of the 2006 ISDA Definitions (the "2006 Definitions") and the definitions and provisions of the 2002 ISDA Equity Derivatives Definitions (the "Equity Definitions", and together with the 2006 Definitions, the "Definitions"), in each case as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA"). In the event of any inconsistency between the 2006 Definitions and the Equity Definitions, the Equity Definitions will govern. Certain defined terms used herein are based on terms that are defined in the Offering Memorandum dated November 20, 2012, (the "Offering Memorandum")

Chairman of the Supervisory Board: Dr. Paul Achleitner.

Management Board: Jürgen Fitschen (Co-Chairman), Anshu Jain (Co-Chairman), Stefan Krause, Stephan Leithner, Stuart Lewis, Rainer Neske and Henry Ritchotte. Deutsche Bank AG is authorised under German Banking Law (competent authority: BaFin – Federal Financial Supervising Authority) and regulated by the Financial Services Authority for the conduct of UK business; a member of the London Stock Exchange. Deutsche Bank AG is a joint stock corporation with limited liability incorporated in the Federal Republic of Germany HRB No. 30 000 District Court of Frankfurt am Main; Branch Registration in England and Wales BR000005; Registered address: Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB. Deutsche Bank Group online: http://www.deutsche-bank.com

relating to the 3.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 (as originally issued by Counterparty, the "Convertible Securities" and each USD 1,000 principal amount of Convertible Securities, a "Convertible Security") issued by Counterparty in an aggregate initial principal amount of USD 100,000,000 (as increased by up to an aggregate principal amount of USD 15,000,000 if and to the extent that the Initial Purchasers exercise their option to purchase additional Convertible Securities pursuant to the Purchase Agreement (as defined herein)) pursuant to an Indenture to be dated November 27, 2012 between Counterparty and Union Bank, N.A., as trustee (the "Indenture"). In the event of any inconsistency between the terms defined in the Offering Memorandum, the Indenture and this Confirmation, this Confirmation shall govern. The parties acknowledge that this Confirmation is entered into on the date hereof with the understanding that (i) definitions set forth in the Indenture which are also defined herein by reference to the Indenture and (ii) sections of the Indenture that are referred to herein will conform to the descriptions thereof in the Offering Memorandum. If any such definitions in the Indenture or any such sections of the Indenture differ from the descriptions thereof in the Offering Memorandum will govern for purposes of this Confirmation. The parties further acknowledge that the Indenture section numbers used herein are based on the Indenture as executed. Subject to the foregoing, references to the Indenture herein are references to the Indenture as in effect on the date of its execution, and if the Indenture is amended following such date, any such amendment will be disregarded for purposes of this Confirmation unless the parties agree otherwise in writing.

This Confirmation evidences a complete and binding agreement between Dealer and Counterparty as to the terms of the Transaction to which this Confirmation relates. This Confirmation shall be subject to an agreement (the "**Agreement**") in the form of the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement as if Dealer and Counterparty had executed an agreement in such form (without any Schedule except for (i) the elections set forth in this Confirmation and (ii) the election that the "Cross Default" provisions of Section 5(a)(vi) of the Agreement will apply to Dealer and to Counterparty as if (x) the phrase ", or becoming capable at such time of being declared," were deleted from Section 5(a)(vi)(1) of the Agreement and (y) the "Threshold Amount" with respect to Dealer were three percent (3%) of shareholders' equity of Deutsche Bank AG as of the Trade Date and with respect to Counterparty were USD10,000,000). For the avoidance of doubt, the Transaction shall be the only transaction under the Agreement.

All provisions contained in, or incorporated by reference to, the Agreement will govern this Confirmation except as expressly modified herein. In the event of any inconsistency between this Confirmation and either the Definitions or the Agreement, this Confirmation shall govern.

2. The Transaction constitutes a Share Option Transaction for purposes of the Equity Definitions. The terms of the particular Transaction to which this Confirmation relates are as follows:

#### General Terms:

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Trade Date:	December 6, 2012		
Effective Date:	The closing date of the Convertible Securities issued pursuant to the over-allotment exercised on the date hereof.		
Option Type:	Call		
Seller:	Dealer		
Buyer:	Counterparty		
Shares:	The common stock of Counterparty, par value USD0.01 per share (Ticker Symbol: "ECPG").		
Number of Options:	15,000		
Number of Shares:	As of any date, the product of (i) the Number of Options, (ii) the Conversion Rate and (iii) the Applicable Percentage.		
Conversion Rate:	As of any date, the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture) as of such date, but without regard to any adjustments to the $\frac{1}{2}$		
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Related Exchange:	All Exchanges		
Procedures for Exercise:			
Exercise Dates:	Each Conversion Date.		
Conversion Date:	Each "Conversion Date", as defined in the Indenture, occurring during the period from and excluding the Trade Date to and including the Expiration Date, for Convertible Securities, each in denominations of USD1,000 principal amount, that are submitted for conversion on such Conversion Date in accordance with the terms of the Indenture but are not "Relevant Convertible Securities" under, and as defined in, the confirmation between the parties hereto regarding the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction dated November 20, 2012 (the "Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation") (such Convertible Securities, each in denominations of USD1,000 principal amount, the "Relevant Convertible Securities" for such Conversion Date). For the purposes of determining whether any Convertible Securities will be Relevant Convertible Securities hereunder or under the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation, Convertible Securities that are converted pursuant to the Indenture shall be allocated first to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation until all Options thereunder are exercised or terminated.		
Required Exercise on Conversion Dates:	On each Conversion Date, a number of Options equal to (i) the number of Relevant Convertible Securities for such Conversion Date in denominations of USD1,000 principal amount <i>minus</i> (ii) the number of Relevant Conversion Options (as defined below), if any, corresponding to such Conversion Date shall be automatically exercised.		
Expiration Date:	The second "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the "Maturity Date" (each as defined in the Indenture), subject to the provisions set forth opposite the caption "Notice of Exercise" below.		
Automatic Exercise:	As provided above under "Required Exercise on Conversion Dates".		
Exercise Notice Deadline:	In respect of any exercise of Options hereunder on any Conversion Date, the "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the first "Scheduled Trading Day" of the "Observation Period" (each as defined in the Indenture) relating to the Convertible Securities converted on the Conversion Date occurring on the relevant Exercise Date (or, in the event there is no "Observation Period" (as defined in the Indenture) relating to such Convertible Securities, the second "Scheduled Trading Day" (as defined in the Indenture) immediately following such Conversion Date); provided that in the case of any exercise of Options hereunder in connection with the conversion of any Relevant Convertible Securities on any Conversion Date occurring on or after May 27, 2017 (the "Free Convertibility Date"), the Exercise Notice Deadline shall be the "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the "Maturity Date" (each as defined in the Indenture).		
Notice of Exercise:	Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Equity Definitions, Dealer shall have no obligation to make any payment or delivery in respect of any exercise of Options hereunder unless Counterparty notifies Dealer in writing prior to 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Exercise Notice Deadline in respect of such exercise		
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The Effective Date

Applicable Percentage:

Premium Payment Date:

Premium:

Exchange:

"Conversion Rate" pursuant to Section 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture.

As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

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of (i) the number of Convertible Securities being converted on the relevant Conversion Date (including, if applicable, whether all or any portion of such Convertible Securities are Convertible Securities as to which additional Shares would be added to the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to Section 13.03 of the Indenture (the "Make-Whole Convertible Securities")), (ii) the scheduled settlement date under the Indenture for the Convertible Securities converted on the Conversion Date and (iii) the first "Scheduled Trading Day" of the "Observation Period" (each as defined in the Indenture);, if any provided that in the case of any exercise of Options hereunder in connection with the conversion of any Relevant Convertible Securities on any Conversion Date occurring on or after the Free Convertibility Date, the contents of such notice shall be as set forth in clause (i) above; provided, further, that any "Notice of Exercise" delivered to Dealer pursuant to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation shall be deemed to be a Notice of Exercise pursuant to this Confirmation and the terms of such Notice of Exercise shall apply, *mutatis mutandis* to this Confirmation. For the avoidance of doubt, if Counterparty fails to give such notice when due in respect of any exercise of Options hereunder, Dealer's obligation to make any payment or delivery in respect of such exercise shall be permanently extinguished, and late notice shall not cure such failure; provided that notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of Options relating to Relevant Convertible Securities with a "Conversion Date" (as defined in the Indenture) occurring prior to the Free Convertibility Date, such notice (and the related exercise or termination, as the case may be, of Options hereunder) shall be effective if given after the Exercise Notice Deadline, but prior to 5:00 PM New York City time on the fifth Exchange Business Day following the Exercise Notice Deadline, in which event the Calculation Agent shall have the right to adjust the Delivery Obligation as appropriate to reflect the additional costs (including, but not limited to, hedging mismatches and market losses) and expenses incurred by Dealer in connection with its hedging activities (including the unwinding of any hedge position) as a result of Dealer not having received such notice on or prior to the Exercise Notice Deadline.

Notice of Convertible Security Cash Percentage:

Unless Counterparty shall have notified Dealer in writing (i) in the case of Relevant Convertible Securities with a Conversion Date occurring prior to the Free Convertibility Date, in the related Notice of Exercise, within the applicable time period therefor set forth under "Notice of Exercise" above, of the "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) applicable to such Relevant Convertible Securities or (ii) in the case of Relevant Convertible Securities with a Conversion Date occurring during the period beginning on and including the Free Convertibility Date and ending on and including the second "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the "Maturity Date" (each as defined in the Indenture) (the "Free Convertibility Period"), before 5:00 P.M. (New York City time) on the "Scheduled Trading Day" (as defined in the Indenture) immediately preceding the Free Convertibility Date of the irrevocable election by the Counterparty, in accordance with Section 13.02(a)(i) of the Indenture, of the "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) applicable to such Relevant Convertible Securities, in either case of the immediately preceding clauses (i) or (ii), Counterparty shall be deemed to have notified Dealer of a "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) of 0.00% applicable to such Relevant Convertible Securities,

notwithstanding any different actual election by Counterparty with respect to the "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) applicable to such Convertible Securities. Counterparty acknowledges its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act (as defined below) and the rules and regulations thereunder, in respect of any election of a "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) with respect to the Convertible Securities.

Dealer's Telephone Number and Telex and/or Facsimile Number and Contact Details for purpose of Giving Notice:

To be provided by Dealer.

**Settlement Terms:** 

Settlement Date:

**Delivery Obligation:** 

In respect of an Exercise Date occurring on a Conversion Date, the settlement date for the cash and/or Shares to be delivered in respect of the Relevant Convertible Securities converted on such Conversion Date pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture; *provided* 

that the Settlement Date will not be prior to the "Scheduled Trading Day" (as defined in the Indenture) immediately following the date Counterparty provides the Notice of Delivery

Obligation prior to 5:00 PM, New York City time.

In lieu of the obligations set forth in Sections 8.1 and 9.1 of the Equity Definitions, and subject to "Notice of Exercise" above, in respect of an Exercise Date occurring on a Conversion Date, Dealer will deliver to Counterparty, on the related Settlement Date, a number of Shares and/or amount of cash in USD equal to the product of (i) the Applicable Percentage and (ii) the aggregate number of Shares, if any, that Counterparty would be obligated to deliver to the holder(s) of the Relevant Convertible Securities converted on such Conversion Date pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture and/or the aggregate amount of cash, if any, in excess of USD1,000 per Convertible Security (in denominations of USD1,000) that Counterparty would be obligated to deliver to holder(s) pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture (except that such aggregate number of Shares shall be determined without taking into consideration any rounding pursuant to Section 13.02(j) of the Indenture and shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number) and cash in lieu of fractional Shares, if any, resulting from such rounding, as if Counterparty had elected to satisfy its conversion obligation in respect of such Relevant Convertible Securities with a "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) equal to the Convertible Security Cash Percentage, notwithstanding any different actual election by Counterparty with respect to the settlement of such Convertible Securities (the "Convertible Obligation"); provided that such obligation shall be determined excluding any Shares and/or cash that Counterparty is obligated to deliver to holder(s) of the Relevant Convertible Securities as a result of any adjustments to the Conversion Rate pursuant to Sections 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the Delivery Obligation shall not include any interest payment on the Relevant Convertible Securities that the Counterparty is (or would have been) obligated to deliver to holder(s) of the Relevant Convertible Securities for such Conversion Date); provided, further that if Counterparty or its

board of directors is permitted or required to exercise discretion under the terms of the Indenture with respect to any determination, calculation or adjustment (including, without limitation, pursuant to Section 13.05 of the Indenture or in connection with any proportional adjustments or the determination of the fair value of any securities, property, rights or other assets) (any such determination, calculation or adjustment, a "Counterparty Determination"), Counterparty shall consult with Dealer with respect thereto and, if the Calculation Agent disagrees in good faith with such Counterparty Determination, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Calculation Agent shall make the relevant determination, calculation or adjustment for purposes of this Transaction (and for the avoidance of doubt, such determination, calculation or adjustment shall be made (A) in accordance with the methodology set forth in the Indenture, except as set forth in this paragraph, and (B) using, where relevant, variables determined by the Calculation Agent).

Notwithstanding the provisions under "Delivery Obligation" above but subject to Section 8(a)(ii) below, in all events the Delivery Obligation for any Option shall be capped so that (i) an amount of cash in USD equal to the sum of (x) the number of Shares comprising such Delivery Obligation *multiplied by* the Applicable Limit Price on the Settlement Date for such Option and (y) the amount of cash in USD comprising such Delivery Obligation does not exceed (ii) an amount of cash in USD equal to the Applicable Percentage *multiplied by* the excess of (x) the aggregate of (A) the amount of cash, if any, payable to the holder of the related Relevant Convertible Security and (B) the number of Shares, if any, deliverable to the holder of the related Relevant Convertible Security *multiplied by* the Applicable Limit Price on the Settlement Date for such Option *over* (y) USD 1,000.

On any day, the opening price as displayed under the heading "Op" on Bloomberg page ECPG <equity> (or any successor thereto).

For any Relevant Convertible Securities, the "Cash Percentage" of which Counterparty has notified, or is deemed to have notified, Dealer in accordance with "Notice of Convertible Security Cash Percentage" above that Counterparty has elected, or is deemed to have elected, to satisfy its conversion obligation in respect of such Relevant Convertible Securities.

No later than the Exchange Business Day immediately following the last day of the relevant "Observation Period" (as defined in the Indenture), Counterparty shall give Dealer notice of the final number of Shares and/or cash comprising the Convertible Obligation; *provided* that, with respect to any Exercise Date occurring during the Free Convertibility Period, Counterparty may provide Dealer with a single notice of an aggregate number of Shares and/or cash comprising the Convertible Obligations for all Exercise Dates occurring in such period prior to 12:00 noon New York City time on the second "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately following the last day of the relevant "Observation Period" (each as defined in the Indenture) (it being understood, for the avoidance of doubt, that the requirement of Counterparty to deliver such notice shall not limit Counterparty's obligations with respect to any Notice of Exercise or any Notice of Convertible

Applicable Limit:

Applicable Limit Price:

Convertible Security Cash Percentage:

Notice of Delivery Obligation:

Other Applicable Provisions: To the extent Dealer is obligated to deliver Shares hereunder, the provisions of Sections 9.1(c), 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Counterparty is the Issuer of the Shares) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction. Share Adjustments: Method of Adjustment: Notwithstanding Section 11.2 of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction, upon the occurrence of any event or condition set forth in Sections 13.04(a)-(e) or 13.05 of the Indenture that results in an adjustment under the Indenture, the Calculation Agent shall make an analogous adjustment to the terms relevant to the exercise, settlement or payment of the Transaction. Reasonably promptly upon the occurrence of any such event or condition set forth in Sections 13.04(a)-(e) or 13.05 of the Indenture, Counterparty shall notify the Calculation Agent of such event or condition; and once the adjustments to be made to the terms of the Indenture and the Convertible Securities in respect of such event or condition have been determined, Counterparty shall reasonably promptly notify the Calculation Agent in writing of the details of such adjustments. **Extraordinary Events:** Merger Events: Notwithstanding Section 12.1(b) of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply with

Consequences of Merger Events:

Notice of Merger Consideration:

each as set forth above, in any way).

Notwithstanding Section 12.1(b) of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction, a "Merger Event" means the occurrence of any event or condition set forth in the definition of "Merger Event" under Section 13.07(a) of the Indenture.

Security Cash Percentage or Dealer's obligations with respect to any Delivery Obligation,

Notwithstanding Sections 12.2 and 12.3 of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction, upon the occurrence of a Merger Event that results in an adjustment under the Indenture, the Calculation Agent shall make an analogous adjustment to the terms relevant to the exercise, settlement or payment of the Transaction; *provided* that such adjustment shall be made without regard to any adjustment to the Conversion Rate pursuant to Sections 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture; and *provided further* that if, with respect to a Merger Event, the consideration for the Shares includes (or, at the option of a holder of Shares, may include) shares of an entity or person not organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination) shall apply.

Upon the occurrence of a Merger Event that causes the Shares to be converted into the right to receive more than a single type of consideration (determined based in part upon any form of stockholder election), Counterparty shall reasonably promptly (but, in any event prior to the relevant merger date) notify the Calculation Agent of (i) the weighted average of the types and

Nationalization, Insolvency or Delisting:

Additional Disruption Events:

(a) Change in Law:

- (b) Failure to Deliver:
- (c) Insolvency Filing:
- (d) Hedging Disruption:

amounts of consideration received by the holders of Shares entitled to receive cash, securities or other property or assets with respect to or in exchange for such Shares in any Merger Event who affirmatively make such an election and (ii) the details of the adjustment made under the Indenture in respect of such Merger Event.

Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination); *provided* that, in addition to the provisions of Section 12.6(a)(iii) of the Equity Definitions, it shall also constitute a Delisting if the Exchange is located in the United States and the Shares are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective successors); if the Shares are immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any such exchange or quotation system, such exchange or quotation system shall thereafter be deemed to be the Exchange.

Applicable; provided that Section 12.9(a)(ii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) replacing the phrase "the interpretation" in the third line thereof with the phrase ", or public announcement of, the formal or informal interpretation", (ii) replacing the word "Shares" with the phrase "Hedge Positions" in clause (X) thereof, (iii) inserting the parenthetical "(including, for the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, adoption or promulgation of new regulations authorized or mandated by existing statute)" at the end of clause (A) thereof, (iv) immediately following the word "Transaction" in clause (X) thereof, adding the phrase "in the manner contemplated by the Hedging Party on the Trade Date" and (v) adding the following proviso to the end of clause (Y) thereof: "provided that such party has used good faith efforts to avoid such increased cost on terms reasonably acceptable to such party, as long as (i) such party would not incur a materially increased cost (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position, or any increase in margin or capital requirements), as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (ii) such party would not violate any applicable law, rule, regulation or policy of such party, as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (iii) such party would not suffer a material penalty, injunction, non-financial burden, reputational harm or other material adverse consequence in doing so, (iv) such party would not incur any material operational or administrative burden in doing so and (v) such party would not, in doing so, be required to take any action that is contrary to the intent of the law or regulation that is subject to the Change in Law".

Applicable

Applicable

Applicable; provided that:

(i) Section 12.9(a)(v) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting the following two phrases at the end of such Section: "For the avoidance of doubt, the term "equity price risk" shall be deemed to include, but shall not be limited to, stock price and volatility risk. And, for the further avoidance of doubt, any such transactions or assets referred to in phrases (A) or (B) above must be available on commercially reasonable pricing terms."; and

(ii) Section 12.9(b)(iii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting in the third line thereof, after the words "to terminate the Transaction", the words "or a portion of the Transaction affected by such Hedging Disruption".

(e) Increased Cost of Hedging:

Not Applicable

**Hedging Party:** 

For all applicable Potential Adjustment Events and Extraordinary Events, Dealer

**Determining Party:** 

For all applicable Extraordinary Events, Dealer

Non-Reliance:

Applicable

Agreements and Acknowledgments Regarding Hedging

Activities:

Applicable

Additional Acknowledgments:

Applicable

3. <u>Calculation Agent</u>: Dealer, whose judgments, determinations and calculations shall be made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. Following any determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent hereunder, upon a request by Company, the Calculation Agent shall promptly (but in any event within three Scheduled Trading Days) provide to Company by e-mail to the e-mail address provided by Company in such request a report (in a commonly used file format for the storage and manipulation of financial data) displaying in reasonable detail the basis for such determination or calculation (including any assumptions used in making such determination or calculation), it being understood that the Calculation Agent shall not be obligated to disclose any proprietary models used by it for such determination or calculation.

# 4. Account Details:

Dealer Payment Instructions:

Bank: The Bank of New York

021-000-018 8900327634

Acct. No.: Acct. Name:

ABA#:

Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc.

Counterparty Payment Instructions:

To be provided by Counterparty.

#### 5. Offices:

The Office of Dealer for the Transaction is: London

The Office of Counterparty for the Transaction is: Not applicable

6. Notices: For purposes of this Confirmation:

Address for notices or communications to Counterparty for purposes of this Confirmation:

To: Encore Capital Group, Inc.

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300

San Diego, CA 92108

Attn: Paul Grinberg, Chief Financial Officer

Telephone: 858-309-6904 Facsimile: 858-309-6977

With a copy to:

Attn: Greg Call, General Counsel

Telephone: 858-569-3978 Facsimile: 858-309-6998

Address for notices or communications to Dealer for purposes of this Confirmation:

Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch c/o Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. 60 Wall Street

New York, NY 10005

Attention: Andrew Yaeger Telephone: 212-250-2717

Email: Andrew.Yaeger@db.com

With a copy to:

(same address as above)

Attn: Paul Stowell
Telephone: 212-250-6270
Email: Paul.Stowell@db.com

Attention: Faiz Khan
Telephone: 212-250-0668
Email: Faiz.Khan@db.com

#### 7. Representations, Warranties and Agreements:

- (a) Each of the representations and warranties of Counterparty set forth in Section 1 of the Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), dated as of November 20, 2012, between Counterparty and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Barclays Capital Inc. as representatives of the initial purchasers party thereto (the "Initial Purchasers"), are true and correct and are hereby deemed to be repeated to Dealer as if set forth herein. In addition to the representations and warranties in the Agreement and those contained elsewhere herein, Counterparty represents and warrants to and for the benefit of, and agrees with, Dealer as follows:
  - (i) On the Trade Date (A) Counterparty is not aware of any material nonpublic information regarding Counterparty or the Shares and (B) all reports and other documents filed by Counterparty with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") when considered as a whole (with the more recent such reports and documents deemed to amend inconsistent statements contained in any earlier such reports and documents), do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.
  - (ii) (A) On the Trade Date, the Shares or securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, are not, and shall not be, subject to a "restricted period," as such term is defined in Regulation M under the Exchange Act ("**Regulation M**") and (B) Counterparty shall not engage in any "distribution," as such term is defined in Regulation M, other than a distribution meeting the requirements of the exceptions set forth in sections 101(b) and 102(b) of Regulation M, until the second Exchange Business Day immediately following the Trade Date.
  - (iii) On the Trade Date, neither Counterparty nor any "affiliated purchaser" (each as defined in Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act ("Rule 10b-18")) shall directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, by means of any cash-settled or other derivative instrument) purchase, offer to purchase, place any bid or limit order that would effect a purchase of, or commence any tender offer relating to, any Shares (or an

equivalent interest, including a unit of beneficial interest in a trust or limited partnership or a depository share) or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, except for the Share repurchase transactions contemplated under "Use of Proceeds" in the Offering Memorandum, as supplemented by the related pricing term sheet.

- (iv) Without limiting the generality of Section 13.1 of the Equity Definitions, Counterparty acknowledges that Dealer is not making any representations or warranties or taking any position or expressing any view with respect to the treatment of the Transaction under any accounting standards including ASC Topic 260, *Earnings Per Share*, ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, or ASC Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity* and ASC Topic 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging Contracts in Entity's Own Equity* (or any successor issue statements) or under FASB's Liabilities & Equity Project.
- (v) Without limiting the generality of Section 3(a)(iii) of the Agreement, the Transaction will not violate Rule 13e-1 or Rule 13e-4 under the Exchange Act.
- (vi) On or prior to the Effective Date, Counterparty shall deliver to Dealer a resolution of Counterparty's board of directors authorizing the Transaction.
- (vii) Counterparty is not entering into this Confirmation to create actual or apparent trading activity in the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or to raise or depress or otherwise manipulate the price of the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or otherwise in violation of the Exchange Act.
- (viii) Counterparty is not, and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (ix) On each of the Trade Date and the Premium Payment Date, Counterparty is not, or will not be, "insolvent" (as such term is defined under Section 101(32) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (Title 11 of the United States Code) (the "Bankruptcy Code")) and Counterparty would be able to purchase the Shares hereunder in compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation.
- (x) To Counterparty's knowledge, based on due inquiry, no state or local (including non-U.S. jurisdictions) law, rule, regulation or regulatory order applicable to the Shares would give rise to any reporting, consent, registration or other requirement (including without limitation a requirement to obtain prior approval from any person or entity) as a result of Dealer or its affiliates owning or holding (however defined) Shares.
- (xi) Counterparty understands no obligations of Dealer to it hereunder will be entitled to the benefit of deposit insurance and that such obligations will not be guaranteed by any affiliate of Dealer or any governmental agency.
- (b) Each of Dealer and Counterparty agrees and represents that it is an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.
- (c) Each of Dealer and Counterparty acknowledges that the offer and sale of the Transaction to it is intended to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), by virtue of Section 4(2) thereof. Accordingly, Counterparty represents and warrants to Dealer that (i) it has the financial ability to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Transaction and is able to bear a total loss of its investment, (ii) it is an "accredited investor" as that term is defined in Regulation D as promulgated under the Securities Act, (iii) it is entering into the Transaction for its own account and without a view to the distribution or resale thereof and (iv) the assignment, transfer or other disposition of the Transaction has not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and is restricted under this Confirmation, the Securities Act and state securities laws.
- (d) Each of Dealer and Counterparty agrees and acknowledges that Dealer is a "financial institution," "swap participant" and "financial participant" within the meaning of Sections 101(22), 101(53C) and 101(22A) of the Bankruptcy Code. The parties hereto further agree and acknowledge that it is the intent of the parties that (A) this Confirmation is (i) a "securities contract," as such term is defined in Section 741(7) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "settlement payment," within the meaning of Section 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (ii) a "swap agreement," as such term is defined in Section 101(53B) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in

connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "transfer," as such term is defined in Section 101(54) of the Bankruptcy Code and a "payment or other transfer of property" within the meaning of Sections 362 and 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (B) that Dealer is entitled to the protections afforded by, among other sections, Sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(17), 362(o), 546(e), 546(g), 548(d)(2), 555, 560 and 561 of the Bankruptcy Code.

(e) Counterparty shall deliver to Dealer an opinion of counsel, dated as of the Effective Date, with respect to the matters set forth in Section 3(a) of the Agreement; *provided* that, such opinion of counsel may contain customary exceptions and qualifications, including, without limitation, excepts and qualifications relating to indemnification provisions.

#### 8. Other Provisions:

#### (a) Additional Termination Events.

- (i) The occurrence of an "Event of Default" with respect to Counterparty under the terms of the Convertible Securities as set forth in Section 6.01 of the Indenture that results in an acceleration of the Convertible Securities pursuant to the terms of the Indenture shall be an Additional Termination Event with respect to which the Transaction is the sole Affected Transaction and Counterparty is the sole Affected Party and Dealer shall be the party entitled to designate an Early Termination Date pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Agreement.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Confirmation, the receipt by Dealer from Counterparty, within the applicable time period set forth under "Notice of Exercise" above, of any Notice of Exercise in respect of the exercise of any Options that, according to such Notice of Exercise, relate to Relevant Convertible Securities that are Make-Whole Convertible Securities shall constitute an Additional Termination Event as provided in this paragraph and shall not result in the exercise of any Options. Upon receipt of any such Notice of Exercise, Dealer shall designate an Exchange Business Day following such Additional Termination Event as an Early Termination Date (and Dealer shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to designate such Early Termination Date so that the related payment or delivery, as the case may be, hereunder in respect of the Relevant Conversion Options will occur on (or as promptly as reasonable practicable after) the related settlement for the conversion of the Relevant Convertible Securities) with respect to the portion of the Transaction corresponding to a number of Options (the "Relevant Conversion Options") equal to the lesser of (A)(x) the aggregate principal amount of Relevant Convertible Securities specified in such Notice of Exercise, divided by USD 1,000, minus (y) the number of Relevant Conversion Options (as defined in the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation), if any, that relate to such Relevant Convertible Securities (and for the purposes of determining whether any Options under this Confirmation or under the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation will be among the Relevant Conversion Options hereunder or under, and as defined in, the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation, the Relevant Convertible Securities shall be allocated first to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation until all Options thereunder are exercised or terminated), and (B) the Number of Options as of the date Dealer designates such Early Termination Date and, as of such date, the Number of Options shall be reduced by the number of Relevant Conversion Options. Any payment hereunder with respect to such termination (the "Conversion Unwind Payment") shall be calculated pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement as if (1) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Transaction (except that, for purposes of this Section 8(a)(ii), the provisions opposite the caption "Applicable Limit" above shall be deemed to be deleted from this Confirmation) and a Number of Options equal to the number of Relevant Conversion Options, (2) Counterparty were the sole Affected Party with respect to such Additional Termination Event and (3) the terminated portion of the Transaction were the sole Affected Transaction (and, in determining the amount payable pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement, the Calculation Agent shall not take into account any adjustments to the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to Sections 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture); provided that, the Conversion Unwind Payment shall not be greater than (x) the Applicable Percentage multiplied by (y) the number of Relevant Conversion Options multiplied by (z) the excess of (I) the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture taking into account any adjustments thereto pursuant to Section 13.03 of the Indenture), multiplied by the Applicable Limit Price on the settlement date for the cash and/or Shares to be delivered pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture in respect of the Relevant Convertible Securities relating to such Conversion Unwind Payment, over (II) USD 1,000.
- (iii) Within five Scheduled Trading Days promptly following any Repayment Event (as defined below), Counterparty shall notify Dealer of such Repayment Event and the aggregate principal amount of Convertible Securities subject to such Repayment Event (any such notice, a "Repayment Notice"); provided that such Repayment Notice shall contain an acknowledgement by Counterparty of its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and 10(b) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and shall remake the representations set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A), in each case in respect of such repurchase and delivery of such Repayment Notice; provided, further that, any "Repayment Notice" delivered to Dealer pursuant to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation shall deemed to be a Repayment Notice pursuant to this Confirmation and the terms of such Repayment Notice shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to this Confirmation. The receipt by Dealer from

Counterparty of any Repayment Notice shall constitute an Additional Termination Event as provided in this paragraph. Upon receipt of any such Repayment Notice, Dealer shall designate an Exchange Business Day following receipt of such Repayment Notice as an Early Termination Date with respect to the portion of the Transaction corresponding to a number of Options (the "Repayment Options") equal to the lesser of (A)(x) the aggregate principal amount of such Convertible Securities specified in such Repayment Notice, divided by USD 1,000, minus (y) the number of Repayment Options (as defined in the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation), if any, that relate to such Convertible Securities (and for the purposes of determining whether any Options under this Confirmation or under the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation will be among the Repayment Options hereunder or under, and as defined in, the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation, the Convertible Securities specified in such Repayment Notice shall be allocated first to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation until all Options thereunder are exercised or terminated), and (B) the Number of Options as of the date Dealer designates such Early Termination Date and, as of such date, the Number of Options shall be reduced by the number of Repayment Options. Any payment hereunder with respect to such termination (the "Repayment Unwind Payment") shall be calculated pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement as if (1) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Transaction and a Number of Options equal to the number of Repayment Options, (2) Counterparty were the sole Affected Party with respect to such Additional Termination Event and (3) the terminated portion of the Transaction were the sole Affected Transaction. "Repayment **Event**" means that (i) any Convertible Securities are repurchased (whether in connection with or as a result of a fundamental change, howsoever defined, or for any other reason) by Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) any Convertible Securities are delivered to Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries in exchange for delivery of any property or assets of such party (howsoever described), (iii) any principal of any of the Convertible Securities is repaid prior to the final maturity date of the Convertible Securities (for any reason other than as a result of an acceleration of the Convertible Securities that results in an Additional Termination Event pursuant to the preceding Section 8(a)(i)), or (iv) any Convertible Securities are exchanged by or for the benefit of the holders thereof for any other securities of Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries (or any other property, or any combination thereof) pursuant to any exchange offer or similar transaction. For the avoidance of doubt, any conversion of Convertible Securities pursuant to the terms of the Indenture shall not constitute a Repayment Event.

(b) Alternative Calculations and Payment on Early Termination and on Certain Extraordinary Events. If Dealer shall owe Counterparty any amount pursuant to "Consequences of Merger Events" above or Sections 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or pursuant to Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, including, without limitation, any Conversion Unwind Payment and any Repayment Unwind Payment (a "Payment Obligation"), Dealer shall satisfy any such Payment Obligation by the Share Termination Alternative (as defined below) unless either (i) Counterparty shall have elected for Dealer to satisfy such Payment Obligation in cash in USD by (x) giving irrevocable telephonic notice to Dealer, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day, no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the relevant merger date, Announcement Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Event, as applicable and (y) remaking the representation set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A) of this Confirmation on the date of such notice, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day or (ii) in the event of (x) an Insolvency, a Nationalization or a Merger Event, in each case, in which the consideration or proceeds to be paid to holders of Shares consists solely of cash or (y) an Event of Default in which Counterparty is the Defaulting Party or a Termination Event in which Counterparty is the Affected Party, which Event of Default or Termination Event resulted from an event or events within Counterparty's control (other than any Additional Termination Event pursuant to Section 8(a)(ii) or Section 8(a)(iii)), in either of which cases under the immediately preceding clauses (i) or (ii), the provisions of "Consequences of Merger Events" above, Sections 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as the case may be, shall apply in lieu of the provisions shall apply on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately following the relevant merger date, Announcement

Share Termination Alternative:

Share Termination Delivery Property:

Applicable and means that Dealer shall deliver to Counterparty the Share Termination Delivery Property on the date on which the Payment Obligation would otherwise be due pursuant to "Consequences of Merger Events and Tender Offers" above, Section 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as applicable, or such later date as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine (the "Share Termination Payment Date"), in satisfaction of the Payment Obligation.

A number of Share Termination Delivery Units, as calculated by the Calculation Agent, equal to the Payment Obligation divided by the Share Termination Unit Price. The Calculation Agent shall adjust the Share Termination Delivery Property by

replacing any fractional portion of the aggregate amount of a security therein with an amount of cash equal to the value of such fractional security based on the values used to calculate the Share Termination Unit Price.

The value of property contained in one Share Termination Delivery Unit on the date such Share Termination Delivery Units are to be delivered as Share Termination Delivery Property, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its discretion by commercially reasonable means and notified by the Calculation Agent to Dealer at the time of notification of the Payment Obligation.

In the case of a Termination Event, Event of Default, Delisting or Additional Disruption Event, one Share or, in the case of an Insolvency, Nationalization or Merger Event, one Share or a unit consisting of the number or amount of each type of property received by a holder of one Share (without consideration of any requirement to pay cash or other consideration in lieu of fractional amounts of any securities) in such Insolvency, Nationalization or Merger Event, as applicable. If such Insolvency, Nationalization or Merger Event involves a choice of consideration to be received by holders, such holder shall be deemed to have elected to receive the maximum possible amount of cash.

Applicable

Share Termination Unit Price:

Share Termination Delivery Unit:

Failure to Deliver:

Other applicable provisions:

If Share Termination Alternative is applicable, the provisions of Sections 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Counterparty is the issuer of the Shares or any portion of the Share Termination Delivery Units) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction, except that all references to "Shares" shall be read as references to "Share Termination Delivery Units."

(c) Disposition of Hedge Shares. Counterparty hereby agrees that if, in the good faith reasonable judgment of Dealer, based on advice of counsel, any Shares acquired by Dealer for the purpose of hedging its obligations pursuant to the Transaction, other than any such Shares that were, at the time of acquisition by Dealer, "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act (any such Shares, the "Hedge Shares"), cannot be sold in the public market by Dealer without registration under the Securities Act, Counterparty shall, at its election: (i) in order to allow Dealer to sell the Hedge Shares in a registered offering, make available to Dealer an effective registration statement under the Securities Act to cover the resale of such Hedge Shares and (A) enter into an agreement substantially similar to underwriting agreements for registered secondary offerings of a substantially similar size, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Dealer, (B) provide accountant's "comfort" letters in customary form for registered offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size, (C) provide disclosure opinions of nationally recognized outside counsel to Counterparty reasonably acceptable to Dealer, (D) provide other customary opinions, certificates and closing documents customary in form for registered offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size and (E) afford Dealer a reasonable opportunity to conduct a "due diligence" investigation with respect to Counterparty customary in scope for underwritten offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size; provided, however, that if Dealer, in its reasonable discretion, is not satisfied with access to due diligence materials, the results of its due diligence investigation, or the procedures and documentation for the registered offering referred to above, then clause (ii) or clause (iii) of this Section 8(c) shall apply at the election of Counterparty; (ii) in order to allow Dealer to sell the Hedge Shares in a private placement, enter into a private placement agreement substantially similar to private placement purchase agreements customary for private placements of equity securities of a substantially similar size, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Dealer, including customary representations, covenants, blue sky and other governmental filings and/or registrations, indemnities to Dealer, due diligence rights (for Dealer or any designated buyer of the Hedge Shares from Dealer), opinions and certificates and such other documentation as is customary for private placements agreements for private placements of equity securities of a substantially similar size, all reasonably acceptable to Dealer (in which case, the Calculation Agent shall make any adjustments to the terms of the Transaction that are necessary, in its reasonable judgment, to compensate Dealer for any discount from the public market price of the Shares incurred on the sale of Hedge Shares in a private placement); or (iii) purchase the Hedge Shares from Dealer at

the VWAP Price on such Exchange Business Days, and in the amounts, requested by Dealer. "VWAP Price" means, on any Exchange Business Day, the per Share volume-weighted average price as displayed under the heading "Bloomberg VWAP" on Bloomberg page "ECPG <equity> AQR" (or any successor thereto) in respect of the period from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (New York City time) on such Exchange Business Day (or if such volume-weighted average price is unavailable, the market value of one Share on such Exchange Business Day, as determined by the Calculation Agent using a volume-weighted method).

(d) Repurchase Notices. Counterparty shall, on or prior to any day on which Counterparty effects any repurchase of Shares, give Dealer a written notice of such repurchase (a "Repurchase Notice") if, following such repurchase, the Notice Percentage as determined on the date of such Repurchase Notice is (i) greater than 9.0% and (ii) greater by 0.5% than the Notice Percentage included in the immediately preceding Repurchase Notice (or, in the case of the first such Repurchase Notice, greater than the Notice Percentage as of the date hereof). The "Notice Percentage" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is the Number of Shares and the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day. In the event that Counterparty fails to provide Dealer with a Repurchase Notice on the day and in the manner specified in this Section 8(d) then Counterparty agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Dealer, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and controlling persons (Dealer and each such person being an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), joint or several, to which such Indemnified Party may become subject under applicable securities laws, including without limitation, Section 16 of the Exchange Act, relating to or arising out of such failure. If for any reason the foregoing indemnification is unavailable to any Indemnified Party or insufficient to hold harmless any Indemnified Party, then Counterparty shall contribute, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to the amount paid or payable by the Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability. In addition, Counterparty will reimburse any Indemnified Party for all reasonable expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) as they are incurred (after notice to Counterparty) in connection with the investigation of, preparation for or defense or settlement of any pending or threatened claim or any action, suit or proceeding arising therefrom, whether or not such Indemnified Party is a party thereto and whether or not such claim, action, suit or proceeding is initiated or brought by or on behalf of Counterparty. This indemnity shall survive the completion of the Transaction contemplated by this Confirmation and any assignment and delegation of the Transaction made pursuant to this Confirmation or the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any permitted assignee of Dealer.

#### (e) Transfer and Assignment.

(i) Either party may transfer any of its rights or obligations under the Transaction with the prior written consent of the non-transferring party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. For the avoidance of doubt, Dealer may condition its consent on any of the following, without limitation: (i) the receipt by Dealer of opinions and documents reasonably satisfactory to Dealer in connection with such assignment, (ii) such assignment being effected on terms reasonably satisfactory to Dealer with respect to any legal and regulatory requirements relevant to Dealer, (iii) Counterparty continuing to be obligated to provide notices hereunder relating to the Convertible Securities and continuing to be obligated with respect to "Disposition of Hedge Shares" and "Repurchase Notices" above, (iv) Counterparty not being released from its indemnification obligations under Section 8(d) of this Confirmation, (v) such assignment only being to a third party that is a United States person (as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), (vi) Dealer not being, as a result of such assignment, required to pay the transferee on any payment date an amount under Section 2(d)(i)(4) of the Agreement greater than an amount Dealer would have been required to pay to Counterparty in the absence of such assignment, (vii) there not being an Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Termination Event as a result of such assignment, (viii) without limiting the generality of clause (v), Counterparty causing the transferee to make such Payee Tax Representations and to provide such tax documentation as may be reasonably requested by Dealer to permit Dealer to determine that the results described in clauses (vi) and (vii) will not occur upon or after such assignment and (ix) Counterparty being responsible for all reasonable costs and expenses, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred by Dealer in connection with such assignment. In addition, Dealer may transfer or assign without any consent of the Counterparty its rights and obligations hereunder and under the Agreement (1) in whole or in part to any affiliate of Dealer of credit quality at least equivalent to that of Dealer as of the Trade Date, (2) in whole or in part to any other affiliate of Dealer with respect to which Counterparty shall have received a full guaranty of such affiliate's obligations from Dealer in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Counterparty or (3) if at the time of such transfer or assignment an Excess Ownership Position exists, in part to any other third party with a rating for its long term, unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness equal to or better than the lesser of

- (I) the credit rating of Dealer at the time of the transfer and (II) A- by Standard and Poor's Rating Group, Inc. or its successor ("S&P"), or A3 by Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or, if either S&P or Moody's ceases to rate such debt, at least an equivalent or better rating by a substitute rating agency mutually agreed by Counterparty and Dealer, in the case of this clause (3), to the extent that an Excess Ownership Position no longer exists after giving effect to such partial transfer or assignment, in each case of the immediately preceding clauses (1), (2) and (3), only if an Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Termination Event will not occur as a result of such transfer or assignment.
- (ii) At any time at which any Excess Ownership Position exists, if Dealer, in its discretion, is unable to effect a transfer or assignment to a third party in accordance with the requirements set forth above after using its commercially reasonable efforts on pricing terms and within a time period reasonably acceptable to Dealer such that an Excess Ownership Position no longer exists, Dealer may designate any Scheduled Trading Day as an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion (the "Terminated Portion") of the Transaction, such that such Excess Ownership Position no longer exists. In the event that Dealer so designates an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion of the Transaction, a payment or delivery shall be made pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement and Section 8(b) of this Confirmation as if (i) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Terminated Portion of the Transaction, (ii) Counterparty shall be the sole Affected Party with respect to such partial termination and (iii) such portion of the Transaction shall be the only Terminated Transaction. "Excess Ownership Position" means any of the following: (i) the Equity Percentage exceeds 9.0%, (ii) Dealer or any "affiliate" or "associate" of Dealer would own in excess of 14.0% of the outstanding Shares for purposes of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or (iii) Dealer, Dealer Group (as defined below) or any person whose ownership position would be aggregated with that of Dealer or Dealer Group (Dealer, Dealer Group or any such person, a "Dealer Person") under any federal, state or local laws, regulations or regulatory orders applicable to ownership of Shares ("Applicable Laws"), owns, beneficially owns, constructively owns, controls, holds the power to vote or otherwise meets a relevant definition of ownership in excess of a number of Shares equal to (x) the number of Shares that would give rise to reporting or registration obligations (except for any filings of Form 13F, Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act) or other requirements (including obtaining prior approval by a state or federal regulator) of a Dealer Person under Applicable Laws and with respect to which such requirements have not been met or the relevant approval has not been received *minus* (y) 1% of the number of Shares outstanding on the date of determination. The "Equity Percentage" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, (A) the numerator of which is the number of Shares that Dealer and any of its affiliates or any other person subject to aggregation with Dealer, for purposes of the "beneficial ownership" test under Section 13 of the Exchange Act, or of any "group" (within the meaning of Section 13) of which Dealer is or may be deemed to be a part (Dealer and any such affiliates, persons and groups, collectively, "Dealer Group"), beneficially owns (within the meaning of Section 13 of the Exchange Act), without duplication, on such day and (B) the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day (including, solely for such purpose, Shares that would be deemed outstanding pursuant to the last sentence of Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) if such sentence were applicable to the calculation of clause (B) of the definition of Equity Percentage).
- (f) Staggered Settlement. If upon advice of counsel with respect to applicable legal and regulatory requirements, including any requirements relating to Dealer's hedging activities hereunder, Dealer reasonably determines that it would not be advisable to deliver, or to acquire Shares to deliver, any or all of the Shares to be delivered by Dealer on the relevant Settlement Date, Dealer may, by notice to Counterparty on or prior to any Settlement Date (a "Nominal Settlement Date"), elect to deliver the Shares on two or more dates (each, a "Staggered Settlement Date") or at two or more times on the Nominal Settlement Date as follows:
  - (i) in such notice, Dealer will specify to Counterparty the related Staggered Settlement Dates (each of which will be on or prior to such Nominal Settlement Date, but not prior to the beginning of the related "Observation Period" (as defined in the Indenture)) and/or delivery times (during any single Staggered Settlement Date) and how it will allocate the Shares it is required to deliver under "Delivery Obligation" (above) among the Staggered Settlement Dates and/or delivery times; and
  - (ii) the aggregate number of Shares that Dealer will deliver to Counterparty hereunder on all such Staggered Settlement Dates (including on one or more delivery times on any single Staggered Settlement Date) will equal the number of Shares that Dealer would otherwise be required to deliver on such Nominal Settlement Date.

- (g) *Right to Extend.* Dealer may postpone any Exercise Date or Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery by Dealer, with respect to some or all of the relevant Options (in which event the Calculation Agent shall make appropriate adjustments to the Delivery Obligation), if Dealer determines in its good faith and reasonable discretion, based on advice of counsel in the case of the immediately following clause (ii), that such extension is reasonably necessary or appropriate to (i) preserve Dealer's hedging or hedge unwind activity hereunder in light of existing liquidity conditions in the cash market, the stock loan market or any other relevant market or (ii) to enable Dealer to effect purchases of Shares in connection with its hedging, hedge unwind or settlement activity hereunder in a manner that would, if Dealer were Counterparty or an affiliated purchaser of Counterparty, be in compliance with applicable legal, regulatory or self-regulatory requirements, or with related policies and procedures applicable to Dealer; *provided* that, no such Exercise Date, Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery by Dealer may be postponed or extended more than 50 "Trading Days" (as defined in the Indenture) after the original Exercise Date, Settlement Date or other date of valuation or delivery by Dealer, as the case may be.
- (h) *Adjustments*. For the avoidance of doubt, whenever the Calculation Agent is called upon to make an adjustment pursuant to the terms of this Confirmation or the Definitions to take into account the effect of an event, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment by reference to the effect of such event on the Hedging Party.
- (i) *Disclosure*. Effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning the Transaction, Counterparty and each of its employees, representatives, or other agents may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Transaction and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to Counterparty relating to such tax treatment and tax structure.
- (j) *Designation by Dealer*. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Confirmation to the contrary requiring or allowing Dealer to purchase, sell, receive or deliver any Shares or other securities to or from Counterparty, Dealer may designate any of its affiliates to purchase, sell, receive or deliver such shares or other securities and otherwise to perform Dealer obligations in respect of the Transaction and any such designee may assume such obligations. Dealer shall be discharged of its obligations to Counterparty solely to the extent of any such performance.
- (k) *No Netting and Set-off.* Notwithstanding any provision of the Agreement (including without limitation Section 6(f) thereof, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction) and this Confirmation or any other agreement between the parties to the contrary, neither party shall net or set off its obligations under the Transaction against its rights against the other party under any other transaction or instrument.
- (l) *Equity Rights*. Dealer acknowledges and agrees that this Confirmation is not intended to convey to it rights with respect to the Transaction that are senior to the claims of common stockholders in the event of Counterparty's bankruptcy. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that the preceding sentence shall not apply at any time other than during Counterparty's bankruptcy to any claim arising as a result of a breach by Counterparty of any of its obligations under this Confirmation or the Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties acknowledge that this Confirmation is not secured by any collateral that would otherwise secure the obligations of Counterparty herein under or pursuant to any other agreement.
- (m) *Early Unwind*. In the event the sale by Counterparty of the "Additional Securities" is not consummated with the Initial Purchasers pursuant to the Purchase Agreement for any reason by the close of business in New York on the Premium Payment Date (or such later date as agreed upon by the parties, which in no event shall be later than January 7, 2013) (the Premium Payment Date or such later date being the "Early Unwind Date"), the Transaction shall automatically terminate (the "Early Unwind"), on the Early Unwind Date and the Transaction and all of the respective rights and obligations of Dealer and Counterparty thereunder shall be cancelled and terminated. Following such termination and cancellation, each party shall be released and discharged by the other party from and agrees not to make any claim against the other party with respect to any obligations or liabilities of either party arising out of and to be performed in connection with the Transaction either prior to or after the Early Unwind Date; *provided* that, unless such Early Unwind Date occurred as a result of a breach of the Purchase Agreement by the Initial Purchasers, Counterparty shall purchase from Dealer on the Early Unwind Date all Shares purchased by Dealer or one or more of its affiliates in connection with the Transaction at the then prevailing market price. Dealer and Counterparty represent and acknowledge to the other that, subject to the proviso included in this Section 8(m), upon an Early Unwind, all obligations with respect to the Transaction shall be deemed fully and finally discharged.
- (n) *Payment by Counterparty*. In the event that, following payment of the Premium, (i) an Early Termination Date occurs or is designated with respect to the Transaction as a result of a Termination Event or an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default arising under Section 5(a)(ii) or 5(a)(iv) of the Agreement) and, as a result,

Counterparty owes to Dealer an amount calculated under Section 6(e) of the Agreement, or (ii) Counterparty owes to Dealer, pursuant to Section 12.7 or Section 12.9 of the Equity Definitions, an amount calculated under Section 12.8 of the Equity Definitions, such amount shall be deemed to be zero.

- (o) Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act. In connection with Section 739 of the Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 ("WSTAA"), the parties hereby agree that neither the enactment of WSTAA or any regulation under the WSTAA, nor any requirement under WSTAA or an amendment made by WSTAA, shall limit or otherwise impair either party's otherwise applicable rights to terminate, renegotiate, modify, amend or supplement this Confirmation or the Agreement, as applicable, arising from a termination event, force majeure, illegality, increased costs, regulatory change or similar event under this Confirmation, the Definitions incorporated herein, or the Agreement (including, but not limited to, rights arising from Change in Law, an Excess Ownership Position or Illegality (as defined in the Agreement)).
- (p) *Method of Delivery*. Whenever delivery of funds or other assets is required hereunder by or to Counterparty, such delivery shall be effected through DBSI. In addition, all notices, demands and communications of any kind relating to the Transaction between Dealer and Counterparty shall be transmitted exclusively through DBSI.
- (q) Waiver of Trial by Jury. EACH OF COUNTERPARTY AND DEALER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES (ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ON BEHALF OF ITS STOCKHOLDERS) ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION OR THE ACTIONS OF DEALER OR ITS AFFILIATES IN THE NEGOTIATION, PERFORMANCE OR ENFORCEMENT HEREOF.
- (r) Governing Law; Jurisdiction. THIS CONFIRMATION AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS CONFIRMATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY SUBMIT TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH ALL MATTERS RELATING HERETO AND WAIVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE IN, AND ANY CLAIM OF INCONVENIENT FORUM WITH RESPECT TO, THESE COURTS.

Please confirm that the foregoing correctly sets forth the terms of our agreement by sending to us a letter or telex substantially similar to this facsimile, which letter or telex sets forth the material terms of the Transaction to which this Confirmation relates and indicates your agreement to those terms. Dealer will make the time of execution of the Transaction available upon request.

Dealer is regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

Yours faithfully,

DEUTSCHE BANK AG, LONDON BRANCH

By: /s/ Lars Kestner

Name: Lars Kestner Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Dushyant Chadha

Name: Dushyant Chadha Title: Managing Director

DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC., acting solely as Agent in connection with the Transaction

By: /s/ Lars Kestner

Name: Lars Kestner Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Dushyant Chadha

Name: Dushyant Chadha Title: Managing Director

Confirmed and Acknowledged as of the date first above written:

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Brandon Black

Name: J. Brandon Black

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Chairman of the Supervisory Board: Dr. Paul Achleitner.

Management Board: Jürgen Fitschen (Co-Chairman), Anshu Jain (Co-Chairman), Stefan Krause, Stephan Leithner, Stuart Lewis, Rainer Neske and Henry Ritchotte.

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Re: Additional Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction

(Transaction Reference Number: )

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this communication (this "Confirmation") is to set forth the terms and conditions of the above-referenced transaction entered into on the Trade Date specified below (the "Transaction") between Royal Bank of Canada ("Dealer"), through its agent RBC Capital Markets, LLC (the "Agent") and Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Counterparty"). This communication constitutes a "Confirmation" as referred to in the ISDA Master Agreement specified below.

1. This Confirmation is subject to, and incorporates, the definitions and provisions of the 2006 ISDA Definitions (the "2006 Definitions") and the definitions and provisions of the 2002 ISDA Equity Derivatives Definitions (the "Equity Definitions", and together with the 2006 Definitions, the "Definitions"), in each case as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA"). In the event of any inconsistency between the 2006 Definitions and the Equity Definitions, the Equity Definitions will govern. Certain defined terms used herein are based on terms that are defined in the Offering Memorandum dated November 20, 2012, (the "Offering Memorandum") relating to the 3.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 (as originally issued by Counterparty, the "Convertible Securities" and each USD 1,000 principal amount of Convertible Securities, a "Convertible Security") issued by Counterparty in an aggregate initial principal amount of USD 100,000,000 (as increased by up to an aggregate principal amount of USD 15,000,000 if and to the extent that the Initial Purchasers exercise their option to purchase additional Convertible Securities pursuant to the Purchase Agreement (as defined herein)) pursuant to an Indenture to be dated November 27, 2012 between Counterparty and Union Bank, N.A., as trustee (the "Indenture"). In the event of any inconsistency between the terms defined in the Offering Memorandum, the Indenture and this Confirmation, this Confirmation shall govern. The parties acknowledge that this Confirmation is entered into on the date hereof with the understanding that (i) definitions set forth in the Indenture which are also defined herein by reference to the Indenture and (ii) sections of the Indenture that are referred to herein will conform to the descriptions thereof in the Offering Memorandum. If any such definitions in the Indenture or any such sections of the Indenture differ from the descriptions thereof in the Offering Memorandum, the descriptions thereof in the Offering Memorandum will govern for purposes of this Confirmation. The parties further acknowledge that the Indenture section numbers used herein are based on the Indenture as executed. Subject to the foregoing, references to the Indenture herein are references to the Indenture as in effect on the date of its execution, and if the Indenture is amended following such date, any such amendment will be disregarded for purposes of this Confirmation unless the parties agree otherwise in writing.

This Confirmation evidences a complete and binding agreement between Dealer and Counterparty as to the terms of the Transaction to which this Confirmation relates. This Confirmation shall be subject to an agreement (the "**Agreement**") in the form of the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement as if Dealer and Counterparty had executed an

agreement in such form (without any Schedule except for (i) the elections set forth in this Confirmation and (ii) the election that the "Cross Default" provisions of Section 5(a)(vi) of the Agreement will apply to Dealer and to Counterparty as if (x) the phrase ", or becoming capable at such time of being declared," were deleted from Section 5(a)(vi)(1) of the Agreement and (y) the "Threshold Amount" with respect to Dealer were three percent (3%) of shareholders' equity of Royal Bank of Canada as of the Trade Date and with respect to Counterparty were USD10,000,000). For the avoidance of doubt, the Transaction shall be the only transaction under the Agreement.

All provisions contained in, or incorporated by reference to, the Agreement will govern this Confirmation except as expressly modified herein. In the event of any inconsistency between this Confirmation and either the Definitions or the Agreement, this Confirmation shall govern.

2. The Transaction constitutes a Share Option Transaction for purposes of the Equity Definitions. The terms of the particular Transaction to which this Confirmation relates are as follows:

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General Terms:	
Trade Date:	December 6, 2012
Effective Date:	The closing date of the Convertible Securities issued pursuant to the over allotment option exercised on the date hereof.
Option Type:	Call
Seller:	Dealer
Buyer:	Counterparty
Shares:	The common stock of Counterparty, par value USD0.01 per share (Ticker Symbol: "ECPG").
Number of Options:	15,000
Number of Shares:	As of any date, the product of (i) the Number of Options, (ii) the Conversion Rate and (iii) the Applicable Percentage.
Conversion Rate:	As of any date, the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture) as of such date, but without regard to any adjustments to the "Conversion Rate pursuant to Section 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture.
Applicable Percentage:	40%
Premium:	As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.
Premium Payment Date:	The Effective Date
Exchange:	The NASDAQ Global Select Market
Related Exchange:	All Exchanges
Procedures for Exercise:	
Exercise Dates:	Each Conversion Date.
Conversion Date:	Each "Conversion Date", as defined in the Indenture, occurring during the period from and excluding the Trade Date to and including the Expiration Date, for Convertible Securities, each in denominations of USD1,000 principal amount, that are submitted for conversion on such Conversion Date in accordance with the terms of the Indenture but are not "Relevant Convertible Securities" under, and as defined in, the confirmation between the parties hereto regarding the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction dated November 20, 2012 (the "Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation") (such Convertible Securities, each in denominations of USD1,000 principal amount, the "Relevant Convertible Securities" for such Conversion Date). For the purposes of determining whether any Convertible Securities will be Relevant Convertible Securities hereunder or under the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation, Convertible Securities that are converted pursuant to the Indenture shall be allocated first to the Base

Required Exercise on Conversion Dates:

Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation until all Options

On each Conversion Date, a number of Options equal to (i) the

thereunder are exercised or terminated.

Expiration Date:	
Automatic Exercise:  Exercise Notice Deadline:	

Notice of Exercise:

number of Relevant Convertible Securities for such Conversion Date in denominations of USD1,000 principal amount *minus* (ii) the number of Relevant Conversion Options (as defined below), if any, corresponding to such Conversion Date shall be automatically exercised.

The second "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the "Maturity Date" (each as defined in the Indenture), subject to the provisions set forth opposite the caption "Notice of Exercise" below.

As provided above under "Required Exercise on Conversion Dates".

In respect of any exercise of Options hereunder on any Conversion Date, the "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the first "Scheduled Trading Day" of the "Observation Period" (each as defined in the Indenture) relating to the Convertible Securities converted on the Conversion Date occurring on the relevant Exercise Date (or, in the event there is no "Observation Period" (as defined in the Indenture) relating to such Convertible Securities, the second "Scheduled Trading Day" (as defined in the Indenture) immediately following such Conversion Date); provided that in the case of any exercise of Options hereunder in connection with the conversion of any Relevant Convertible Securities on any Conversion Date occurring on or after May 27, 2017 (the "Free Convertibility Date"), the Exercise Notice Deadline shall be the "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the "Maturity Date" (each as defined in the Indenture).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Equity Definitions, Dealer shall have no obligation to make any payment or delivery in respect of any exercise of Options hereunder unless Counterparty notifies Dealer in writing prior to 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Exercise Notice Deadline in respect of such exercise of (i) the number of Convertible Securities being converted on the relevant Conversion Date (including, if applicable, whether all or any portion of such Convertible Securities are Convertible Securities as to which additional Shares would be added to the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to Section 13.03 of the Indenture (the "Make-Whole Convertible Securities")), (ii) the scheduled settlement date under the Indenture for the Convertible Securities converted on the Conversion Date and (iii) the first "Scheduled Trading Day" of the "Observation Period" (each as defined in the Indenture);, if any provided that in the case of any exercise of Options hereunder in connection with the conversion of any Relevant Convertible Securities on any Conversion Date occurring on or after the Free Convertibility Date, the contents of such notice shall be as set forth in clause (i) above; provided, further, that any "Notice of Exercise" delivered to Dealer pursuant to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation shall be deemed to be a Notice of Exercise pursuant to this Confirmation and the terms of such Notice of Exercise shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to this Confirmation. For the avoidance of doubt, if Counterparty fails to give such notice when due in respect of any exercise of Options hereunder, Dealer's obligation to make any payment or delivery in respect of such exercise shall be permanently extinguished, and late notice shall not cure such failure; provided that notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of Options relating to Relevant Convertible Securities with a "Conversion Date" (as defined in the Indenture) occurring prior to the Free Convertibility Date, such notice (and the related exercise or termination, as the

(including the unwinding of any hedge position) as a result of Dealer not having received such notice on or prior to the Exercise Notice Deadline. Notice of Convertible Security Cash Percentage: Unless Counterparty shall have notified Dealer in writing (i) in the case of Relevant Convertible Securities with a Conversion Date occurring prior to the Free Convertibility Date, in the related Notice of Exercise, within the applicable time period therefor set forth under "Notice of Exercise" above, of the "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) applicable to such Relevant Convertible Securities or (ii) in the case of Relevant Convertible Securities with a Conversion Date occurring during the period beginning on and including the Free Convertibility Date and ending on and including the second "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the "Maturity Date" (each as defined in the Indenture) (the "Free Convertibility Period"), before 5:00 P.M. (New York City time) on the "Scheduled Trading Day" (as defined in the Indenture) immediately preceding the Free Convertibility Date of the irrevocable election by the Counterparty, in accordance with Section 13.02(a)(i) of the Indenture, of the "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) applicable to such Relevant Convertible Securities, in either case of the immediately preceding clauses (i) or (ii), Counterparty shall be deemed to have notified Dealer of a "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) of 0.00% applicable to such Relevant Convertible Securities, notwithstanding any different actual election by Counterparty with respect to the "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) applicable to such Convertible Securities. Counterparty acknowledges its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act (as defined below) and the rules and regulations thereunder, in respect of any election of a "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) with respect to the Convertible Securities. Dealer's Telephone Number and Telex and/or Facsimile Number and Contact Details for purpose of Giving Notice: To be provided by Dealer. Settlement Terms: Settlement Date: In respect of an Exercise Date occurring on a Conversion Date, the settlement date for the cash and/or Shares to be delivered in respect of the Relevant Convertible Securities converted on such Conversion Date pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture; provided that the Settlement Date will not be prior to the "Scheduled Trading Day" (as defined in the

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**Delivery Obligation:** 

case may be, of Options hereunder) shall be effective if given after the Exercise Notice Deadline, but prior to 5:00 PM New York City time on the fifth Exchange Business Day following the Exercise Notice Deadline, in which event the Calculation Agent shall have the right to adjust the Delivery Obligation as appropriate to reflect the additional costs

(including, but not limited to, hedging mismatches and market losses) and expenses incurred by Dealer in connection with its hedging activities

Indenture) immediately following the date Counterparty provides the Notice of Delivery Obligation prior to 5:00 PM, New York City time.

In lieu of the obligations set forth in Sections 8.1 and 9.1 of the

Applicable Limit:

Equity Definitions, and subject to "Notice of Exercise" above, in respect of an Exercise Date occurring on a Conversion Date, Dealer will deliver to Counterparty, on the related Settlement Date, a number of Shares and/or amount of cash in USD equal to the product of (i) the Applicable Percentage and (ii) the aggregate number of Shares, if any, that Counterparty would be obligated to deliver to the holder(s) of the Relevant Convertible Securities converted on such Conversion Date pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture and/or the aggregate amount of cash, if any, in excess of USD1,000 per Convertible Security (in denominations of USD1,000) that Counterparty would be obligated to deliver to holder(s) pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture (except that such aggregate number of Shares shall be determined without taking into consideration any rounding pursuant to Section 13.02(j) of the Indenture and shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number) and cash in lieu of fractional Shares, if any, resulting from such rounding, as if Counterparty had elected to satisfy its conversion obligation in respect of such Relevant Convertible Securities with a "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) equal to the Convertible Security Cash Percentage, notwithstanding any different actual election by Counterparty with respect to the settlement of such Convertible Securities (the "Convertible Obligation"); provided that such obligation shall be determined excluding any Shares and/or cash that Counterparty is obligated to deliver to holder(s) of the Relevant Convertible Securities as a result of any adjustments to the Conversion Rate pursuant to Sections 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the Delivery Obligation shall not include any interest payment on the Relevant Convertible Securities that the Counterparty is (or would have been) obligated to deliver to holder(s) of the Relevant Convertible Securities for such Conversion Date); provided, further that if Counterparty or its board of directors is permitted or required to exercise discretion under the terms of the Indenture with respect to any determination, calculation or adjustment (including, without limitation, pursuant to Section 13.05 of the Indenture or in connection with any proportional adjustments or the determination of the fair value of any securities, property, rights or other assets) (any such determination, calculation or adjustment, a "Counterparty Determination"), Counterparty shall consult with Dealer with respect thereto and, if the Calculation Agent disagrees in good faith with such Counterparty Determination, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Calculation Agent shall make the relevant determination, calculation or adjustment for purposes of this Transaction (and for the avoidance of doubt, such determination, calculation or adjustment shall be made (A) in accordance with the methodology set forth in the Indenture, except as set forth in this paragraph, and (B) using, where relevant, variables determined by the Calculation Agent).

Notwithstanding the provisions under "Delivery Obligation" above but subject to Section 8(a)(ii) below, in all events the Delivery Obligation for any Option shall be capped so that (i) an amount of cash in USD equal to the sum of (x) the number of Shares comprising such Delivery Obligation *multiplied by* the Applicable Limit Price on the Settlement Date for such Option and (y) the

Applicable Limit Price:
Convertible Security Cash Percentage:
Notice of Delivery Obligation:
Other Applicable Provisions:

Share Adjustments:

Method of Adjustment:

amount of cash in USD comprising such Delivery Obligation does not exceed (ii) an amount of cash in USD equal to the Applicable Percentage multiplied by the excess of (x) the aggregate of (A) the amount of cash, if any, payable to the holder of the related Relevant Convertible Security and (B) the number of Shares, if any, deliverable to the holder of the related Relevant Convertible Security *multiplied by* the Applicable Limit Price on the Settlement Date for such Option over (y) USD 1,000.

On any day, the opening price as displayed under the heading "Op" on Bloomberg page ECPG <equity> (or any successor thereto).

For any Relevant Convertible Securities, the "Cash Percentage" of which Counterparty has notified, or is deemed to have notified, Dealer in accordance with "Notice of Convertible Security Cash Percentage" above that Counterparty has elected, or is deemed to have elected, to satisfy its conversion obligation in respect of such Relevant Convertible Securities.

No later than the Exchange Business Day immediately following the last day of the relevant "Observation Period" (as defined in the Indenture), Counterparty shall give Dealer notice of the final number of Shares and/or cash comprising the Convertible Obligation; provided that, with respect to any Exercise Date occurring during the Free Convertibility Period, Counterparty may provide Dealer with a single notice of an aggregate number of Shares and/or cash comprising the Convertible Obligations for all Exercise Dates occurring in such period prior to 12:00 noon New York City time on the second "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately following the last day of the relevant "Observation Period" (each as defined in the Indenture) (it being understood, for the avoidance of doubt, that the requirement of Counterparty to deliver such notice shall not limit Counterparty's obligations with respect to any Notice of Exercise or any Notice of Convertible Security Cash Percentage or Dealer's obligations with respect to any Delivery Obligation, each as set forth above, in any way).

To the extent Dealer is obligated to deliver Shares hereunder, the provisions of Sections 9.1(c), 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Counterparty is the Issuer of the Shares) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction.

Notwithstanding Section 11.2 of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction, upon the occurrence of any event or condition set forth in Sections 13.04(a)-(e) or 13.05 of the Indenture that results in an adjustment under the Indenture, the Calculation Agent shall make an analogous adjustment to the terms relevant to the exercise, settlement or payment of the Transaction. Reasonably promptly upon the occurrence of any such event or condition set forth in Sections 13.04(a)-(e) or 13.05 of the Indenture, Counterparty shall notify the Calculation Agent of such event or condition; and once the

Extraordinary Events:
Merger Events:
Consequences of Merger Events:
Notice of Merger Consideration:
Nationalization, Insolvency or Delisting:

(a) Change in Law:

Additional Disruption Events:

adjustments to be made to the terms of the Indenture and the Convertible Securities in respect of such event or condition have been determined, Counterparty shall reasonably promptly notify the Calculation Agent in writing of the details of such adjustments.

Notwithstanding Section 12.1(b) of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction, a "Merger Event" means the occurrence of any event or condition set forth in the definition of "Merger Event" under Section 13.07(a) of the Indenture.

Notwithstanding Sections 12.2 and 12.3 of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction, upon the occurrence of a Merger Event that results in an adjustment under the Indenture, the Calculation Agent shall make an analogous adjustment to the terms relevant to the exercise, settlement or payment of the Transaction; provided that such adjustment shall be made without regard to any adjustment to the Conversion Rate pursuant to Sections 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture; and provided further that if, with respect to a Merger Event, the consideration for the Shares includes (or, at the option of a holder of Shares, may include) shares of an entity or person not organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination) shall apply.

Upon the occurrence of a Merger Event that causes the Shares to be converted into the right to receive more than a single type of consideration (determined based in part upon any form of stockholder election), Counterparty shall reasonably promptly (but, in any event prior to the relevant merger date) notify the Calculation Agent of (i) the weighted average of the types and amounts of consideration received by the holders of Shares entitled to receive cash, securities or other property or assets with respect to or in exchange for such Shares in any Merger Event who affirmatively make such an election and (ii) the details of the adjustment made under the Indenture in respect of such Merger Event.

Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination); provided that, in addition to the provisions of Section 12.6(a)(iii) of the Equity Definitions, it shall also constitute a Delisting if the Exchange is located in the United States and the Shares are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective successors); if the Shares are immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any such exchange or quotation system, such exchange or quotation system shall thereafter be deemed to be the Exchange.

Applicable; provided that Section 12.9(a)(ii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) replacing the phrase "the interpretation" in the third line thereof with the phrase ", or public announcement of, the formal or informal interpretation",

		new regulations authorized or mandated by existing statute)" at the end of clause (A) thereof, (iv) immediately following the word "Transaction" in clause (X) thereof, adding the phrase "in the manner contemplated by the Hedging Party on the Trade Date" and (v) adding the following proviso to the end of clause (Y) thereof: "provided that such party has used good faith efforts to avoid such increased cost on terms reasonably acceptable to such party, as long as (i) such party would not incur a materially increased cost (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position, or any increase in margin or capital requirements), as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (ii) such party would not violate any applicable law, rule, regulation or policy of such party, as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (iii) such party would not suffer a material penalty, injunction, non-financial burden, reputational harm or other material adverse consequence in doing so, (iv) such party would not incur any material operational or administrative burden in doing so and (v) such party would not, in doing so, be required to take any action that is contrary to the intent of the law or regulation that is subject to the Change in Law".
(b) Failure to Deliver:		Applicable
(c) Insolvency Filing:		Applicable
(d) Hedging Disruption:		Applicable; provided that:
		(i) Section 12.9(a)(v) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting the following two phrases at the end of such Section:
		"For the avoidance of doubt, the term "equity price risk" shall be deemed to include, but shall not be limited to, stock price and volatility risk. And, for the further avoidance of doubt, any such transactions or assets referred to in phrases (A) or (B) above must be available on commercially reasonable pricing terms."; and
		(ii) Section 12.9(b)(iii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting in the third line thereof, after the words "to terminate the Transaction", the words "or a portion of the Transaction affected by such Hedging Disruption".
(e) Increased Cost of Hedging:		Not Applicable
Hedging Party:		For all applicable Potential Adjustment Events and Extraordinary Events, Dealer
Determining Party:		For all applicable Extraordinary Events, Dealer
Non-Reliance:		Applicable
Agreements and Acknowledgments Regarding Hedging Activities:		Applicable
Additional Acknowledgments:		Applicable
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(ii) replacing the word "Shares" with the phrase "Hedge Positions" in clause (X) thereof, (iii) inserting the parenthetical "(including, for the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, adoption or promulgation of

3. <u>Calculation Agent</u>: Dealer, whose judgments, determinations and calculations shall be made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. Following any determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent hereunder, upon a request by Company, the Calculation Agent shall promptly (but in any event within three Scheduled Trading Days) provide to Company by e-mail to the e-mail address provided by Company in such request a report (in a commonly used file format for the storage and manipulation of financial data) displaying in reasonable detail the basis for such determination or calculation (including any assumptions used in making such determination or calculation), it being understood that the Calculation Agent shall not be obligated to disclose any proprietary models used by it for such determination or calculation.

#### 4. Account Details:

Dealer Payment Instructions: Royal Bank of Canada

JP Morgan Chase NY (CHASUS33)

ABA#: 021-000-021

Royal Bank of Canada (ROYCUS3X)

A/C #: 920-1-033363 Ref: US Transit A/C 204-1499

Counterparty Payment Instructions: To be provided by Counterparty.

#### 5. Offices:

The Office of Dealer for the Transaction is: New York

RBC Capital Markets, LLC 3 World Financial Center 200 Vesey Street New York, NY 10281

Telephone: 212-858-7000

The Office of Counterparty for the Transaction is: Not applicable

#### 6. Notices: For purposes of this Confirmation:

Address for notices or communications to Counterparty for purposes of this Confirmation:

To: Encore Capital Group, Inc.

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300

San Diego, CA 92108

Attn: Paul Grinberg, Chief Financial Officer

Telephone: 858-309-6904 Facsimile: 858-309-6977

With a copy to:

Attn: Greg Call, General Counsel

Telephone: 858-569-3978 Facsimile: 858-309-6998

Address for notices or communications to Dealer for purposes of this Confirmation:

Trade Affirmations and Settlements:

To: RBC Capital Markets, LLC

Attn: Structured Derivatives Documentation

3 World Financial Center

200 Vesey Street New York, NY 10281

Facsimile: 212-858-7033 Email: geda@rbccm.com

#### Trade Confirmations:

To: RBC Capital Markets, LLC

Attn: Structured Derivatives Documentation

3 World Financial Center

200 Vesey Street New York, NY 10281

Facsimile: 212-428-3053

Email: SEDDOC@rbccm.com

#### 7. Representations, Warranties and Agreements:

- (a) Each of the representations and warranties of Counterparty set forth in Section 1 of the Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), dated as of November 20, 2012, between Counterparty and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Barclays Capital Inc. as representatives of the initial purchasers party thereto (the "Initial Purchasers"), are true and correct and are hereby deemed to be repeated to Dealer as if set forth herein. In addition to the representations and warranties in the Agreement and those contained elsewhere herein, Counterparty represents and warrants to and for the benefit of, and agrees with, Dealer as follows:
  - (i) On the Trade Date (A) Counterparty is not aware of any material nonpublic information regarding Counterparty or the Shares and (B) all reports and other documents filed by Counterparty with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") when considered as a whole (with the more recent such reports and documents deemed to amend inconsistent statements contained in any earlier such reports and documents), do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.
  - (ii) (A) On the Trade Date, the Shares or securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, are not, and shall not be, subject to a "restricted period," as such term is defined in Regulation M under the Exchange Act ("**Regulation M**") and (B) Counterparty shall not engage in any "distribution," as such term is defined in Regulation M, other than a distribution meeting the requirements of the exceptions set forth in sections 101(b) and 102(b) of Regulation M, until the second Exchange Business Day immediately following the Trade Date.
  - (iii) On the Trade Date, neither Counterparty nor any "affiliated purchaser" (each as defined in Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act ("**Rule 10b-18**")) shall directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, by means of any cash-settled or other derivative instrument) purchase, offer to purchase, place any bid or limit order that would effect a purchase of, or commence any tender offer relating to, any Shares (or an equivalent interest, including a unit of beneficial interest in a trust or limited partnership or a depository share) or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, except for the Share repurchase transactions contemplated under "Use of Proceeds" in the Offering Memorandum, as supplemented by the related pricing term sheet.
  - (iv) Without limiting the generality of Section 13.1 of the Equity Definitions, Counterparty acknowledges that Dealer is not making any representations or warranties or taking any position or expressing any view with respect to the treatment of the Transaction under any accounting standards including ASC Topic 260, *Earnings Per Share*, ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, or ASC Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity* and ASC Topic 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging Contracts in Entity's Own Equity* (or any successor issue statements) or under FASB's Liabilities & Equity Project.
  - (v) Without limiting the generality of Section 3(a)(iii) of the Agreement, the Transaction will not violate Rule 13e-1 or Rule 13e-4 under the Exchange Act.

- (vi) On or prior to the Effective Date, Counterparty shall deliver to Dealer a resolution of Counterparty's board of directors authorizing the Transaction.
- (vii) Counterparty is not entering into this Confirmation to create actual or apparent trading activity in the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or to raise or depress or otherwise manipulate the price of the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or otherwise in violation of the Exchange Act.
- (viii) Counterparty is not, and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (ix) On each of the Trade Date and the Premium Payment Date, Counterparty is not, or will not be, "insolvent" (as such term is defined under Section 101(32) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (Title 11 of the United States Code) (the "Bankruptcy Code")) and Counterparty would be able to purchase the Shares hereunder in compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation.
- (x) To Counterparty's knowledge, based on due inquiry, no state or local (including non-U.S. jurisdictions) law, rule, regulation or regulatory order applicable to the Shares would give rise to any reporting, consent, registration or other requirement (including without limitation a requirement to obtain prior approval from any person or entity) as a result of Dealer or its affiliates owning or holding (however defined) Shares.
- (xi) Counterparty understands no obligations of Dealer to it hereunder will be entitled to the benefit of deposit insurance and that such obligations will not be guaranteed by any affiliate of Dealer or any governmental agency.
- (b) Each of Dealer and Counterparty agrees and represents that it is an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.
- (c) Each of Dealer and Counterparty acknowledges that the offer and sale of the Transaction to it is intended to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), by virtue of Section 4(2) thereof. Accordingly, Counterparty represents and warrants to Dealer that (i) it has the financial ability to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Transaction and is able to bear a total loss of its investment, (ii) it is an "accredited investor" as that term is defined in Regulation D as promulgated under the Securities Act, (iii) it is entering into the Transaction for its own account and without a view to the distribution or resale thereof and (iv) the assignment, transfer or other disposition of the Transaction has not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and is restricted under this Confirmation, the Securities Act and state securities laws.
- (d) Each of Dealer and Counterparty agrees and acknowledges that Dealer is a "financial institution," "swap participant" and "financial participant" within the meaning of Sections 101(22), 101(53C) and 101(22A) of the Bankruptcy Code. The parties hereto further agree and acknowledge that it is the intent of the parties that (A) this Confirmation is (i) a "securities contract," as such term is defined in Section 741(7) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (ii) a "swap agreement," as such term is defined in Section 101(53B) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "transfer," as such term is defined in Section 101(54) of the Bankruptcy Code and a "payment or other transfer of property" within the meaning of Sections 362 and 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (B) that Dealer is entitled to the protections afforded by, among other sections, Sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(17), 362(o), 546(e), 546(g), 548(d)(2), 555, 560 and 561 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (e) Counterparty shall deliver to Dealer an opinion of counsel, dated as of the Effective Date, with respect to the matters set forth in Section 3(a) of the Agreement; *provided* that, such opinion of counsel may contain customary exceptions and qualifications, including, without limitation, excepts and qualifications relating to indemnification provisions.

# 8. Other Provisions:

- (a) Additional Termination Events.
  - (i) The occurrence of an "Event of Default" with respect to Counterparty under the terms of the

Convertible Securities as set forth in Section 6.01 of the Indenture that results in an acceleration of the Convertible Securities pursuant to the terms of the Indenture shall be an Additional Termination Event with respect to which the Transaction is the sole Affected Transaction and Counterparty is the sole Affected Party and Dealer shall be the party entitled to designate an Early Termination Date pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Agreement.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Confirmation, the receipt by Dealer from Counterparty, within the applicable time period set forth under "Notice of Exercise" above, of any Notice of Exercise in respect of the exercise of any Options that, according to such Notice of Exercise, relate to Relevant Convertible Securities that are Make-Whole Convertible Securities shall constitute an Additional Termination Event as provided in this paragraph and shall not result in the exercise of any Options. Upon receipt of any such Notice of Exercise, Dealer shall designate an Exchange Business Day following such Additional Termination Event as an Early Termination Date (and Dealer shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to designate such Early Termination Date so that the related payment or delivery, as the case may be, hereunder in respect of the Relevant Conversion Options will occur on (or as promptly as reasonable practicable after) the related settlement for the conversion of the Relevant Convertible Securities) with respect to the portion of the Transaction corresponding to a number of Options (the "**Relevant Conversion Options**") equal to the lesser of (A)(x) the aggregate principal amount of Relevant Convertible Securities specified in such Notice of Exercise, divided by USD 1,000, minus (y) the number of Relevant Conversion Options (as defined in the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation), if any, that relate to such Relevant Convertible Securities (and for the purposes of determining whether any Options under this Confirmation or under the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation will be among the Relevant Conversion Options hereunder or under, and as defined in, the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation, the Relevant Convertible Securities shall be allocated first to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation until all Options thereunder are exercised or terminated), and (B) the Number of Options as of the date Dealer designates such Early Termination Date and, as of such date, the Number of Options shall be reduced by the number of Relevant Conversion Options. Any payment hereunder with respect to such termination (the "Conversion Unwind Payment") shall be calculated pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement as if (1) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Transaction (except that, for purposes of this Section 8(a)(ii), the provisions opposite the caption "Applicable Limit" above shall be deemed to be deleted from this Confirmation) and a Number of Options equal to the number of Relevant Conversion Options, (2) Counterparty were the sole Affected Party with respect to such Additional Termination Event and (3) the terminated portion of the Transaction were the sole Affected Transaction (and, in determining the amount payable pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement, the Calculation Agent shall not take into account any adjustments to the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to Sections 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture); provided that, the Conversion Unwind Payment shall not be greater than (x) the Applicable Percentage multiplied by (y) the number of Relevant Conversion Options multiplied by (z) the excess of (I) the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture taking into account any adjustments thereto pursuant to Section 13.03 of the Indenture), multiplied by the Applicable Limit Price on the settlement date for the cash and/or Shares to be delivered pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture in respect of the Relevant Convertible Securities relating to such Conversion Unwind Payment, over (II) USD 1,000.

(iii) Within five Scheduled Trading Days promptly following any Repayment Event (as defined below), Counterparty shall notify Dealer of such Repayment Event and the aggregate principal amount of Convertible Securities subject to such Repayment Event (any such notice, a "Repayment Notice"); provided that such Repayment Notice shall contain an acknowledgement by Counterparty of its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and 10(b) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and shall remake the representations set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A), in each case in respect of such repurchase and delivery of such Repayment Notice; provided, further that, any "Repayment Notice" delivered to Dealer pursuant to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation shall deemed to be a Repayment Notice pursuant to this Confirmation and the terms of such Repayment Notice shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to this Confirmation. The receipt by Dealer from Counterparty of any Repayment Notice shall constitute an Additional Termination Event as provided in this paragraph. Upon receipt of any such Repayment Notice, Dealer shall designate an Exchange Business Day following receipt of such Repayment Notice as an Early Termination Date with respect to the portion of the Transaction corresponding to a number of Options (the "Repayment Options") equal to the lesser of (A)(x) the aggregate principal amount of such Convertible Securities specified in such Repayment Notice, divided by USD 1,000, minus (y) the number of Repayment Options (as defined in the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation), if any, that relate to such Convertible Securities (and for the purposes of determining whether any Options under this Confirmation or under the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation will be among the Repayment Options hereunder or under, and as defined in, the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation, the Convertible Securities specified in such Repayment Notice shall be allocated first to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation until all Options thereunder are exercised or terminated), and (B) the Number of Options as of the date Dealer designates such Early Termination Date and, as of such date, the Number of Options shall be reduced by the number of Repayment Options. Any payment hereunder with respect to such termination (the "Repayment Unwind Payment") shall be calculated pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement as if (1) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Transaction and a Number of Options equal to the number of Repayment Options, (2) Counterparty were the sole Affected Party with respect to such Additional Termination Event and (3) the terminated portion of the Transaction were the sole Affected Transaction. "Repayment Event" means that (i) any Convertible Securities are repurchased (whether in connection with or as a result of a fundamental change, howsoever defined, or for any other reason) by Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries, (ii)

any Convertible Securities are delivered to Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries in exchange for delivery of any property or assets of such party (howsoever described), (iii) any principal of any of the Convertible Securities is repaid prior to the final maturity date of the Convertible Securities (for any reason other than as a result of an acceleration of the Convertible Securities that results in an Additional Termination Event pursuant to the preceding Section 8(a)(i)), or (iv) any Convertible Securities are exchanged by or for the benefit of the holders thereof for any other securities of Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries (or any other property, or any combination thereof) pursuant to any exchange offer or similar transaction. For the avoidance of doubt, any conversion of Convertible Securities pursuant to the terms of the Indenture shall not constitute a Repayment Event.

(b) Alternative Calculations and Payment on Early Termination and on Certain Extraordinary Events. If Dealer shall owe Counterparty any amount pursuant to "Consequences of Merger Events" above or Sections 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or pursuant to Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, including, without limitation, any Conversion Unwind Payment and any Repayment Unwind Payment (a "Payment Obligation"), Dealer shall satisfy any such Payment Obligation by the Share Termination Alternative (as defined below) unless either (i) Counterparty shall have elected for Dealer to satisfy such Payment Obligation in cash in USD by (x) giving irrevocable telephonic notice to Dealer, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day, no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the relevant merger date, Announcement Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Event, as applicable and (y) remaking the representation set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A) of this Confirmation on the date of such notice, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day or (ii) in the event of (x) an Insolvency, a Nationalization or a Merger Event, in each case, in which the consideration or proceeds to be paid to holders of Shares consists solely of cash or (y) an Event of Default in which Counterparty is the Defaulting Party or a Termination Event in which Counterparty is the Affected Party, which Event of Default or Termination Event resulted from an event or events within Counterparty's control (other than any Additional Termination Event pursuant to Section 8(a)(ii) or Section 8(a)(iii)), in either of which cases under the immediately preceding clauses (i) or (ii), the provisions of "Consequences of Merger Events" above, Sections 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as the case may be, shall apply in lieu of the provisions of this Section 8(b) in respect of such Payment Obligation. In the case of any such settlement by the

Share Termination Alternative:

Applicable and means that Dealer shall deliver to Counterparty the Share Termination Delivery Property on the date on which the Payment Obligation would otherwise be due pursuant to "Consequences of Merger Events and Tender Offers" above, Section 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as applicable, or such later date as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine (the "Share Termination Payment Date"), in satisfaction of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Property:

A number of Share Termination Delivery Units, as calculated by the Calculation Agent, equal to the Payment Obligation divided by the Share Termination Unit Price. The Calculation Agent shall adjust the Share Termination Delivery Property by replacing any fractional portion of the aggregate amount of a security therein with an amount of cash equal to the value of such fractional security based on the values used to calculate the Share Termination Unit Price.

Share Termination Unit Price:

The value of property contained in one Share Termination Delivery Unit on the date such Share Termination Delivery Units are to be delivered as Share Termination Delivery Property, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its discretion by commercially reasonable means and notified by the Calculation Agent to Dealer at the time of notification of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Unit:

In the case of a Termination Event, Event of Default, Delisting or Additional Disruption Event, one Share or, in the case of an Insolvency, Nationalization or Merger Event, one Share or a unit consisting of the number or amount of each type of property received by a holder of one Share (without consideration of any requirement to pay cash or other consideration in lieu of fractional amounts of any

securities) in such Insolvency, Nationalization or Merger Event, as applicable. If such Insolvency, Nationalization or Merger Event involves a choice of consideration to be received by holders, such holder shall be deemed to have elected to receive the maximum possible amount of cash.

Failure to Deliver:

Other applicable provisions:

Applicable

If Share Termination Alternative is applicable, the provisions of Sections 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Counterparty is the issuer of the Shares or any portion of the Share Termination Delivery Units) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction, except that all references to "Shares" shall be read as references to "Share Termination Delivery Units."

(c) Disposition of Hedge Shares. Counterparty hereby agrees that if, in the good faith reasonable judgment of Dealer, based on advice of counsel, any Shares acquired by Dealer for the purpose of hedging its obligations pursuant to the Transaction, other than any such Shares that were, at the time of acquisition by Dealer, "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act (any such Shares, the "Hedge Shares"), cannot be sold in the public market by Dealer without registration under the Securities Act, Counterparty shall, at its election: (i) in order to allow Dealer to sell the Hedge Shares in a registered offering, make available to Dealer an effective registration statement under the Securities Act to cover the resale of such Hedge Shares and (A) enter into an agreement substantially similar to underwriting agreements for registered secondary offerings of a substantially similar size, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Dealer, (B) provide accountant's "comfort" letters in customary form for registered offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size, (C) provide disclosure opinions of nationally recognized outside counsel to Counterparty reasonably acceptable to Dealer, (D) provide other customary opinions, certificates and closing documents customary in form for registered offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size and (E) afford Dealer a reasonable opportunity to conduct a "due diligence" investigation with respect to Counterparty customary in scope for underwritten offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size; provided, however, that if Dealer, in its reasonable discretion, is not satisfied with access to due diligence materials, the results of its due diligence investigation, or the procedures and documentation for the registered offering referred to above, then clause (iii) or clause (iii) of this Section 8(c) shall apply at the election of Counterparty; (ii) in order to allow Dealer to sell the Hedge Shares in a private placement, enter into a private placement agreement substantially similar to private placement purchase agreements customary for private placements of equity securities of a substantially similar size, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Dealer, including customary representations, covenants, blue sky and other governmental filings and/or registrations, indemnities to Dealer, due diligence rights (for Dealer or any designated buyer of the Hedge Shares from Dealer), opinions and certificates and such other documentation as is customary for private placements agreements for private placements of equity securities of a substantially similar size, all reasonably acceptable to Dealer (in which case, the Calculation Agent shall make any adjustments to the terms of the Transaction that are necessary, in its reasonable judgment, to compensate Dealer for any discount from the public market price of the Shares incurred on the sale of Hedge Shares in a private placement); or (iii) purchase the Hedge Shares from Dealer at the VWAP Price on such Exchange Business Days, and in the amounts, requested by Dealer. "VWAP Price" means, on any Exchange Business Day, the per Share volume-weighted average price as displayed under the heading "Bloomberg VWAP" on Bloomberg page "ECPG <equity> AQR" (or any successor thereto) in respect of the period from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (New York City time) on such Exchange Business Day (or if such volume-weighted average price is unavailable, the market value of one Share on such Exchange Business Day, as determined by the Calculation Agent using a volume-weighted method).

(d) *Repurchase Notices*. Counterparty shall, on or prior to any day on which Counterparty effects any repurchase of Shares, give Dealer a written notice of such repurchase (a "**Repurchase Notice**") if, following such repurchase, the Notice Percentage as determined on the date of such Repurchase Notice is (i) greater than 9.0% and (ii) greater by 0.5% than the Notice Percentage included in the immediately preceding Repurchase Notice (or, in the case of the first such Repurchase Notice, greater than the Notice Percentage as of the date hereof). The "**Notice Percentage**" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is the Number of Shares and the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day. In the event that Counterparty fails to provide Dealer with a Repurchase Notice on the day and in the manner specified in this Section 8(d) then Counterparty agrees to

indemnify and hold harmless Dealer, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and controlling persons (Dealer and each such person being an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), joint or several, to which such Indemnified Party may become subject under applicable securities laws, including without limitation, Section 16 of the Exchange Act, relating to or arising out of such failure. If for any reason the foregoing indemnification is unavailable to any Indemnified Party or insufficient to hold harmless any Indemnified Party, then Counterparty shall contribute, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to the amount paid or payable by the Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability. In addition, Counterparty will reimburse any Indemnified Party for all reasonable expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) as they are incurred (after notice to Counterparty) in connection with the investigation of, preparation for or defense or settlement of any pending or threatened claim or any action, suit or proceeding arising therefrom, whether or not such Indemnified Party is a party thereto and whether or not such claim, action, suit or proceeding is initiated or brought by or on behalf of Counterparty. This indemnity shall survive the completion of the Transaction contemplated by this Confirmation and any assignment and delegation of the Transaction made pursuant to this Confirmation or the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any permitted assignee of Dealer.

### (e) Transfer and Assignment.

(i) Either party may transfer any of its rights or obligations under the Transaction with the prior written consent of the non-transferring party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. For the avoidance of doubt, Dealer may condition its consent on any of the following, without limitation: (i) the receipt by Dealer of opinions and documents reasonably satisfactory to Dealer in connection with such assignment, (ii) such assignment being effected on terms reasonably satisfactory to Dealer with respect to any legal and regulatory requirements relevant to Dealer, (iii) Counterparty continuing to be obligated to provide notices hereunder relating to the Convertible Securities and continuing to be obligated with respect to "Disposition of Hedge Shares" and "Repurchase Notices" above, (iv) Counterparty not being released from its indemnification obligations under Section 8(d) of this Confirmation, (v) such assignment only being to a third party that is a United States person (as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), (vi) Dealer not being, as a result of such assignment, required to pay the transferee on any payment date an amount under Section 2(d)(i)(4) of the Agreement greater than an amount Dealer would have been required to pay to Counterparty in the absence of such assignment, (vii) there not being an Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Termination Event as a result of such assignment, (viii) without limiting the generality of clause (v), Counterparty causing the transferee to make such Payee Tax Representations and to provide such tax documentation as may be reasonably requested by Dealer to permit Dealer to determine that the results described in clauses (vi) and (vii) will not occur upon or after such assignment and (ix) Counterparty being responsible for all reasonable costs and expenses, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred by Dealer in connection with such assignment. In addition, Dealer may transfer or assign without any consent of the Counterparty its rights and obligations hereunder and under the Agreement (1) in whole or in part to any affiliate of Dealer of credit quality at least equivalent to that of Dealer as of the Trade Date, (2) in whole or in part to any other affiliate of Dealer with respect to which Counterparty shall have received a full guaranty of such affiliate's obligations from Dealer in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Counterparty or (3) if at the time of such transfer or assignment an Excess Ownership Position exists, in part to any other third party with a rating for its long term, unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness equal to or better than the lesser of (I) the credit rating of Dealer at the time of the transfer and (II) A- by Standard and Poor's Rating Group, Inc. or its successor ("S&P"), or A3 by Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or, if either S&P or Moody's ceases to rate such debt, at least an equivalent or better rating by a substitute rating agency mutually agreed by Counterparty and Dealer, in the case of this clause (3), to the extent that an Excess Ownership Position no longer exists after giving effect to such partial transfer or assignment, in each case of the immediately preceding clauses (1), (2) and (3), only if an Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Termination Event will not occur as a result of such transfer or assignment.

(ii) At any time at which any Excess Ownership Position exists, if Dealer, in its discretion, is unable to effect a transfer or assignment to a third party in accordance with the requirements set forth above after using its commercially reasonable efforts on pricing terms and within a time period reasonably acceptable to Dealer such that an Excess Ownership Position no longer exists, Dealer may designate any Scheduled Trading Day as an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion (the "**Terminated Portion**") of the Transaction, such that such Excess Ownership Position no longer exists. In the event that Dealer so designates an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion of the Transaction, a payment or delivery shall be made

pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement and Section 8(b) of this Confirmation as if (i) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Terminated Portion of the Transaction, (ii) Counterparty shall be the sole Affected Party with respect to such partial termination and (iii) such portion of the Transaction shall be the only Terminated Transaction. "Excess Ownership Position" means any of the following: (i) the Equity Percentage exceeds 9.0%, (ii) Dealer or any "affiliate" or "associate" of Dealer would own in excess of 14.0% of the outstanding Shares for purposes of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or (iii) Dealer, Dealer Group (as defined below) or any person whose ownership position would be aggregated with that of Dealer or Dealer Group (Dealer, Dealer Group or any such person, a "Dealer Person") under any federal, state or local laws, regulations or regulatory orders applicable to ownership of Shares ("Applicable Laws"), owns, beneficially owns, constructively owns, controls, holds the power to vote or otherwise meets a relevant definition of ownership in excess of a number of Shares equal to (x) the number of Shares that would give rise to reporting or registration obligations (except for any filings of Form 13F, Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act) or other requirements (including obtaining prior approval by a state or federal regulator) of a Dealer Person under Applicable Laws and with respect to which such requirements have not been met or the relevant approval has not been received minus (y) 1% of the number of Shares outstanding on the date of determination. The "Equity Percentage" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, (A) the numerator of which is the number of Shares that Dealer and any of its affiliates or any other person subject to aggregation with Dealer, for purposes of the "beneficial ownership" test under Section 13 of the Exchange Act, or of any "group" (within the meaning of Section 13) of which Dealer is or may be deemed to be a part (Dealer and any such affiliates, persons and groups, collectively, "Dealer Group"), beneficially owns (within the meaning of Section 13 of the Exchange Act), without duplication, on such day and (B) the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day (including, solely for such purpose, Shares that would be deemed outstanding pursuant to the last sentence of Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) if such sentence were applicable to the calculation of clause (B) of the definition of Equity Percentage).

- (f) Staggered Settlement. If upon advice of counsel with respect to applicable legal and regulatory requirements, including any requirements relating to Dealer's hedging activities hereunder, Dealer reasonably determines that it would not be advisable to deliver, or to acquire Shares to deliver, any or all of the Shares to be delivered by Dealer on the relevant Settlement Date, Dealer may, by notice to Counterparty on or prior to any Settlement Date (a "Nominal Settlement Date"), elect to deliver the Shares on two or more dates (each, a "Staggered Settlement Date") or at two or more times on the Nominal Settlement Date as follows:
  - (i) in such notice, Dealer will specify to Counterparty the related Staggered Settlement Dates (each of which will be on or prior to such Nominal Settlement Date, but not prior to the beginning of the related "Observation Period" (as defined in the Indenture)) and/or delivery times (during any single Staggered Settlement Date) and how it will allocate the Shares it is required to deliver under "Delivery Obligation" (above) among the Staggered Settlement Dates and/or delivery times; and
  - (ii) the aggregate number of Shares that Dealer will deliver to Counterparty hereunder on all such Staggered Settlement Dates (including on one or more delivery times on any single Staggered Settlement Date) will equal the number of Shares that Dealer would otherwise be required to deliver on such Nominal Settlement Date.
- (g) *Right to Extend.* Dealer may postpone any Exercise Date or Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery by Dealer, with respect to some or all of the relevant Options (in which event the Calculation Agent shall make appropriate adjustments to the Delivery Obligation), if Dealer determines in its good faith and reasonable discretion, based on advice of counsel in the case of the immediately following clause (ii), that such extension is reasonably necessary or appropriate to (i) preserve Dealer's hedging or hedge unwind activity hereunder in light of existing liquidity conditions in the cash market, the stock loan market or any other relevant market or (ii) to enable Dealer to effect purchases of Shares in connection with its hedging, hedge unwind or settlement activity hereunder in a manner that would, if Dealer were Counterparty or an affiliated purchaser of Counterparty, be in compliance with applicable legal, regulatory or self-regulatory requirements, or with related policies and procedures applicable to Dealer; *provided* that, no such Exercise Date, Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery by Dealer may be postponed or extended more than 50 "Trading Days" (as defined in the Indenture) after the original Exercise Date, Settlement Date or other date of valuation or delivery by Dealer, as the case may be.
  - (h) Adjustments. For the avoidance of doubt, whenever the Calculation Agent is called upon to make an

adjustment pursuant to the terms of this Confirmation or the Definitions to take into account the effect of an event, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment by reference to the effect of such event on the Hedging Party.

- (i) *Disclosure*. Effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning the Transaction, Counterparty and each of its employees, representatives, or other agents may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Transaction and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to Counterparty relating to such tax treatment and tax structure.
- (j) *Designation by Dealer*. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Confirmation to the contrary requiring or allowing Dealer to purchase, sell, receive or deliver any Shares or other securities to or from Counterparty, Dealer may designate any of its affiliates to purchase, sell, receive or deliver such shares or other securities and otherwise to perform Dealer obligations in respect of the Transaction and any such designee may assume such obligations. Dealer shall be discharged of its obligations to Counterparty solely to the extent of any such performance.
- (k) No Netting and Set-off. Notwithstanding any provision of the Agreement (including without limitation Section 6(f) thereof, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction) and this Confirmation or any other agreement between the parties to the contrary, neither party shall net or set off its obligations under the Transaction against its rights against the other party under any other transaction or instrument.
- (l) *Equity Rights*. Dealer acknowledges and agrees that this Confirmation is not intended to convey to it rights with respect to the Transaction that are senior to the claims of common stockholders in the event of Counterparty's bankruptcy. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that the preceding sentence shall not apply at any time other than during Counterparty's bankruptcy to any claim arising as a result of a breach by Counterparty of any of its obligations under this Confirmation or the Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties acknowledge that this Confirmation is not secured by any collateral that would otherwise secure the obligations of Counterparty herein under or pursuant to any other agreement.
- (m) Early Unwind. In the event the sale by Counterparty of the "Additional Securities" is not consummated with the Initial Purchasers pursuant to the Purchase Agreement for any reason by the close of business in New York on the Premium Payment Date (or such later date as agreed upon by the parties, which in no event shall be later than January 7, 2013) (the Premium Payment Date or such later date being the "Early Unwind Date"), the Transaction shall automatically terminate (the "Early Unwind"), on the Early Unwind Date and the Transaction and all of the respective rights and obligations of Dealer and Counterparty thereunder shall be cancelled and terminated. Following such termination and cancellation, each party shall be released and discharged by the other party from and agrees not to make any claim against the other party with respect to any obligations or liabilities of either party arising out of and to be performed in connection with the Transaction either prior to or after the Early Unwind Date; provided that, unless such Early Unwind Date occurred as a result of a breach of the Purchase Agreement by the Initial Purchasers, Counterparty shall purchase from Dealer on the Early Unwind Date all Shares purchased by Dealer or one or more of its affiliates in connection with the Transaction at the then prevailing market price. Dealer and Counterparty represent and acknowledge to the other that, subject to the proviso included in this Section 8(m), upon an Early Unwind, all obligations with respect to the Transaction shall be deemed fully and finally discharged.
- (n) *Payment by Counterparty*. In the event that, following payment of the Premium, (i) an Early Termination Date occurs or is designated with respect to the Transaction as a result of a Termination Event or an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default arising under Section 5(a)(ii) or 5(a)(iv) of the Agreement) and, as a result, Counterparty owes to Dealer an amount calculated under Section 6(e) of the Agreement, or (ii) Counterparty owes to Dealer, pursuant to Section 12.7 or Section 12.9 of the Equity Definitions, an amount calculated under Section 12.8 of the Equity Definitions, such amount shall be deemed to be zero.
- (o) Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act. In connection with Section 739 of the Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 ("WSTAA"), the parties hereby agree that neither the enactment of WSTAA or any regulation under the WSTAA, nor any requirement under WSTAA or an amendment made by WSTAA, shall limit or otherwise impair either party's otherwise applicable rights to terminate, renegotiate, modify, amend or supplement this Confirmation or the Agreement, as applicable, arising from a termination event, force majeure, illegality, increased costs, regulatory change or similar event under this Confirmation, the Definitions incorporated herein, or the Agreement (including, but not limited to, rights arising from Change in Law, an Excess Ownership Position or Illegality (as defined in the Agreement)).
- (p) Disclosure of Agency Relationship. Dealer has appointed as its agent, its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, RBC Capital Markets, LLC ("RBCCM"), for purposes of conducting on the Dealer's behalf, a business in

privately negotiated transactions in options and other derivatives. You hereby are advised that Dealer, the principal and stated counterparty in such transactions, duly has authorized RBCCM to market, structure, negotiate, document, price, execute and hedge transactions in over-the-counter derivative products. RBCCM has full, complete and unconditional authority to undertake such activities on behalf of Dealer. RBCCM acts solely as agent and has no obligation, by way of issuance, endorsement, guarantee or otherwise with respect to the performance of either party under this Transaction. This Transaction is not insured or guaranteed by RBCCM.

- (q) Waiver of Trial by Jury. EACH OF COUNTERPARTY AND DEALER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES (ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ON BEHALF OF ITS STOCKHOLDERS) ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION OR THE ACTIONS OF DEALER OR ITS AFFILIATES IN THE NEGOTIATION, PERFORMANCE OR ENFORCEMENT HEREOF.
- (r) Governing Law; Jurisdiction. THIS CONFIRMATION AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS CONFIRMATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY SUBMIT TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH ALL MATTERS RELATING HERETO AND WAIVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE IN, AND ANY CLAIM OF INCONVENIENT FORUM WITH RESPECT TO, THESE COURTS.

Counterparty hereby agrees (a) to check this Confirmation carefully and immediately upon receipt so that errors or discrepancies can be promptly identified and rectified and (b) to confirm that the foregoing (in the exact form provided by Dealer) correctly sets forth the terms of the agreement between Dealer and Counterparty with respect to the Transaction, by manually signing this Confirmation or this page hereof as evidence of agreement to such terms and providing the other information requested herein and immediately returning an executed copy to Dealer.

Yours faithfully,

RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC, as agent for Royal Bank of Canada

By: /s/ Dawn T. Laabs

Name: Dawn T. Laabs Title: Director

Confirmed and Acknowledged as of the date first above written:

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Brandon Black

Name: J. Brandon Black

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Premium: USD 1,311,700

December 6, 2012

To: Encore Capital Group, Inc.

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300

San Diego, California 92108

Attn: Paul Grinberg, Chief Financial Officer

Telephone: 858-309-6904 Facsimile: 858-309-6977

From:



Société Générale 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020

Re: Additional Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction

(Transaction Reference Number: )

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this communication (this "Confirmation") is to set forth the terms and conditions of the above-referenced transaction entered into on the Trade Date specified below (the "Transaction") between Société Générale ("Dealer") and Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Counterparty"). This communication constitutes a "Confirmation" as referred to in the ISDA Master Agreement specified below. Dealer is acting as principal and SG Americas Securities, LLC ("Agent"), its affiliate, is acting as agent for Dealer for the Transaction under this Confirmation.

1. This Confirmation is subject to, and incorporates, the definitions and provisions of the 2006 ISDA Definitions (the "2006 Definitions") and the definitions and provisions of the 2002 ISDA Equity Derivatives Definitions (the "Equity Definitions", and together with the 2006 Definitions, the "Definitions"), in each case as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA"). In the event of any inconsistency between the 2006 Definitions and the Equity Definitions, the Equity Definitions will govern. Certain defined terms used herein are based on terms that are defined in the Offering Memorandum dated November 20, 2012, (the "Offering Memorandum") relating to the 3.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 (as originally issued by Counterparty, the "Convertible Securities" and each USD 1,000 principal amount of Convertible Securities, a "Convertible Security") issued by Counterparty in an aggregate initial principal amount of USD 100,000,000 (as increased by up to an aggregate principal amount of USD 15,000,000 if and to the extent that the Initial Purchasers exercise their option to purchase additional Convertible Securities pursuant to the Purchase Agreement (as defined herein)) pursuant to an Indenture to be dated November 27, 2012 between Counterparty and Union Bank, N.A., as trustee (the "Indenture"). In the event of any inconsistency between the terms defined in the Offering Memorandum, the Indenture and this Confirmation, this Confirmation shall govern. The parties acknowledge that this Confirmation is entered into on the date hereof with the understanding that (i) definitions set forth in the Indenture which are also defined herein by reference to the Indenture and (ii) sections of the Indenture that are referred to herein will conform to the descriptions thereof in the Offering Memorandum. If any such definitions in the Indenture or any such sections of the Indenture differ from the descriptions thereof in the Offering Memorandum, the descriptions thereof in the Offering Memorandum will govern for purposes of this Confirmation. The parties further acknowledge that the Indenture section numbers used herein are based on the Indenture as executed. Subject to the foregoing, references to the Indenture herein are references to the Indenture as in effect on the date of its execution, and if the Indenture is amended following such date, any such amendment will be disregarded for purposes of this Confirmation unless the parties agree otherwise in writing.

This Confirmation evidences a complete and binding agreement between Dealer and Counterparty as to the terms of the Transaction to which this Confirmation relates. This Confirmation shall be subject to an agreement (the "**Agreement**") in the form of the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement as if Dealer and Counterparty had executed an

agreement in such form (without any Schedule except for (i) the elections set forth in this Confirmation and (ii) the election that the "Cross Default" provisions of Section 5(a)(vi) of the Agreement will apply to Dealer and to Counterparty as if (x) the phrase ", or becoming capable at such time of being declared," were deleted from Section 5(a)(vi)(1) of the Agreement and (y) the "Threshold Amount" with respect to Dealer were three percent (3%) of shareholders' equity of Société Générale as of the Trade Date and with respect to Counterparty were USD10,000,000). For the avoidance of doubt, the Transaction shall be the only transaction under the Agreement.

All provisions contained in, or incorporated by reference to, the Agreement will govern this Confirmation except as expressly modified herein. In the event of any inconsistency between this Confirmation and either the Definitions or the Agreement, this Confirmation shall govern.

2. The Transaction constitutes a Share Option Transaction for purposes of the Equity Definitions. The terms of the particular Transaction to which this

Confirmation relates are as follows:	on the particular purposes of the Equity 2 continuous the terms of the particular framework to which this
General Terms:	
Trade Date:	December 6, 2012
Effective Date:	The closing date of the Convertible Securities issued pursuant to the over-allotment option exercised on the date hereof.
Option Type:	Call
Seller:	Dealer
Buyer:	Counterparty
Shares:	The common stock of Counterparty, par value USD0.01 per share (Ticker Symbol: "ECPG").
Number of Options:	15,000
Number of Shares:	As of any date, the product of (i) the Number of Options, (ii) the Conversion Rate and (iii) the Applicable Percentage.
Conversion Rate:	As of any date, the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture) as of such date, but without regard to any adjustments to the "Conversion Rate" pursuant to Section 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture.
Applicable Percentage:	20%
Premium:	As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.
Premium Payment Date:	The Effective Date
Exchange:	The NASDAQ Global Select Market
Related Exchange:	All Exchanges
Procedures for Exercise:	
Exercise Dates:	Each Conversion Date.
Conversion Date:	Each "Conversion Date", as defined in the Indenture, occurring during the period from and excluding the Trade Date to and including the Expiration Date, for Convertible Securities, each in denominations of USD1,000 principal amount, that are submitted for conversion on such Conversion Date in accordance with the terms of the Indenture but are not "Relevant Convertible Securities" under, and as defined in, the confirmation between the parties hereto regarding the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction dated November 20, 2012 (the "Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation") (such Convertible Securities, each in denominations of USD1,000 principal amount, the "Relevant

On each Conversion Date, a number of Options equal to (i) the

Convertible Securities" for such Conversion Date). For the purposes of determining whether any Convertible Securities will be Relevant Convertible Securities hereunder or under the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation, Convertible Securities that are converted pursuant to the Indenture shall be allocated first to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation until all Options thereunder are exercised or

terminated.

Required Exercise on Conversion Dates:

Expiration Date:

Automatic Exercise:

Exercise Notice Deadline:

Notice of Exercise:

number of Relevant Convertible Securities for such Conversion Date in denominations of USD1,000 principal amount *minus* (ii) the number of Relevant Conversion Options (as defined below), if any, corresponding to such Conversion Date shall be automatically exercised.

The second "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the "Maturity Date" (each as defined in the Indenture), subject to the provisions set forth opposite the caption "Notice of Exercise" below.

As provided above under "Required Exercise on Conversion Dates".

In respect of any exercise of Options hereunder on any Conversion Date, the "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the first "Scheduled Trading Day" of the "Observation Period" (each as defined in the Indenture) relating to the Convertible Securities converted on the Conversion Date occurring on the relevant Exercise Date (or, in the event there is no "Observation Period" (as defined in the Indenture) relating to such Convertible Securities, the second "Scheduled Trading Day" (as defined in the Indenture) immediately following such Conversion Date); provided that in the case of any exercise of Options hereunder in connection with the conversion of any Relevant Convertible Securities on any Conversion Date occurring on or after May 27, 2017 (the "Free Convertibility Date"), the Exercise Notice Deadline shall be the "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the "Maturity Date" (each as defined in the Indenture).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Equity Definitions, Dealer shall have no obligation to make any payment or delivery in respect of any exercise of Options hereunder unless Counterparty notifies Dealer in writing prior to 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Exercise Notice Deadline in respect of such exercise of (i) the number of Convertible Securities being converted on the relevant Conversion Date (including, if applicable, whether all or any portion of such Convertible Securities are Convertible Securities as to which additional Shares would be added to the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to Section 13.03 of the Indenture (the "Make-Whole Convertible Securities")), (ii) the scheduled settlement date under the Indenture for the Convertible Securities converted on the Conversion Date and (iii) the first "Scheduled Trading Day" of the "Observation Period" (each as defined in the Indenture);, if any provided that in the case of any exercise of Options hereunder in connection with the conversion of any Relevant Convertible Securities on any Conversion Date occurring on or after the Free Convertibility Date, the contents of such notice shall be as set forth in clause (i) above; provided, further, that any "Notice of Exercise" delivered to Dealer pursuant to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation shall be deemed to be a Notice of Exercise pursuant to this Confirmation and the terms of such Notice of Exercise shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to this Confirmation. For the avoidance of doubt, if Counterparty fails to give such notice when due in respect of any exercise of Options hereunder, Dealer's obligation to make any payment or delivery in respect of such exercise shall be permanently extinguished, and late notice shall not cure such failure; provided that notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of Options relating to Relevant Convertible Securities with a "Conversion Date" (as defined in the Indenture) occurring prior to the Free Convertibility Date, such notice (and the related exercise or termination, as the

case may be, of Options hereunder) shall be effective if given after the Exercise Notice Deadline, but prior to 5:00 PM New York City time on the fifth Exchange Business Day following the Exercise Notice Deadline, in which event the Calculation Agent shall have the right to adjust the Delivery Obligation as appropriate to reflect the additional costs (including, but not limited to, hedging mismatches and market losses) and expenses incurred by Dealer in connection with its hedging activities (including the unwinding of any hedge position) as a result of Dealer not having received such notice on or prior to the Exercise Notice Deadline.

Notice of Convertible Security Cash Percentage:

Unless Counterparty shall have notified Dealer in writing (i) in the case of Relevant Convertible Securities with a Conversion Date occurring prior to the Free Convertibility Date, in the related Notice of Exercise, within the applicable time period therefor set forth under "Notice of Exercise" above, of the "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) applicable to such Relevant Convertible Securities or (ii) in the case of Relevant Convertible Securities with a Conversion Date occurring during the period beginning on and including the Free Convertibility Date and ending on and including the second "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately preceding the "Maturity Date" (each as defined in the Indenture) (the "Free Convertibility Period"), before 5:00 P.M. (New York City time) on the "Scheduled Trading Day" (as defined in the Indenture) immediately preceding the Free Convertibility Date of the irrevocable election by the Counterparty, in accordance with Section 13.02(a)(i) of the Indenture, of the "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) applicable to such Relevant Convertible Securities, in either case of the immediately preceding clauses (i) or (ii), Counterparty shall be deemed to have notified Dealer of a "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) of 0.00% applicable to such Relevant Convertible Securities, notwithstanding any different actual election by Counterparty with respect to the "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) applicable to such Convertible Securities. Counterparty acknowledges its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act (as defined below) and the rules and regulations thereunder, in respect of any election of a "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) with respect to the Convertible Securities.

Dealer's Telephone Number and Telex and/or Facsimile Number and Contact Details for purpose of Giving Notice:

To be provided by Dealer.

Settlement Terms:

Settlement Date:

Delivery Obligation:

In respect of an Exercise Date occurring on a Conversion Date, the settlement date for the cash and/or Shares to be delivered in respect of the Relevant Convertible Securities converted on such Conversion Date pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture; *provided* that the Settlement Date will not be prior to the "Scheduled Trading Day" (as defined in the Indenture) immediately following the date Counterparty provides the Notice of Delivery Obligation prior to 5:00 PM, New York City time.

In lieu of the obligations set forth in Sections 8.1 and 9.1 of the

Date occurring on a Conversion Date, Dealer will deliver to Counterparty, on the related Settlement Date, a number of Shares and/or amount of cash in USD equal to the product of (i) the Applicable Percentage and (ii) the aggregate number of Shares, if any, that Counterparty would be obligated to deliver to the holder(s) of the Relevant Convertible Securities converted on such Conversion Date pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture and/or the aggregate amount of cash, if any, in excess of USD1,000 per Convertible Security (in denominations of USD1,000) that Counterparty would be obligated to deliver to holder(s) pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture (except that such aggregate number of Shares shall be determined without taking into consideration any rounding pursuant to Section 13.02(j) of the Indenture and shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number) and cash in lieu of fractional Shares, if any, resulting from such rounding, as if Counterparty had elected to satisfy its conversion obligation in respect of such Relevant Convertible Securities with a "Cash Percentage" (as defined in the Indenture) equal to the Convertible Security Cash Percentage, notwithstanding any different actual election by Counterparty with respect to the settlement of such Convertible Securities (the "Convertible **Obligation**"); *provided* that such obligation shall be determined excluding any Shares and/or cash that Counterparty is obligated to deliver to holder(s) of the Relevant Convertible Securities as a result of any adjustments to the Conversion Rate pursuant to Sections 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the Delivery Obligation shall not include any interest payment on the Relevant Convertible Securities that the Counterparty is (or would have been) obligated to deliver to holder(s) of the Relevant Convertible Securities for such Conversion Date); provided, further that if Counterparty or its board of directors is permitted or required to exercise discretion under the terms of the Indenture with respect to any determination, calculation or adjustment (including, without limitation, pursuant to Section 13.05 of the Indenture or in connection with any proportional adjustments or the determination of the fair value of any securities, property, rights or other assets) (any such determination, calculation or adjustment, a "Counterparty Determination"), Counterparty shall consult with Dealer with respect thereto and, if the Calculation Agent disagrees in good faith with such Counterparty Determination, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Calculation Agent shall make the relevant determination, calculation or adjustment for purposes of this Transaction (and for the avoidance of doubt, such determination, calculation or adjustment shall be made (A) in accordance with the methodology set forth in the Indenture, except as set forth in this paragraph, and (B) using, where relevant, variables determined by the Calculation Agent). Notwithstanding the provisions under "Delivery Obligation" above but subject to

Equity Definitions, and subject to "Notice of Exercise" above, in respect of an Exercise

Applicable Limit:

Notwithstanding the provisions under "Delivery Obligation" above but subject to Section 8(a)(ii) below, in all events the Delivery Obligation for any Option shall be capped so that (i) an amount of cash in USD equal to the sum of (x) the number of Shares comprising such Delivery Obligation *multiplied by* the Applicable Limit Price on the Settlement Date for such Option and (y) the

amount of cash in USD equal to the Applicable Percentage *multiplied by* the excess of (x) the aggregate of (A) the amount of cash, if any, payable to the holder of the related Relevant Convertible Security and (B) the number of Shares, if any, deliverable to the holder of the related Relevant Convertible Security *multiplied by* the Applicable Limit Price on the Settlement Date for such Option *over* (y) USD 1,000.

Applicable Limit Price:

On any day, the opening price as displayed under the heading "Op" on Bloomberg page ECPG <equity> (or any successor thereto).

Convertible Security Cash Percentage:

For any Relevant Convertible Securities, the "Cash Percentage" of which Counterparty has

For any Relevant Convertible Securities, the "Cash Percentage" of which Counterparty has notified, or is deemed to have notified, Dealer in accordance with "Notice of Convertible Security Cash Percentage" above that Counterparty has elected, or is deemed to have elected, to satisfy its conversion obligation in respect of such Relevant Convertible Securities.

amount of cash in USD comprising such Delivery Obligation does not exceed (ii) an

No later than the Exchange Business Day immediately following the last day of the relevant "Observation Period" (as defined in the Indenture), Counterparty shall give Dealer notice of the final number of Shares and/or cash comprising the Convertible Obligation; *provided* that, with respect to any Exercise Date occurring during the Free Convertibility Period, Counterparty may provide Dealer with a single notice of an aggregate number of Shares and/or cash comprising the Convertible Obligations for all Exercise Dates occurring in such period prior to 12:00 noon New York City time on the second "Scheduled Trading Day" immediately following the last day of the relevant "Observation Period" (each as defined in the Indenture) (it being understood, for the avoidance of doubt, that the requirement of Counterparty to deliver such notice shall not limit Counterparty's obligations with respect to any Notice of Exercise or any Notice of Convertible Security Cash Percentage or Dealer's obligations with respect to any Delivery Obligation, each as set forth above, in any way).

To the extent Dealer is obligated to deliver Shares hereunder, the provisions of Sections 9.1(c), 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Counterparty is the Issuer of the Shares) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction.

Notwithstanding Section 11.2 of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction, upon the occurrence of any event or condition set forth in Sections 13.04(a)-(e) or 13.05 of the Indenture that results in an adjustment under the Indenture, the Calculation Agent shall make an analogous adjustment to the terms relevant to the exercise, settlement or payment of the Transaction. Reasonably promptly upon the occurrence of any such event or condition set forth in Sections 13.04(a)-(e) or 13.05 of the Indenture, Counterparty shall notify the Calculation Agent of such event or condition; and once the

Method of Adjustment:

Other Applicable Provisions:

Notice of Delivery Obligation:

adjustments to be made to the terms of the Indenture and the Convertible Securities in respect of such event or condition have been determined, Counterparty shall reasonably promptly notify the Calculation Agent in writing of the details of such adjustments.

Extraordinary Events:

Merger Events:

Notwithstanding Section 12.1(b) of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction, a "Merger Event" means the occurrence of any event or condition set forth in the definition of "Merger Event" under Section 13.07(a) of the Indenture.

Consequences of Merger Events:

Notwithstanding Sections 12.2 and 12.3 of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply

Notwithstanding Sections 12.2 and 12.3 of the Equity Definitions, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction, upon the occurrence of a Merger Event that results in an adjustment under the Indenture, the Calculation Agent shall make an analogous adjustment to the terms relevant to the exercise, settlement or payment of the Transaction; *provided* that such adjustment shall be made without regard to any adjustment to the Conversion Rate pursuant to Sections 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture; and *provided further* that if, with respect to a Merger Event, the consideration for the Shares includes (or, at the option of a holder of Shares, may include) shares of an entity or person not organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination) shall apply.

Upon the occurrence of a Merger Event that causes the Shares to be converted into the right to receive more than a single type of consideration (determined based in part upon any form of stockholder election), Counterparty shall reasonably promptly (but, in any event prior to the relevant merger date) notify the Calculation Agent of (i) the weighted average of the types and amounts of consideration received by the holders of Shares entitled to receive cash, securities or other property or assets with respect to or in exchange for such Shares in any Merger Event who affirmatively make such an election and (ii) the details of the adjustment made under the Indenture in respect of such Merger Event.

Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination); *provided* that, in addition to the provisions of Section 12.6(a)(iii) of the Equity Definitions, it shall also constitute a Delisting if the Exchange is located in the United States and the Shares are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective successors); if the Shares are immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any such exchange or quotation system, such exchange or quotation system shall thereafter be deemed to be the Exchange.

Applicable; *provided* that Section 12.9(a)(ii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) replacing the phrase "the interpretation" in the third line thereof with the phrase ", or public announcement of, the formal or informal interpretation",

Additional Disruption Events:

Notice of Merger Consideration:

Nationalization, Insolvency or Delisting:

(a) Change in Law:

(ii) replacing the word "Shares" with the phrase "Hedge Positions" in clause (X) thereof, (iii) inserting the parenthetical "(including, for the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, adoption or promulgation of new regulations authorized or mandated by existing statute)" at the end of clause (A) thereof, (iv) immediately following the word "Transaction" in clause (X) thereof, adding the phrase "in the manner contemplated by the Hedging Party on the Trade Date" and (v) adding the following proviso to the end of clause (Y) thereof: "provided that such party has used good faith efforts to avoid such increased cost on terms reasonably acceptable to such party, as long as (i) such party would not incur a materially increased cost (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position, or any increase in margin or capital requirements), as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (ii) such party would not violate any applicable law, rule, regulation or policy of such party, as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (iii) such party would not suffer a material penalty, injunction, non-financial burden, reputational harm or other material adverse consequence in doing so, (iv) such party would not incur any material operational or administrative burden in doing so and (v) such party would not, in doing so, be required to take any action that is contrary to the intent of the law or regulation that is subject to the Change in Law".

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Applicable; provided that:

- (i) Section 12.9(a)(v) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting the following two phrases at the end of such Section: "For the avoidance of doubt, the term "equity price risk" shall be deemed to include, but shall not be limited to, stock price and volatility risk. And, for the further avoidance of doubt, any such transactions or assets referred to in phrases (A) or (B) above must be available on commercially reasonable pricing terms."; and
- (ii) Section 12.9(b)(iii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting in the third line thereof, after the words "to terminate the Transaction", the words "or a portion of the Transaction affected by such Hedging Disruption".

Not Applicable

For all applicable Potential Adjustment Events and Extraordinary Events, Dealer

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(b) Failure to Deliver:

(c) Insolvency Filing:

(d) Hedging Disruption:

(e) Increased Cost of Hedging:

Hedging Party:

**Determining Party:** 

Non-Reliance:

Agreements and Acknowledgments Regarding Hedging Activities:

Additional Acknowledgments:

3. <u>Calculation Agent</u>: Dealer, whose judgments, determinations and calculations shall be made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. Following any determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent hereunder, upon a request by Company, the Calculation Agent shall promptly (but in any event within three Scheduled Trading Days) provide to Company by e-mail to the e-mail address provided by Company in such request a report (in a commonly used file format for the storage and manipulation of financial data) displaying in reasonable detail the basis for such determination or calculation (including any assumptions used in making such determination or calculation), it being understood that the Calculation Agent shall not be obligated to disclose any proprietary models used by it for such determination or calculation.

#### 4. Account Details:

Dealer Payment Instructions: Payments to: SOCIÉTÉ GENERALE

Correspondent: SOCIÉTÉ GENERALE/New York SOGEUS33

Beneficiary: SOCIÉTÉ GENERALE/Paris SOGEFRPPHCM

Account Number: 00187011

Counterparty Payment Instructions: To be provided by Counterparty.

### 5. Offices:

The Office of Dealer for the Transaction is: Paris

The Office of Counterparty for the Transaction is: Not applicable

### 6. Notices: For purposes of this Confirmation:

Address for notices or communications to Counterparty for purposes of this Confirmation:

To: Encore Capital Group, Inc.

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300

San Diego, CA 92108

Attn: Paul Grinberg, Chief Financial Officer

Telephone: 858-309-6904 Facsimile: 858-309-6977

With a copy to:

Attn: Greg Call, General Counsel

Telephone: 858-569-3978 Facsimile: 858-309-6998

Address for notices or communications to Dealer for purposes of this Confirmation:

To: Société Générale

c/o SG Americas Securities, LLC 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020

Attn: Sanjay Garg
Telephone: (212) 278-5187
Facsimile: (212) 278-5624
With a copy to: Société Générale

c/o SG Americas Securities, LLC 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020

Attn: Steve Milankov

Telephone: (212) 278-6985 Facsimile: (212) 278-7365

## 7. Representations, Warranties and Agreements:

- (a) Each of the representations and warranties of Counterparty set forth in Section 1 of the Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), dated as of November 20, 2012, between Counterparty and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Barclays Capital Inc. as representatives of the initial purchasers party thereto (the "Initial Purchasers"), are true and correct and are hereby deemed to be repeated to Dealer as if set forth herein. In addition to the representations and warranties in the Agreement and those contained elsewhere herein, Counterparty represents and warrants to and for the benefit of, and agrees with, Dealer as follows:
  - (i) On the Trade Date (A) Counterparty is not aware of any material nonpublic information regarding Counterparty or the Shares and (B) all reports and other documents filed by Counterparty with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") when considered as a whole (with the more recent such reports and documents deemed to amend inconsistent statements contained in any earlier such reports and documents), do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.
  - (ii) (A) On the Trade Date, the Shares or securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, are not, and shall not be, subject to a "restricted period," as such term is defined in Regulation M under the Exchange Act ("**Regulation M**") and (B) Counterparty shall not engage in any "distribution," as such term is defined in Regulation M, other than a distribution meeting the requirements of the exceptions set forth in sections 101(b) and 102(b) of Regulation M, until the second Exchange Business Day immediately following the Trade Date.
  - (iii) On the Trade Date, neither Counterparty nor any "affiliated purchaser" (each as defined in Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act ("Rule 10b-18")) shall directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, by means of any cash-settled or other derivative instrument) purchase, offer to purchase, place any bid or limit order that would effect a purchase of, or commence any tender offer relating to, any Shares (or an equivalent interest, including a unit of beneficial interest in a trust or limited partnership or a depository share) or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, except for the Share repurchase transactions contemplated under "Use of Proceeds" in the Offering Memorandum, as supplemented by the related pricing term sheet.
  - (iv) Without limiting the generality of Section 13.1 of the Equity Definitions, Counterparty acknowledges that Dealer is not making any representations or warranties or taking any position or expressing any view with respect to the treatment of the Transaction under any accounting standards including ASC Topic 260, *Earnings Per Share*, ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, or ASC Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity* and ASC Topic 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging Contracts in Entity's Own Equity* (or any successor issue statements) or under FASB's Liabilities & Equity Project.
  - (v) Without limiting the generality of Section 3(a)(iii) of the Agreement, the Transaction will not violate Rule 13e-1 or Rule 13e-4 under the Exchange Act.
  - (vi) On or prior to the Effective Date, Counterparty shall deliver to Dealer a resolution of Counterparty's board of directors authorizing the Transaction.
  - (vii) Counterparty is not entering into this Confirmation to create actual or apparent trading activity in the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or to raise or depress or otherwise manipulate the price of the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or otherwise in violation of the Exchange Act.
  - (viii) Counterparty is not, and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
  - (ix) On each of the Trade Date and the Premium Payment Date, Counterparty is not, or will not be, "insolvent" (as such term is defined under Section 101(32) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (Title 11 of the

United States Code) (the "Bankruptcy Code")) and Counterparty would be able to purchase the Shares hereunder in compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation.

- (x) To Counterparty's knowledge, based on due inquiry, no state or local (including non-U.S. jurisdictions) law, rule, regulation or regulatory order applicable to the Shares would give rise to any reporting, consent, registration or other requirement (including without limitation a requirement to obtain prior approval from any person or entity) as a result of Dealer or its affiliates owning or holding (however defined) Shares.
- (xi) Counterparty understands no obligations of Dealer to it hereunder will be entitled to the benefit of deposit insurance and that such obligations will not be guaranteed by any affiliate of Dealer or any governmental agency.
- (b) Each of Dealer and Counterparty agrees and represents that it is an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.
- (c) Each of Dealer and Counterparty acknowledges that the offer and sale of the Transaction to it is intended to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), by virtue of Section 4(2) thereof. Accordingly, Counterparty represents and warrants to Dealer that (i) it has the financial ability to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Transaction and is able to bear a total loss of its investment, (ii) it is an "accredited investor" as that term is defined in Regulation D as promulgated under the Securities Act, (iii) it is entering into the Transaction for its own account and without a view to the distribution or resale thereof and (iv) the assignment, transfer or other disposition of the Transaction has not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and is restricted under this Confirmation, the Securities Act and state securities laws.
- (d) Each of Dealer and Counterparty agrees and acknowledges that Dealer is a "financial institution," "swap participant" and "financial participant" within the meaning of Sections 101(22), 101(53C) and 101(22A) of the Bankruptcy Code. The parties hereto further agree and acknowledge that it is the intent of the parties that (A) this Confirmation is (i) a "securities contract," as such term is defined in Section 741(7) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "settlement payment," within the meaning of Section 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (ii) a "swap agreement," as such term is defined in Section 101(53B) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "transfer," as such term is defined in Section 101(54) of the Bankruptcy Code and a "payment or other transfer of property" within the meaning of Sections 362 and 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (B) that Dealer is entitled to the protections afforded by, among other sections, Sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(17), 362(o), 546(e), 546(g), 548(d)(2), 555, 560 and 561 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (e) Counterparty shall deliver to Dealer an opinion of counsel, dated as of the Effective Date, with respect to the matters set forth in Section 3(a) of the Agreement; *provided* that, such opinion of counsel may contain customary exceptions and qualifications, including, without limitation, excepts and qualifications relating to indemnification provisions.

### 8. Other Provisions:

- (a) Additional Termination Events.
- (i) The occurrence of an "Event of Default" with respect to Counterparty under the terms of the Convertible Securities as set forth in Section 6.01 of the Indenture that results in an acceleration of the Convertible Securities pursuant to the terms of the Indenture shall be an Additional Termination Event with respect to which the Transaction is the sole Affected Transaction and Counterparty is the sole Affected Party and Dealer shall be the party entitled to designate an Early Termination Date pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Agreement.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Confirmation, the receipt by Dealer from Counterparty, within the applicable time period set forth under "Notice of Exercise" above, of any Notice of Exercise in respect of the exercise of any Options that, according to such Notice of Exercise, relate to Relevant Convertible Securities that are Make-Whole Convertible Securities shall constitute an Additional Termination Event as provided in this paragraph and shall not result in the exercise of any Options. Upon receipt of any such Notice of Exercise, Dealer shall designate an Exchange Business Day following such Additional Termination Event as an Early Termination Date (and Dealer shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to

designate such Early Termination Date so that the related payment or delivery, as the case may be, hereunder in respect of the Relevant Conversion Options will occur on (or as promptly as reasonable practicable after) the related settlement for the conversion of the Relevant Convertible Securities) with respect to the portion of the Transaction corresponding to a number of Options (the "**Relevant Conversion Options**") equal to the lesser of (A)(x) the aggregate principal amount of Relevant Convertible Securities specified in such Notice of Exercise, divided by USD 1,000, minus (y) the number of Relevant Conversion Options (as defined in the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation), if any, that relate to such Relevant Convertible Securities (and for the purposes of determining whether any Options under this Confirmation or under the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation will be among the Relevant Conversion Options hereunder or under, and as defined in, the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation, the Relevant Convertible Securities shall be allocated first to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation until all Options thereunder are exercised or terminated), and (B) the Number of Options as of the date Dealer designates such Early Termination Date and, as of such date, the Number of Options shall be reduced by the number of Relevant Conversion Options. Any payment hereunder with respect to such termination (the "Conversion Unwind Payment") shall be calculated pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement as if (1) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Transaction (except that, for purposes of this Section 8(a)(ii), the provisions opposite the caption "Applicable Limit" above shall be deemed to be deleted from this Confirmation) and a Number of Options equal to the number of Relevant Conversion Options, (2) Counterparty were the sole Affected Party with respect to such Additional Termination Event and (3) the terminated portion of the Transaction were the sole Affected Transaction (and, in determining the amount payable pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement, the Calculation Agent shall not take into account any adjustments to the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to Sections 13.03 or 13.04(g) of the Indenture); provided that, the Conversion Unwind Payment shall not be greater than (x) the Applicable Percentage multiplied by (y) the number of Relevant Conversion Options multiplied by (z) the excess of (I) the "Conversion Rate" (as defined in the Indenture taking into account any adjustments thereto pursuant to Section 13.03 of the Indenture), multiplied by the Applicable Limit Price on the settlement date for the cash and/or Shares to be delivered pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Indenture in respect of the Relevant Convertible Securities relating to such Conversion Unwind Payment, over (II) USD 1,000.

(iii) Within five Scheduled Trading Days promptly following any Repayment Event (as defined below), Counterparty shall notify Dealer of such Repayment Event and the aggregate principal amount of Convertible Securities subject to such Repayment Event (any such notice, a "Repayment Notice"); provided that such Repayment Notice shall contain an acknowledgement by Counterparty of its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and 10(b) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and shall remake the representations set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A), in each case in respect of such repurchase and delivery of such Repayment Notice; provided, further that, any "Repayment Notice" delivered to Dealer pursuant to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation shall deemed to be a Repayment Notice pursuant to this Confirmation and the terms of such Repayment Notice shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to this Confirmation. The receipt by Dealer from Counterparty of any Repayment Notice shall constitute an Additional Termination Event as provided in this paragraph. Upon receipt of any such Repayment Notice, Dealer shall designate an Exchange Business Day following receipt of such Repayment Notice as an Early Termination Date with respect to the portion of the Transaction corresponding to a number of Options (the "**Repayment Options**") equal to the lesser of (A)(x) the aggregate principal amount of such Convertible Securities specified in such Repayment Notice, divided by USD 1,000, minus (y) the number of Repayment Options (as defined in the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation), if any, that relate to such Convertible Securities (and for the purposes of determining whether any Options under this Confirmation or under the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation will be among the Repayment Options hereunder or under, and as defined in, the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation, the Convertible Securities specified in such Repayment Notice shall be allocated first to the Base Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction Confirmation until all Options thereunder are exercised or terminated), and (B) the Number of Options as of the date Dealer designates such Early Termination Date and, as of such date, the Number of Options shall be reduced by the number of Repayment Options. Any payment hereunder with respect to such termination (the "Repayment Unwind Payment") shall be calculated pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement as if (1) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Transaction and a Number of Options equal to the number of Repayment Options, (2) Counterparty were the sole Affected Party with respect to such Additional Termination Event and (3) the terminated portion of the Transaction were the sole Affected Transaction. "Repayment Event" means that (i) any Convertible Securities are repurchased (whether in connection with or as a result of a fundamental change, howsoever defined, or for any other reason) by Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) any Convertible Securities are delivered to Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries in exchange for delivery of any property or assets of such party (howsoever described), (iii) any principal of any of the Convertible Securities is repaid prior to the final maturity date of the Convertible Securities (for any reason other than as a result of an acceleration of the Convertible Securities that results in an Additional Termination Event pursuant to the preceding Section 8(a)(i)), or (iv) any Convertible Securities are exchanged by or for the benefit of the holders thereof for any other securities of Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries (or any other property, or any combination thereof) pursuant to any exchange offer or similar transaction. For the avoidance of doubt, any conversion of Convertible Securities pursuant to the terms of the Indenture shall not constitute a Repayment

(b) Alternative Calculations and Payment on Early Termination and on Certain Extraordinary Events. If Dealer shall owe Counterparty any amount pursuant to "Consequences of Merger Events" above or Sections 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or pursuant to Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, including, without limitation, any

Conversion Unwind Payment and any Repayment Unwind Payment (a "Payment Obligation"), Dealer shall satisfy any such Payment Obligation by the Share Termination Alternative (as defined below) unless either (i) Counterparty shall have elected for Dealer to satisfy such Payment Obligation in cash in USD by (x) giving irrevocable telephonic notice to Dealer, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day, no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the relevant merger date, Announcement Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Event, as applicable and (y) remaking the representation set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A) of this Confirmation on the date of such notice, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day or (ii) in the event of (x) an Insolvency, a Nationalization or a Merger Event, in each case, in which the consideration or proceeds to be paid to holders of Shares consists solely of cash or (y) an Event of Default in which Counterparty is the Defaulting Party or a Termination Event in which Counterparty is the Affected Party, which Event of Default or Termination Event resulted from an event or events within Counterparty's control (other than any Additional Termination Event pursuant to Section 8(a)(ii) or Section 8(a)(iii)), in either of which cases under the immediately preceding clauses (i) or (ii), the provisions of "Consequences of Merger Events" above, Sections 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as the case may be, shall apply in lieu of the provisions of this Section 8(b) in respect of such Payment Obligation. In the case of any such settlement by the Share Termination Alternative, the following provisions shall apply on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately following the relevant merger date, Announcement Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Event, as applicable:

Share Termination Alternative:

Applicable and means that Dealer shall deliver to Counterparty the Share Termination Delivery Property on the date on which the Payment Obligation would otherwise be due pursuant to "Consequences of Merger Events and Tender Offers" above, Section 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as applicable, or such later date as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine (the "Share Termination Payment Date"), in satisfaction of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Property:

A number of Share Termination Delivery Units, as calculated by the Calculation Agent, equal to the Payment Obligation divided by the Share Termination Unit Price. The Calculation Agent shall adjust the Share Termination Delivery Property by replacing any fractional portion of the aggregate amount of a security therein with an amount of cash equal to the value of such fractional security based on the values used to calculate the Share Termination Unit Price.

Share Termination Unit Price:

The value of property contained in one Share Termination Delivery Unit on the date such Share Termination Delivery Units are to be delivered as Share Termination Delivery Property, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its discretion by commercially reasonable means and notified by the Calculation Agent to Dealer at the time of notification of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Unit:

In the case of a Termination Event, Event of Default, Delisting or Additional Disruption Event, one Share or, in the case of an Insolvency, Nationalization or Merger Event, one Share or a unit consisting of the number or amount of each type of property received by a holder of one Share (without consideration of any requirement to pay cash or other consideration in lieu of fractional amounts of any securities) in such Insolvency, Nationalization or Merger Event, as applicable. If such Insolvency, Nationalization or Merger Event involves a choice of consideration to be received by holders, such holder shall be deemed to have elected to receive the maximum possible amount of cash.

Failure to Deliver:

Applicable

Other applicable provisions:

If Share Termination Alternative is applicable, the provisions of Sections 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Counterparty is the issuer of the Shares or any portion of the Share Termination Delivery Units) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the

(c) Disposition of Hedge Shares. Counterparty hereby agrees that if, in the good faith reasonable judgment of Dealer, based on advice of counsel, any Shares acquired by Dealer for the purpose of hedging its obligations pursuant to the Transaction, other than any such Shares that were, at the time of acquisition by Dealer, "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act (any such Shares, the "Hedge Shares"), cannot be sold in the public market by Dealer without registration under the Securities Act, Counterparty shall, at its election: (i) in order to allow Dealer to sell the Hedge Shares in a registered offering, make available to Dealer an effective registration statement under the Securities Act to cover the resale of such Hedge Shares and (A) enter into an agreement substantially similar to underwriting agreements for registered secondary offerings of a substantially similar size, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Dealer, (B) provide accountant's "comfort" letters in customary form for registered offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size, (C) provide disclosure opinions of nationally recognized outside counsel to Counterparty reasonably acceptable to Dealer, (D) provide other customary opinions, certificates and closing documents customary in form for registered offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size and (E) afford Dealer a reasonable opportunity to conduct a "due diligence" investigation with respect to Counterparty customary in scope for underwritten offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size; provided, however, that if Dealer, in its reasonable discretion, is not satisfied with access to due diligence materials, the results of its due diligence investigation, or the procedures and documentation for the registered offering referred to above, then clause (iii) or clause (iii) of this Section 8(c) shall apply at the election of Counterparty; (ii) in order to allow Dealer to sell the Hedge Shares in a private placement, enter into a private placement agreement substantially similar to private placement purchase agreements customary for private placements of equity securities of a substantially similar size, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Dealer, including customary representations, covenants, blue sky and other governmental filings and/or registrations, indemnities to Dealer, due diligence rights (for Dealer or any designated buyer of the Hedge Shares from Dealer), opinions and certificates and such other documentation as is customary for private placements agreements for private placements of equity securities of a substantially similar size, all reasonably acceptable to Dealer (in which case, the Calculation Agent shall make any adjustments to the terms of the Transaction that are necessary, in its reasonable judgment, to compensate Dealer for any discount from the public market price of the Shares incurred on the sale of Hedge Shares in a private placement); or (iii) purchase the Hedge Shares from Dealer at the VWAP Price on such Exchange Business Days, and in the amounts, requested by Dealer. "VWAP Price" means, on any Exchange Business Day, the per Share volume-weighted average price as displayed under the heading "Bloomberg VWAP" on Bloomberg page "ECPG <equity> AQR" (or any successor thereto) in respect of the period from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (New York City time) on such Exchange Business Day (or if such volume-weighted average price is unavailable, the market value of one Share on such Exchange Business Day, as determined by the Calculation Agent using a volume-weighted method).

(d) Repurchase Notices. Counterparty shall, on or prior to any day on which Counterparty effects any repurchase of Shares, give Dealer a written notice of such repurchase (a "Repurchase Notice") if, following such repurchase, the Notice Percentage as determined on the date of such Repurchase Notice is (i) greater than 9.0% and (ii) greater by 0.5% than the Notice Percentage included in the immediately preceding Repurchase Notice (or, in the case of the first such Repurchase Notice, greater than the Notice Percentage as of the date hereof). The "Notice Percentage" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is the Number of Shares and the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day. In the event that Counterparty fails to provide Dealer with a Repurchase Notice on the day and in the manner specified in this Section 8(d) then Counterparty agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Dealer, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and controlling persons (Dealer and each such person being an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), joint or several, to which such Indemnified Party may become subject under applicable securities laws, including without limitation, Section 16 of the Exchange Act, relating to or arising out of such failure. If for any reason the foregoing indemnification is unavailable to any Indemnified Party or insufficient to hold harmless any Indemnified Party, then Counterparty shall contribute, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to the amount paid or payable by the Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability. In addition, Counterparty will reimburse any Indemnified Party for all reasonable expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) as they are incurred (after notice to Counterparty) in connection with the investigation of, preparation for or defense or settlement of any pending or threatened claim or any action, suit or proceeding arising therefrom, whether or not such Indemnified Party is a party thereto and whether or not such claim, action, suit or proceeding is initiated or brought by or on behalf of Counterparty. This indemnity shall survive the completion of the Transaction contemplated by this Confirmation and any assignment and delegation of the Transaction

made pursuant to this Confirmation or the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any permitted assignee of Dealer.

#### (e) Transfer and Assignment.

(i) Either party may transfer any of its rights or obligations under the Transaction with the prior written consent of the non-transferring party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. For the avoidance of doubt, Dealer may condition its consent on any of the following, without limitation: (i) the receipt by Dealer of opinions and documents reasonably satisfactory to Dealer in connection with such assignment, (ii) such assignment being effected on terms reasonably satisfactory to Dealer with respect to any legal and regulatory requirements relevant to Dealer, (iii) Counterparty continuing to be obligated to provide notices hereunder relating to the Convertible Securities and continuing to be obligated with respect to "Disposition of Hedge Shares" and "Repurchase Notices" above, (iv) Counterparty not being released from its indemnification obligations under Section 8(d) of this Confirmation, (v) such assignment only being to a third party that is a United States person (as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), (vi) Dealer not being, as a result of such assignment, required to pay the transferee on any payment date an amount under Section 2(d)(i)(4) of the Agreement greater than an amount Dealer would have been required to pay to Counterparty in the absence of such assignment, (vii) there not being an Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Termination Event as a result of such assignment, (viii) without limiting the generality of clause (v), Counterparty causing the transferee to make such Payee Tax Representations and to provide such tax documentation as may be reasonably requested by Dealer to permit Dealer to determine that the results described in clauses (vi) and (vii) will not occur upon or after such assignment and (ix) Counterparty being responsible for all reasonable costs and expenses, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred by Dealer in connection with such assignment. In addition, Dealer may transfer or assign without any consent of the Counterparty its rights and obligations hereunder and under the Agreement (1) in whole or in part to any affiliate of Dealer of credit quality at least equivalent to that of Dealer as of the Trade Date, (2) in whole or in part to any other affiliate of Dealer with respect to which Counterparty shall have received a full guaranty of such affiliate's obligations from Dealer in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Counterparty or (3) if at the time of such transfer or assignment an Excess Ownership Position exists, in part to any other third party with a rating for its long term, unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness equal to or better than the lesser of (I) the credit rating of Dealer at the time of the transfer and (II) A- by Standard and Poor's Rating Group, Inc. or its successor ("S&P"), or A3 by Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or, if either S&P or Moody's ceases to rate such debt, at least an equivalent or better rating by a substitute rating agency mutually agreed by Counterparty and Dealer, in the case of this clause (3), to the extent that an Excess Ownership Position no longer exists after giving effect to such partial transfer or assignment, in each case of the immediately preceding clauses (1), (2) and (3), only if an Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Termination Event will not occur as a result of such transfer or assignment.

(ii) At any time at which any Excess Ownership Position exists, if Dealer, in its discretion, is unable to effect a transfer or assignment to a third party in accordance with the requirements set forth above after using its commercially reasonable efforts on pricing terms and within a time period reasonably acceptable to Dealer such that an Excess Ownership Position no longer exists, Dealer may designate any Scheduled Trading Day as an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion (the "Terminated Portion") of the Transaction, such that such Excess Ownership Position no longer exists. In the event that Dealer so designates an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion of the Transaction, a payment or delivery shall be made pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement and Section 8(b) of this Confirmation as if (i) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Terminated Portion of the Transaction, (ii) Counterparty shall be the sole Affected Party with respect to such partial termination and (iii) such portion of the Transaction shall be the only Terminated Transaction. "Excess Ownership Position" means any of the following: (i) the Equity Percentage exceeds 9.0%, (ii) Dealer or any "affiliate" or "associate" of Dealer would own in excess of 14.0% of the outstanding Shares for purposes of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or (iii) Dealer, Dealer Group (as defined below) or any person whose ownership position would be aggregated with that of Dealer or Dealer Group (Dealer, Dealer Group or any such person, a "Dealer Person") under any federal, state or local laws, regulations or regulatory orders applicable to ownership of Shares ("Applicable Laws"), owns, beneficially owns, constructively owns, controls, holds the power to vote or otherwise meets a relevant definition of ownership in excess of a number of Shares equal to (x) the number of Shares that would give rise to reporting or registration obligations (except for any filings of F

approval by a state or federal regulator) of a Dealer Person under Applicable Laws and with respect to which such requirements have not been met or the relevant approval has not been received *minus* (y) 1% of the number of Shares outstanding on the date of determination. The "**Equity Percentage**" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, (A) the numerator of which is the number of Shares that Dealer and any of its affiliates or any other person subject to aggregation with Dealer, for purposes of the "beneficial ownership" test under Section 13 of the Exchange Act, or of any "group" (within the meaning of Section 13) of which Dealer is or may be deemed to be a part (Dealer and any such affiliates, persons and groups, collectively, "**Dealer Group**"), beneficially owns (within the meaning of Section 13 of the Exchange Act), without duplication, on such day and (B) the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day (including, solely for such purpose, Shares that would be deemed outstanding pursuant to the last sentence of Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) if such sentence were applicable to the calculation of clause (B) of the definition of Equity Percentage).

- (f) Staggered Settlement. If upon advice of counsel with respect to applicable legal and regulatory requirements, including any requirements relating to Dealer's hedging activities hereunder, Dealer reasonably determines that it would not be advisable to deliver, or to acquire Shares to deliver, any or all of the Shares to be delivered by Dealer on the relevant Settlement Date, Dealer may, by notice to Counterparty on or prior to any Settlement Date (a "Nominal Settlement Date"), elect to deliver the Shares on two or more dates (each, a "Staggered Settlement Date") or at two or more times on the Nominal Settlement Date as follows:
  - (i) in such notice, Dealer will specify to Counterparty the related Staggered Settlement Dates (each of which will be on or prior to such Nominal Settlement Date, but not prior to the beginning of the related "Observation Period" (as defined in the Indenture)) and/or delivery times (during any single Staggered Settlement Date) and how it will allocate the Shares it is required to deliver under "Delivery Obligation" (above) among the Staggered Settlement Dates and/or delivery times; and
  - (ii) the aggregate number of Shares that Dealer will deliver to Counterparty hereunder on all such Staggered Settlement Dates (including on one or more delivery times on any single Staggered Settlement Date) will equal the number of Shares that Dealer would otherwise be required to deliver on such Nominal Settlement Date.
- (g) *Right to Extend.* Dealer may postpone any Exercise Date or Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery by Dealer, with respect to some or all of the relevant Options (in which event the Calculation Agent shall make appropriate adjustments to the Delivery Obligation), if Dealer determines in its good faith and reasonable discretion, based on advice of counsel in the case of the immediately following clause (ii), that such extension is reasonably necessary or appropriate to (i) preserve Dealer's hedging or hedge unwind activity hereunder in light of existing liquidity conditions in the cash market, the stock loan market or any other relevant market or (ii) to enable Dealer to effect purchases of Shares in connection with its hedging, hedge unwind or settlement activity hereunder in a manner that would, if Dealer were Counterparty or an affiliated purchaser of Counterparty, be in compliance with applicable legal, regulatory or self-regulatory requirements, or with related policies and procedures applicable to Dealer; *provided* that, no such Exercise Date, Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery by Dealer may be postponed or extended more than 50 "Trading Days" (as defined in the Indenture) after the original Exercise Date, Settlement Date or other date of valuation or delivery by Dealer, as the case may be.
- (h) *Adjustments*. For the avoidance of doubt, whenever the Calculation Agent is called upon to make an adjustment pursuant to the terms of this Confirmation or the Definitions to take into account the effect of an event, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment by reference to the effect of such event on the Hedging Party.
- (i) *Disclosure*. Effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning the Transaction, Counterparty and each of its employees, representatives, or other agents may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Transaction and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to Counterparty relating to such tax treatment and tax structure.
- (j) *Designation by Dealer*. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Confirmation to the contrary requiring or allowing Dealer to purchase, sell, receive or deliver any Shares or other securities to or from Counterparty, Dealer may designate any of its affiliates to purchase, sell, receive or deliver such shares or other securities and otherwise to perform Dealer obligations in respect of the Transaction and any such designee may assume such obligations. Dealer shall be discharged of its obligations to Counterparty solely to the extent of any such performance.

- (k) *No Netting and Set-off.* Notwithstanding any provision of the Agreement (including without limitation Section 6(f) thereof, which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction) and this Confirmation or any other agreement between the parties to the contrary, neither party shall net or set off its obligations under the Transaction against its rights against the other party under any other transaction or instrument.
- (l) *Equity Rights*. Dealer acknowledges and agrees that this Confirmation is not intended to convey to it rights with respect to the Transaction that are senior to the claims of common stockholders in the event of Counterparty's bankruptcy. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that the preceding sentence shall not apply at any time other than during Counterparty's bankruptcy to any claim arising as a result of a breach by Counterparty of any of its obligations under this Confirmation or the Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties acknowledge that this Confirmation is not secured by any collateral that would otherwise secure the obligations of Counterparty herein under or pursuant to any other agreement.
- (m) Early Unwind. In the event the sale by Counterparty of the "Additional Securities" is not consummated with the Initial Purchasers pursuant to the Purchase Agreement for any reason by the close of business in New York on the Premium Payment Date (or such later date as agreed upon by the parties, which in no event shall be later than January 7, 2013) (the Premium Payment Date or such later date being the "Early Unwind Date"), the Transaction shall automatically terminate (the "Early Unwind"), on the Early Unwind Date and the Transaction and all of the respective rights and obligations of Dealer and Counterparty thereunder shall be cancelled and terminated. Following such termination and cancellation, each party shall be released and discharged by the other party from and agrees not to make any claim against the other party with respect to any obligations or liabilities of either party arising out of and to be performed in connection with the Transaction either prior to or after the Early Unwind Date; provided that, unless such Early Unwind Date occurred as a result of a breach of the Purchase Agreement by the Initial Purchasers, Counterparty shall purchase from Dealer on the Early Unwind Date all Shares purchased by Dealer or one or more of its affiliates in connection with the Transaction at the then prevailing market price. Dealer and Counterparty represent and acknowledge to the other that, subject to the proviso included in this Section 8(m), upon an Early Unwind, all obligations with respect to the Transaction shall be deemed fully and finally discharged.
- (n) *Payment by Counterparty*. In the event that, following payment of the Premium, (i) an Early Termination Date occurs or is designated with respect to the Transaction as a result of a Termination Event or an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default arising under Section 5(a)(ii) or 5(a)(iv) of the Agreement) and, as a result, Counterparty owes to Dealer an amount calculated under Section 6(e) of the Agreement, or (ii) Counterparty owes to Dealer, pursuant to Section 12.7 or Section 12.9 of the Equity Definitions, an amount calculated under Section 12.8 of the Equity Definitions, such amount shall be deemed to be zero.
- (o) Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act. In connection with Section 739 of the Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 ("WSTAA"), the parties hereby agree that neither the enactment of WSTAA or any regulation under the WSTAA, nor any requirement under WSTAA or an amendment made by WSTAA, shall limit or otherwise impair either party's otherwise applicable rights to terminate, renegotiate, modify, amend or supplement this Confirmation or the Agreement, as applicable, arising from a termination event, force majeure, illegality, increased costs, regulatory change or similar event under this Confirmation, the Definitions incorporated herein, or the Agreement (including, but not limited to, rights arising from Change in Law, an Excess Ownership Position or Illegality (as defined in the Agreement)).
- (p) *Regulatory Provisions*. Counterparty represents and warrants that it has received and read and understands the document titled "Risk Disclosure Statement for Over-The Counter Derivative Option Transactions" heretofore provided by Dealer to Counterparty.
- (q) *Terms relating to the Agent*. Dealer is not registered as a broker or dealer under the Exchange Act. Agent has acted solely as agent for Dealer and Counterparty to the extent required by law in connection with the Transaction and has no obligations, by way of issuance, endorsement, guarantee or otherwise, with respect to the performance of either party under the Transaction. The parties agree to proceed solely against each other, and not against Agent, in seeking enforcement of their rights and obligations with respect to the Transaction, including their rights and obligations with respect to payment of funds and delivery of securities.
  - (r) Broker. Agent may have been paid a fee by Dealer in connection with the Transaction. Further details will be furnished upon written request.
  - (s) Time of Dealing. The time of the Transaction will be furnished by Agent upon written request.

- (t) Hedging and Market Activity of Dealer. Counterparty acknowledges and agrees that:
- (i) During the term of the Transaction, Dealer and its affiliates may buy or sell Shares or other securities or buy or sell options or futures contracts or enter into swaps or other derivative securities in order to adjust Dealer's hedge position with respect to the Transaction.
- (ii) Dealer and its affiliates may also be active in the market for the Shares other than in connection with hedging activities in relation to the Transaction.
- (iii) Dealer shall make its own determination as to whether, when or in what manner any hedging or market activities in Counterparty's securities shall be conducted and shall do so in a manner that it deems in good faith to be appropriate to hedge its price and market risk with respect to the price at which this Transaction settles.
- (iv) Any market activities of Dealer and its affiliates with respect to the Shares may affect the market price and volatility of the Shares, as well as the price at which this Transaction settles, each in a manner that may be adverse to Counterparty.
- (u) Waiver of Trial by Jury. EACH OF COUNTERPARTY AND DEALER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES (ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ON BEHALF OF ITS STOCKHOLDERS) ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION OR THE ACTIONS OF DEALER OR ITS AFFILIATES IN THE NEGOTIATION, PERFORMANCE OR ENFORCEMENT HEREOF.
- (v) Governing Law; Jurisdiction. THIS CONFIRMATION AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS CONFIRMATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY SUBMIT TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH ALL MATTERS RELATING HERETO AND WAIVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE IN, AND ANY CLAIM OF INCONVENIENT FORUM WITH RESPECT TO, THESE COURTS.

Counterparty hereby agrees (a) to check this Confirmation carefully and immediately upon receipt so that errors or discrepancies can be promptly identified and rectified and (b) to confirm that the foregoing (in the exact form provided by Dealer) correctly sets forth the terms of the agreement between Dealer and Counterparty with respect to the Transaction, by manually signing this Confirmation or this page hereof as evidence of agreement to such terms and providing the other information requested herein and immediately returning an executed copy to Steve Milankov, Equity Derivatives Legal Department, Facsimile No. 212-278-7365.

Yours faithfully,

SOCIETE GENERALE

By: /s/ Judy Liu

Name: Judy Liu

Title: OTC Documentation Manager

Confirmed and Acknowledged as of the date first above written:

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Brandon Black

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Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Premium: USD 655,800

December 6, 2012

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Re: Additional Issuer Warrant Transaction (Transaction Reference Number: 515484)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

From:

The purpose of this communication (this "Confirmation") is to set forth the terms and conditions of the above-referenced transaction entered into on the Trade Date specified below (the "Transaction") between Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch ("Dealer") and Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Issuer"). This communication constitutes a "Confirmation" as referred to in the ISDA Master Agreement specified below.

DEUTSCHE BANK AG, LONDON BRANCH IS NOT REGISTERED AS A BROKER DEALER UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934. DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC. ("DBSI") HAS ACTED SOLELY AS AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTION AND HAS NO OBLIGATION, BY WAY OF ISSUANCE, ENDORSEMENT, GUARANTEE OR OTHERWISE WITH RESPECT TO THE PERFORMANCE OF EITHER PARTY UNDER THE TRANSACTION. AS SUCH, ALL DELIVERY OF FUNDS, ASSETS, NOTICES, DEMANDS AND COMMUNICATIONS OF ANY KIND RELATING TO THIS TRANSACTION BETWEEN DEUTSCHE BANK AG, LONDON BRANCH, AND ISSUER SHALL BE TRANSMITTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC. DEUTSCHE BANK AG, LONDON BRANCH IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION (SIPC).

Chairman of the Supervisory Board: Dr. Paul Achleitner.

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1. This Confirmation is subject to, and incorporates, the definitions and provisions of the 2006 ISDA Definitions (the "2006 Definitions") and the definitions and provisions of the 2002 ISDA Equity Derivatives Definitions (the "Equity Definitions", and together with the 2006 Definitions, the "Definitions"), in each case as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA"). In the event of any inconsistency between the 2006 Definitions and the Equity Definitions, the Equity Definitions will govern. For purposes of the Equity Definitions, each reference herein to a Warrant shall be deemed to be a reference to a Call Option or an Option, as context requires.

This Confirmation evidences a complete and binding agreement between Dealer and Issuer as to the terms of the Transaction to which this Confirmation relates. This Confirmation shall be subject to an agreement (the "**Agreement**") in the form of the ISDA 2002 Master Agreement as if Dealer and Issuer had executed an agreement in such form (without any Schedule but with the elections set forth in this Confirmation). For the avoidance of doubt, the Transaction shall be the only transaction under the Agreement.

All provisions contained in, or incorporated by reference to, the Agreement will govern this Confirmation except as expressly modified herein. In the event of any inconsistency between this Confirmation and either the Definitions or the Agreement, this Confirmation shall govern.

2. The Transaction is a Warrant Transaction, which shall be considered a Share Option Transaction for purposes of the Equity Definitions. The terms of the particular Transaction to which this Confirmation relates are as follows:

### General Terms:

Trade Date:	December 6, 2012
Effective Date:	December 11, 2012, or such other date as agreed between the parties, subject to Section 8(o) below.
Components:	The Transaction will be divided into individual Components, each with the terms set forth in this Confirmation, and, in particular, with the Number of Warrants and Expiration Date set forth in this Confirmation. The payments and deliveries to be made upon settlement of the Transaction will be determined separately for each Component as if each Component were a separate Transaction under the Agreement.
Warrant Style:	European
Warrant Type:	Call
Seller:	Issuer
Buyer:	Dealer
Shares:	The common stock of Issuer, par value USD 0.01 per share (Ticker Symbol: "ECPG").
Number of Warrants:	For each Component, as provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.
Warrant Entitlement:	One Share per Warrant
Strike Price:	As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, this Confirmation or the Definitions, in no event shall the Strike Price be subject to adjustment to the extent that, after giving effect to such adjustment, the Strike

Price would be less than USD 27.17, except for any adjustment pursuant to the terms of this Confirmation and the Equity Definitions in connection with stock splits or similar changes

Premium:

As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

Premium Payment Date:

The Effective Date

Exchange:

The NASDAQ Global Select Market

Related Exchange:

All Exchanges

Procedures for Exercise:

In respect of any Component:

**Expiration Time:** 

Valuation Time

Expiration Date:

As provided in <u>Annex A</u> to this Confirmation (or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day that is not already an Expiration Date for another Component); provided that if that date is a Disrupted Day, the Expiration Date for such Component shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day and is not or is not deemed to be an Expiration Date in respect of any other Component of the Transaction hereunder; and provided further that if the Expiration Date has not occurred pursuant to the preceding proviso as of the Final Disruption Date, the Final Disruption Date shall be the Expiration Date (irrespective of whether such date is an Expiration Date in respect of any other Component for the Transaction) and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Confirmation or the Definitions, the Relevant Price for such Expiration Date shall be the prevailing market value per Share determined by the Calculation Agent in a commercially reasonable manner. "Final Disruption Date" means October 10, 2018. Notwithstanding the foregoing and anything to the contrary in the Equity Definitions, if a Market Disruption Event occurs on any Expiration Date, the Calculation Agent may determine that such Expiration Date is a Disrupted Day only in part, in which case (i) the Calculation Agent shall make adjustments to the Number of Warrants for the relevant Component for which such day shall be the Expiration Date and shall designate the Scheduled Trading Day determined in the manner described in the immediately preceding sentence as the Expiration Date for the remaining Warrants for such Component, and (ii) the Settlement Price for such Disrupted Day shall be determined by the Calculation Agent based on transactions in the Shares on such Disrupted Day taking into account the nature and duration of such Market Disruption Event on such day. Any Scheduled Trading Day on which, as of the date hereof, the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its normal close of trading shall be deemed not to be a Scheduled Trading Day; if a closure of the Exchange prior to its normal close of trading on any Scheduled Trading Day is scheduled following the date hereof, then such Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be a Disrupted Day in full. Section 6.6 of the Equity Definitions shall not apply to any Valuation Date occurring on an Expiration Date.

Market Disruption Event:

Section 6.3(a) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) deleting the words "during the one hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time, Latest Exercise Time, Knockin Valuation Time or Knock-out Valuation Time, as the case may be," in clause (ii) thereof, (ii) deleting the word "or" before clause

(iii) thereof and (iii) inserting after clause (iii) thereof "or (iv) a Regulatory Disruption". Section 6.3(d) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting the remainder of the provision following the term "Scheduled Closing Time" in the fourth line thereof. Regulatory Disruption: Any event that Dealer, in good faith and in its reasonable discretion, based on advice of counsel, determines makes it appropriate with regard to any legal, regulatory or selfregulatory requirements or related policies and procedures, for Dealer to refrain from or decrease any market activity in connection with the Transaction and that the Calculation Agent determines is material. Dealer shall notify Issuer as soon as reasonably practicable that a Regulatory Disruption has occurred and the Expiration Dates affected by it. Automatic Exercise: Applicable; and means that the Number of Warrants for each Component will be deemed to be automatically exercised at the Expiration Time on the Expiration Date for such Component unless Dealer notifies Seller (by telephone or in writing) prior to the Expiration Time on the Expiration Date that it does not wish Automatic Exercise to occur, in which case Automatic Exercise will not apply. Issuer's Telephone Number and Telex and/or Facsimile Number and Contact Details for purpose of Giving Notice: To be provided by Issuer. Valuation Time: Scheduled Closing Time; provided that if the principal trading session is extended, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Valuation Time in its reasonable discretion. Settlement Terms: In respect of any Component: Settlement Method Election: Applicable; provided that, (i) any such election by the Electing Party shall apply only with respect to the Component or Components specified by the Electing Party thereunder and (ii) for any particular Component hereunder, the same Settlement Method shall apply to each Warrant under such Component; and provided further that references to "Physical Settlement" in section 7.1 of the Equity Definitions shall be replaced with "Net Share Settlement"; and provided further that Issuer may elect Cash Settlement only if at the time of such election (i) it provides to Dealer a written acknowledgment of its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and Section 10(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder, in respect of such election and (ii) in such written acknowledgement Issuer remakes to Dealer the representations set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A) of this Confirmation as of the date of such written acknowledgement. **Electing Party:** Issuer 4

Settlement Method Election Date:	For any Component, the eighth Scheduled Trading Day prior to the scheduled Expiration Date for such Component.
Default Settlement Method:	Net Share Settlement
Settlement Currency:	USD
Net Share Settlement:	If Net Share Settlement is applicable to the Component, on the Settlement Date, Issuer shall deliver to Dealer a number of Shares equal to the Number of Shares to be Delivered for such Settlement Date to the account specified by Dealer and cash in lieu of any fractional Share (resulting from the rounding set forth under "Number of Shares to be Delivered" below) valued at the Settlement Price on the Valuation Date corresponding to such Settlement Date. The Number of Shares to be Delivered shall be delivered by Issuer to Dealer no later than 5:00 P.M. (local time in New York City) on the relevant Settlement Date.
Number of Shares to be Delivered:	In respect of any Exercise Date, notwithstanding the last sentence of Section 9.5 of the Equity Definitions (which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction), a number of Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole Share), if any, equal to the product of (i) the number of Warrants exercised or deemed exercised on such Exercise Date, (ii) the Warrant Entitlement and (iii) the Strike Price Differential for the relevant Valuation Date <i>divided by</i> (B) the Settlement Price for the relevant Valuation Date.
Cash Settlement:	If Cash Settlement is applicable to the Component, on the Cash Settlement Payment Date, Issuer shall pay to Dealer an amount of cash in USD equal to the Option Cash Settlement Amount, if any, for such Cash Settlement Payment Date.
Option Cash Settlement Amount:	For any Cash Settlement Payment Date, an amount in cash equal to the product of (i) the Number of Warrants exercised or deemed exercised on the relevant Exercise Date, (ii) the Warrant Entitlement and (iii) the Strike Price Differential for the relevant Valuation Date.
Cash Settlement Payment Date:	The third Currency Business Day after the relevant Valuation Date.
Settlement Price:	For any Valuation Date, the volume-weighted average price per Share for the period from the scheduled opening time of the Exchange to the Scheduled Closing Time on such Valuation Date, as displayed under the heading "Bloomberg VWAP" on Bloomberg page "ECPG <equity> AQR" (or any successor thereto), or if such price is not so reported on such Valuation Date for any reason, as reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent.</equity>
Other Applicable Provisions:	The provisions of Sections 9.1(c), 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Seller is the Issuer of the Shares) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction.
Adjustments:	
In respect of any Component:	
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Method of Adjustment:

Extraordinary Dividend:

Dividend:

Ordinary Dividend Amount:

**Extraordinary Events:** 

Consequences of Merger Events:

(a) Share-for-Share:

(b) Share-for-Other:

(c) Share-for-Combined:

Tender Offer:

Consequences of Tender Offers:

(a) Share-for-Share:

(b) Share-for-Other:

(c) Share-for-Combined:

Announcement Event:

Calculation Agent Adjustment

Any Dividend (i) that has an ex-dividend date occurring on or after the Trade Date and on or prior to the date on which Issuer satisfies all of its delivery obligations hereunder and (ii) the amount or value of which differs from the Ordinary Dividend Amount for such Dividend, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Any dividend or distribution on the Shares (other than any dividend or distribution of the type described in Sections 11.2(e)(i), 11.2(e)(ii)(A) or 11.2(e)(ii)(B) of the Equity Definitions).

USD 0.00.

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination)

Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination); *provided* that Dealer may elect, in its commercially reasonable judgment, Component Adjustment (Calculation Agent Determination).

Applicable

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

If an Announcement Date occurs in respect of a Merger Event or Tender Offer (such occurrence, an "Announcement Event"), then on the earliest to occur of (i) the date on which the transaction described in any Announcement Event (as amended or modified) is cancelled, withdrawn, discontinued or otherwise terminated and (ii) the Expiration Date, Early Termination Date or other date of cancellation or termination in respect of each Component (the "Announcement Event Adjustment Date"), the Calculation Agent will determine the cumulative economic effect on such Component of the Announcement Event (without duplication in respect of any other adjustment or cancellation valuation made pursuant to this Confirmation, the Equity Definitions or the Agreement, regardless of whether the Announcement Event actually results in a Merger Event or Tender Offer, and taking into account such factors as the Calculation Agent may determine, including, without limitation, changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relevant to the Shares or the Transaction during the period from the Announcement Event to the Announcement Event Adjustment Date); provided that, for the avoidance of doubt (x) in no event shall the modification or amendment of the terms of a transaction described in an Announcement Event constitute a new, additional or different Announcement Event hereunder (but any such modification or amendment may be taken into account in determining the cumulative economic effect on such Component of

transaction described in an Announcement Event (as amended or modified) shall not preclude the occurrence of a later Announcement Date with respect to such transaction. If the Calculation Agent determines that such cumulative economic effect on any Component is material, then on the Announcement Event Adjustment Date for such Component, the Calculation Agent may make such adjustment to the exercise, settlement, payment or any other terms of such Component as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for such economic effect, which adjustment shall be effective immediately prior to the exercise, termination or cancellation of such Component, as the case may be.

Announcement Date:

The definition of "Announcement Date" in Section 12.1 of the Equity Definitions is hereby

The definition of "Announcement Date" in Section 12.1 of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) replacing the words "a firm" with the word "any" in the second and fourth lines thereof, (ii) replacing the word "leads to the" with the words ", if completed, would lead to a" in the third and the fifth lines thereof, (iii) replacing the words "voting shares" with the word "Shares" in the fifth line thereof, and (iv) inserting the words "by any entity" after the word "announcement" in the second and the fourth lines thereof.

the Announcement Event) and (y) the occurrence of an Announcement Event Adjustment Date in respect of the cancellation, withdrawal, discontinuation or other termination of the

In the definition of New Shares in Section 12.1(i) of the Equity Definitions, (a) the text in clause (i) thereof shall be deleted in its entirety (including the word "and" following such clause (i)) and replaced with "publicly quoted, traded or listed on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective successors)," and (b) the phrase "and (iii) issued by a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia that either (x) also becomes Seller under the relevant Transaction following such Merger Event or Tender Offer or (y) wholly owns the Seller under the relevant Transaction following such Merger Event or Tender Offer (which Seller is a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia) and fully and unconditionally guarantees the obligations of Seller under the Transaction with the result that for purposes of Rule 144 under the Securities Act Dealer is able to tack its holding period in the Warrants to its holding period in the Shares issuable thereunder" shall be inserted immediately prior to the period.

Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination); *provided* that in addition to the provisions of Section 12.6(a)(iii) of the Equity Definitions, it shall also constitute a Delisting if the Exchange is located in the United States and the Shares are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective successors); if the Shares are immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any such exchange or quotation system, such exchange or quotation system shall thereafter be deemed to be the Exchange.

New Shares:

### Additional Disruption Events:

(a) Change in Law:

(b) Failure to Deliver:

(c) Insolvency Filing:

(d) Hedging Disruption:

(e) Increased Cost of Hedging:

(f) Loss of Stock Borrow:

Maximum Stock Loan Rate:

Applicable; provided that Section 12.9(a)(ii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) replacing the phrase "the interpretation" in the third line thereof with the phrase ", or public announcement of, the formal or informal interpretation", (ii) replacing the word "Shares" with the phrase "Hedge Positions" in clause (X) thereof, (iii) inserting the parenthetical "(including, for the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, adoption or promulgation of new regulations authorized or mandated by existing statute)" at the end of clause (A) thereof, (iv) immediately following the word "Transaction" in clause (X) thereof, adding the phrase "in the manner contemplated by the Hedging Party on the Trade Date" and (v) adding the following proviso to the end of clause (Y) thereof: "provided that such party has used good faith efforts to avoid such increased cost on terms reasonably acceptable to such party, as long as (i) such party would not incur a materially increased cost (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position, or any increase in margin or capital requirements), as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (ii) such party would not violate any applicable law, rule, regulation or policy of such party, as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (iii) such party would not suffer a material penalty, injunction, non-financial burden, reputational harm or other material adverse consequence in doing so, (iv) such party would not incur any material operational or administrative burden in doing so and (v) such party would not, in doing so, be required to take any action that is contrary to the intent of the law or regulation that is subject to the Change in Law".

Not Applicable

Applicable

Applicable; provided that:

- Section 12.9(a)(v) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting the following two phrases at the end of such Section:
  - "For the avoidance of doubt, the term "equity price risk" shall be deemed to include, but shall not be limited to, stock price and volatility risk. And, for the further avoidance of doubt, any such transactions or assets referred to in phrases (A) or (B) above must be available on commercially reasonable pricing terms."; and
- (ii) Section 12.9(b)(iii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting in the third line thereof, after the words "to terminate the Transaction", the words "or a portion of the Transaction affected by such Hedging Disruption".

Not Applicable

Applicable

As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

(g) Increased Cost of Stock Borrow: Applicable

Initial Stock Loan Rate: As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

Hedging Party: Dealer for all applicable Potential Adjustment Events and Extraordinary Events

Determining Party: Dealer for all applicable Extraordinary Events

Non-Reliance: Applicable

Agreements and Acknowledgments Regarding Hedging

Activities: Applicable

Additional Acknowledgments: Applicable

3. <u>Calculation Agent</u>: Dealer, whose judgments, determinations and calculations shall be made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. Following any determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent hereunder, upon a request by Issuer, the Calculation Agent shall promptly (but in any event within three Scheduled Trading Days) provide to Issuer by email to the email address provided by Issuer in such request a report (in a commonly used file format for the storage and manipulation of financial data) displaying in reasonable detail the basis for such determination or calculation (including any assumptions used in making such determination or calculation), it being understood that the Calculation Agent shall not be obligated to disclose any proprietary models used by it for such determination or calculation.

## 4. Account Details:

Dealer Payment Instructions: Bank: The Bank of New York

ABA#: 021-000-018 Acct. No.: 8900327634

Acct. Name: Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc.

Issuer Payment Instructions: To be provided by Issuer.

5. Offices:

The Office of Dealer for the Transaction is: London

The Office of Issuer for the Transaction is: Not applicable

## 6. Notices:

(a) Address for notices or communications to Issuer for purposes of this Confirmation:

To: Encore Capital Group, Inc.

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300

San Diego, CA 92108

Attn: Paul Grinberg, Chief Financial Officer

Telephone: 858-309-6904 Facsimile: 858-309-6977

With a copy to:

Attn: Greg Call, General Counsel

Telephone: 858-569-3978 Facsimile: 858-309-6998

(b) Address for notices or communications to Dealer for purposes of this Confirmation:

Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch c/o Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

60 Wall Street

New York, NY 10005

Attention: Andrew Yaeger Telephone: 212-250-2717

Email: Andrew.Yaeger@db.com

With a copy to:

(same address as above)
Attn: Paul Stowell
Telephone: 212-250-6270
Email: Paul.Stowell@db.com

Attention: Faiz Khan
Telephone: 212-250-0668
Email: Faiz.Khan@db.com

#### 7. Representations, Warranties and Agreements:

- (a) Each of the representations and warranties of Issuer set forth in Section 1 of the Purchase Agreement (the "**Purchase Agreement**"), dated as of November 20, 2012, between Issuer and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Barclays Capital Inc. as representatives of the initial purchasers party thereto (the "**Initial Purchasers**"), are true and correct and are hereby deemed to be repeated to Dealer as if set forth herein. In addition to the representations and warranties in the Agreement and those contained elsewhere herein, Issuer represents and warrants to and for the benefit of, and agrees with, Dealer as follows:
  - (i) On the Trade Date (A) Issuer it not aware of any material nonpublic information regarding Issuer or the Shares and (B) all reports and other documents filed by Issuer with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act, when considered as a whole (with the more recent such reports and documents deemed to amend inconsistent statements contained in any earlier such reports and documents), do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.
  - (ii) Without limiting the generality of Section 13.1 of the Equity Definitions, Issuer acknowledges that Dealer is not making any representations or warranties or taking any position or expressing any view with respect to the treatment of the Transaction under any accounting standards including ASC Topic 260, *Earnings Per Share*, ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, or ASC Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity* and ASC 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging Contracts in Entity's Own Equity* (or any successor issue statements) or under FASB's Liabilities & Equity Project.
    - (iii) Prior to or on the Effective Date, Issuer shall deliver to Dealer a resolution of Issuer's board of directors authorizing the Transaction.
  - (iv) Issuer is not entering into this Confirmation to create actual or apparent trading activity in the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or to raise or depress or otherwise manipulate the price of the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or otherwise in violation of the Exchange Act.
  - (v) Issuer is not, and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
  - (vi) On the Trade Date, (A) the assets of Issuer at their fair valuation exceed the liabilities of Issuer, including contingent liabilities, (B) the capital of Issuer is adequate to conduct the business of Issuer and (C) Issuer has the ability to pay its debts and obligations as such debts mature and does not intend to, or does not believe that it will, incur debt beyond its ability to pay as such debts mature.
    - (vii) Issuer shall not take any action to decrease the number of Available Shares below the Capped Number (each as defined below).

- (viii) Issuer understands no obligations of Dealer to it hereunder will be entitled to the benefit of deposit insurance and that such obligations will not be guaranteed by any Affiliate of Dealer or any governmental agency.
- (ix) (A) On the Trade Date, the Shares or securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, are not, and shall not be, subject to a "restricted period," as such term is defined in Regulation M under the Exchange Act ("Regulation M"), (B) Issuer shall not engage in any "distribution," as such term is defined in Regulation M, other than a distribution meeting the requirements of the exceptions set forth in sections 101(b) and 102(b) of Regulation M, until the second Exchange Business Day immediately following the Trade Date and (C) during the period starting on the first Expiration Date and ending on the last Expiration Date (the "Settlement Period"), the Shares or securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, Shares will not be subject to a "restricted period," as such term is defined in Regulation M.
- (x) During the Settlement Period, neither Issuer nor any "affiliated purchaser" (as defined in Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act ("Rule 10b-18")) shall directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, by means of any cash-settled or other derivative instrument) purchase, offer to purchase, place any bid or limit order that would effect a purchase of, or commence any tender offer relating to, any Shares (or an equivalent interest, including a unit of beneficial interest in a trust or limited partnership or a depository share) or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, except through Dealer (or, with prior notice to Dealer by 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately preceding such a transaction, Royal Bank of Canada or Société Générale); provided that, this clause (x) shall not apply to any of the following: (A) purchases of Shares pursuant to the exercise of stock options granted to former or current employees, officers, directors, or other affiliates of Issuer or its subsidiaries, including the withholding and/or purchase of Shares from holders of such options to satisfy payment of the option exercise price and/or to satisfy tax withholding requirements in connection with the exercise of such options; (B) purchases of Shares from holders of performance shares or units or restricted shares or units to satisfy tax withholding requirements in connection with vesting; or (C) purchases of Shares effected by or for a plan by an agent independent of Issuer that satisfy the requirements of Rule 10b-18(a)(13)(ii).
- (xi) A number of Shares equal to the Capped Number (as provided in Annex A to this Confirmation) (the "Warrant Shares") have been reserved for issuance by all required corporate action of Issuer. The Warrant Shares have been duly authorized and, when delivered against payment therefor (which may include Net Share Settlement in lieu of cash) and otherwise as contemplated by the terms of the Warrant following the exercise of the Warrant in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Warrant, will be validly issued, fully-paid and non-assessable, and the issuance of the Warrant Shares will not be subject to any preemptive or similar rights.
- (xii) To Issuer's knowledge, based on due inquiry, no state or local (including non-U.S. jurisdictions) law, rule, regulation or regulatory order applicable to the Shares would give rise to any reporting, consent, registration or other requirement (including without limitation a requirement to obtain prior approval from any person or entity) as a result of Dealer or its affiliates owning or holding (however defined) Shares.
- (b) Each of Dealer and Issuer agrees and represents that it is an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.
- (c) Each of Dealer and Issuer acknowledges that the offer and sale of the Transaction to it is intended to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), by virtue of Section 4(2) thereof. Accordingly, Dealer represents and warrants to Issuer that (i) it has the financial ability to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Transaction and is able to bear a total loss of its investment, (ii) it is an "accredited investor" as that term is defined in Regulation D as promulgated under the Securities Act, (iii) it is entering into the Transaction for its own account without a view to the distribution or resale thereof and (iv) the assignment, transfer or other disposition of the Transaction has not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and is restricted under this Confirmation, the Securities Act and state securities laws.
- (d) Each of Dealer and Issuer agrees and acknowledges that Dealer is a "financial institution," "swap participant" and "financial participant" within the meaning of Sections 101(22), 101(53C) and 101(22A) of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**"). The parties hereto further agree and acknowledge that it is the intent of the parties that (A) this Confirmation is (i) a "securities contract," as such term is defined in Section 741(7) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a

"termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "settlement payment," within the meaning of Section 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (ii) a "swap agreement," as such term is defined in Section 101(53B) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "transfer," as such term is defined in Section 101(54) of the Bankruptcy Code and a "payment or other transfer of property" within the meaning of Sections 362 and 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (B) that Dealer is entitled to the protections afforded by, among other sections, Sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(17), 362(o), 546(e), 546(g), 548(d)(2), 555, 560 and 561 of the Bankruptcy Code.

(e) Issuer shall deliver to Dealer an opinion of counsel, dated as of the Effective Date, to Dealer with respect to the matters set forth in Section 3(a) of the Agreement and Section 7(a)(xi) of this Confirmation; *provided* that such opinion of counsel may contain customary exceptions and qualifications, including, without limitation, exceptions and qualifications relating to indemnification provisions.

#### 8. Other Provisions:

(a) Alternative Calculations and Payment on Early Termination and on Certain Extraordinary Events. If Issuer shall owe Dealer any amount (i) pursuant to Sections 12.2, 12.3, 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or (ii) pursuant to Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement (a "Payment Obligation"), Issuer shall satisfy any such Payment Obligation by the Share Termination Alternative (as defined below), unless either (x) Issuer shall have elected to satisfy any such Payment Obligation by delivering cash in USD by (1) giving irrevocable telephonic notice to Dealer, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day, no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Merger Date, Tender Offer Date, Announcement Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Event, as applicable and (2) remaking the representation set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A) of this Confirmation on the date of such notice, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day, or (y) in the event of (1) an Insolvency, a Nationalization, a Tender Offer or a Merger Event, in each case, in which the consideration or proceeds to be paid to holders of Shares consists solely of cash or (2) an Event of Default in which Issuer is the Defaulting Party or a Termination Event in which Issuer is the Affected Party, which Event of Default or Termination Event resulted from an event or events within Issuer's control, in either of which cases under the immediately preceding clauses (x) or (y), the provisions of Sections 12.2, 12.3, 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as the case may be, shall apply in lieu of the provisions of this paragraph 8(a). In the case of any such settlement by the Share Termination Alternative, the following provisions shall apply on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately following the Merger Date, the Tender Offer Date, Announcement Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Eve

Share Termination Alternative:

Applicable and means that Issuer shall deliver to Dealer the Share Termination Delivery Property on the date on which the Payment Obligation would otherwise be due pursuant to Section 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as applicable (the "Share Termination Payment Date"), in satisfaction of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Property:

A number of Share Termination Delivery Units, as calculated by the Calculation Agent, equal to the Payment Obligation divided by the Share Termination Unit Price. The Calculation Agent shall adjust the Share Termination Delivery Property by replacing any fractional portion of the aggregate amount of a security therein with an amount of cash equal to the value of such fractional security based on the values used to calculate the Share Termination Unit Price.

Share Termination Unit Price:

The value of property contained in one Share Termination Delivery Unit on the date such Share Termination Delivery Units are to be delivered as Share Termination Delivery Property, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its discretion by commercially reasonable means and notified by the Calculation Agent to Issuer at the time of notification of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Unit:

In the case of a Termination Event, Event of Default, Delisting or Additional Disruption Event, one Share or, in the case of an Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer, one Share or a unit consisting of the number or amount of each type of property received by a holder of one Share (without consideration of

any requirement to pay cash or other consideration in lieu of fractional amounts of any securities) in such Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer, as applicable. If such Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer involves a choice of consideration to be received by holders, such holder shall be deemed to have elected to receive the maximum possible amount of cash.

Failure to Deliver:

Applicable

Other applicable provisions:

If Share Termination Alternative is applicable, the provisions of Sections 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Seller is the issuer of the Shares or any portion of the Share Termination Delivery Units) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction, except that all references to "Shares" shall be read as references to "Share Termination Delivery Units".

(b) Registration/Private Placement Procedures. (i) If, in the reasonable judgment of Dealer, based on the advice of counsel, for any reason, any Shares or any securities of Issuer or its affiliates comprising any Share Termination Delivery Units deliverable to Dealer hereunder (any such Shares or securities, "Delivered Securities") would not be immediately freely transferable by Dealer under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, then the provisions set forth in this Section 8(b) shall apply. At the election of Issuer, if applicable, by notice to Dealer within three Exchange Business Day after the relevant delivery obligation arises (or, if later, by the third Exchange Business Day following the date of notification by Dealer of the need for such settlement procedures), either (A) all Delivered Securities delivered by Issuer to Dealer shall be, at the time of such delivery, covered by an effective registration statement of Issuer for immediate resale by Dealer (such registration statement and the corresponding prospectus (the "Prospectus") (including, without limitation, any sections describing the plan of distribution) in form and content commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer) or (B) Issuer shall deliver additional Delivered Securities so that the value of such Delivered Securities, as determined by the Calculation Agent to reflect an appropriate liquidity discount, equals the value of the number of Delivered Securities were freely tradeable (without prospectus delivery) upon receipt by Dealer (such value, the "Freely Tradeable Value"); provided that Issuer may not make the election described in this clause (B) if, on the date of its election, it has taken, or caused to be taken, any action that would make unavailable either the exemption pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act for the delivery by Issuer to Dealer (or any affiliate designated by Dealer) of the Delivered Securities or the exemption pursuant to Section 4(1) or Section 4(3) of the Securities Act for resales of the Delivered Securities

#### (ii) If Issuer makes the election described in clause (b)(i)(A) above:

- (A) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to conduct a due diligence investigation with respect to Issuer that is customary in scope for registered secondary offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size and that yields results that are commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer or such Affiliate, as the case may be, in its discretion; and
- (B) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) and Issuer shall enter into an agreement (a "Registration Agreement") on commercially reasonable terms in connection with the public resale of such Delivered Securities by Dealer or such Affiliate substantially similar to underwriting agreements customary for registered secondary offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size, in form and substance commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer or such Affiliate and Issuer, which Registration Agreement shall include, without limitation, provisions substantially similar to those contained in such underwriting agreements relating to the indemnification of, and contribution in connection with the liability of, Dealer and its Affiliates and Issuer, shall provide for the payment by Issuer of all expenses in connection with such resale, including all registration costs and all fees and expenses of counsel for Dealer, and shall provide for the delivery of accountants' "comfort letters" to Dealer or such Affiliate with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in or incorporated by reference into the Prospectus; *provided* that if Dealer, in its sole reasonable discretion, is not satisfied with the procedures or documentation described in this

Section 8(b)(ii), the procedures set forth in Section 8(b)(iii) shall apply as if Issuer had so elected in clause (b)(i)(B) above.

- (iii) If Issuer makes the election described in clause (b)(i)(B) above:
- (A) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) and any potential institutional purchaser of any such Delivered Securities from Dealer or such Affiliate identified by Dealer shall be afforded a commercially reasonable opportunity to conduct a due diligence investigation in compliance with applicable law with respect to Issuer customary in scope for private placements of equity offerings of substantially similar size (including, without limitation, the right to have made available to them for inspection financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and other information reasonably requested by them);
- (B) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) and Issuer shall enter into an agreement (a "Private Placement Agreement") on commercially reasonable terms in connection with the private placement of such Delivered Securities by Issuer to Dealer or such Affiliate and the private resale of such shares by Dealer or such Affiliate, substantially similar to private placement purchase agreements customary for private placements of equity offerings of substantially similar size, in form and substance commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer and Issuer, which Private Placement Agreement shall include, without limitation, provisions substantially similar to those contained in such private placement purchase agreements relating to the indemnification of, and contribution in connection with the liability of, Dealer and its Affiliates and Issuer, shall provide for the payment by Issuer of all expenses in connection with such resale, including all fees and expenses of counsel for Dealer, shall contain representations, warranties and agreements of Issuer reasonably necessary or advisable to establish and maintain the availability of an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for such resales, and shall use best efforts to provide for the delivery of accountants' "comfort letters" to Dealer or such Affiliate with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in or incorporated by reference into the offering memorandum prepared for the resale of such Shares; and
- (C) Issuer agrees that any Delivered Securities so delivered to Dealer, (i) may be transferred by and among Dealer and its Affiliates, and Issuer shall effect such transfer without any further action by Dealer and (ii) after the minimum "holding period" within the meaning of Rule 144(d) under the Securities Act has elapsed with respect to such Delivered Securities, Issuer shall promptly remove, or cause the transfer agent for such Shares or securities to remove, any legends referring to any such restrictions or requirements from such Delivered Securities upon delivery by Dealer (or such Affiliate of Dealer) to Issuer or such transfer agent of seller's and broker's representation letters customarily delivered by Dealer in connection with resales of restricted securities pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, without any further requirement for the delivery of any certificate, consent, agreement, opinion of counsel, notice or any other document, any transfer tax stamps or payment of any other amount or any other action by Dealer (or such affiliate of Dealer).
- (D) Issuer shall not take, or cause to be taken, any action that would make unavailable either the exemption pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act for the sale by Issuer to Dealer (or any affiliate designated by Dealer) of the Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, or the exemption pursuant to Section 4(1) or Section 4(3) of the Securities Act for resales of the Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, by Dealer (or any such affiliate of Dealer).
- (iii) If in respect of any Delivered Securities subject to this Section 8(b) neither the public resale contemplated by clause (ii) of this subsection nor the private placement contemplated by clause (iii) of this subsection shall be effected, then such failure to effect a public resale or private placement of such Delivered Securities shall constitute an Event of Default with respect to which Issuer shall be the Defaulting Party.
- (c) *Make-whole*. If Issuer makes the election described in clause (b)(i)(B) of paragraph (b) of this Section 8, then Dealer or its affiliate may sell such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, during a period (the "**Resale Period**") commencing on the Exchange Business Day following delivery of such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, and ending on the Exchange Business Day on which Dealer completes the sale of all such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, or a sufficient number of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, so that the realized net proceeds of such sales exceed the Freely Tradeable Value (such amount of the Freely Tradeable Value, the "**Required Proceeds**"). If any of such delivered Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units remain after such realized net proceeds exceed the Required Proceeds, Dealer shall return such remaining Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units to Issuer. If the Required Proceeds

exceed the realized net proceeds from such resale, Issuer shall transfer to Dealer by the open of the regular trading session on the Exchange on the Exchange Trading Day immediately following the last day of the Resale Period the amount of such excess (the "Additional Amount") in cash or in a number of additional Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, ("Make-whole Shares") in an amount that, based on the Relevant Price on the last day of the Resale Period (as if such day was the "Valuation Date" for purposes of computing such Relevant Price), has a dollar value equal to the Additional Amount. The Resale Period shall continue to enable the sale of the Make-whole Shares in the manner contemplated by this Section 8(c). This provision shall be applied successively until the Additional Amount is equal to zero, subject to Section 8(e).

(d) Beneficial Ownership. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement or this Confirmation, in no event shall Dealer be entitled to receive, or shall be deemed to receive, any Shares in connection with this Transaction if, immediately upon giving effect to such receipt of such Shares, (i) Dealer's Beneficial Ownership would be equal to or greater than 9.0% of the outstanding Shares, (ii) Dealer, or any "affiliate" or "associate" of Dealer, would be an "interested stockholder" of Issuer, as all such terms are defined in Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or (iii) Dealer, Dealer Group (as defined below) or any person whose ownership position would be aggregated with that of Dealer or Dealer Group (Dealer, Dealer Group or any such person, a "Dealer Person") under any federal, state or local laws, regulations or regulatory orders applicable to ownership of Shares ("Applicable Laws"), owns, beneficially owns, constructively owns, controls, holds the power to vote or otherwise meets a relevant definition of ownership in excess of a number of Shares equal to (x) the number of Shares that would give rise to reporting or registration obligations (except for any filings of Form 13F, Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act) or other requirements (including obtaining prior approval by a state or federal regulator) of a Dealer Person under Applicable Laws and with respect to which such requirements have not been met or the relevant approval has not been received minus (y) 1% of the number of Shares outstanding on the date of determination (each of clause (i), (ii) and (iii) above, an "Ownership Limitation"). If any delivery owed to Dealer hereunder is not made, in whole or in part, as a result of an Ownership Limitation, Dealer's right to receive such delivery shall not be extinguished and Issuer shall make such delivery as promptly as practicable after, but in no event later than one Exchange Business Day after, Dealer gives notice to Issuer that such delivery would not result in any of such Ownership Limitations being breached. "Dealer's Beneficial Ownership" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, (A) the numerator of which is the number of Shares that Dealer and any of its affiliates or any other person subject to aggregation with Dealer, for purposes of the "beneficial ownership" test under Section 13 of the Exchange Act, or of any "group" (within the meaning of Section 13) of which Dealer is or may be deemed to be a part (Dealer and any such affiliates, persons and groups, collectively, "Dealer Group"), beneficially owns (within the meaning of Section 13 of the Exchange Act), without duplication, on such day and (B) the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day (including, solely for such purpose, Shares that would be deemed outstanding pursuant to the last sentence of Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) as if such sentence were applicable to the calculation of clause (B) of the definition of Dealer's Beneficial Ownership). Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement or this Confirmation to the contrary, Dealer (or the affiliate designated by Dealer pursuant to Section 8(1) below) shall not become the record or beneficial owner, or otherwise have any rights as a holder, of any Shares that Dealer (or such affiliate) is not entitled to receive at any time pursuant to this Section 8(d), until such time as such Shares are delivered pursuant to this Section 8(d).

(e) *Limitations on Settlement by Issuer*. Notwithstanding anything herein or in the Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall Issuer be required to deliver Shares in connection with the Transaction in excess of the Capped Number (as provided in Annex A to this Confirmation), subject to adjustment from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Confirmation or the Definitions resulting from actions of Issuer or events within Issuer's control (the "Capped Number"). Issuer represents and warrants to Dealer (which representation and warranty shall be deemed to be repeated on each day that the Transaction is outstanding) that the Capped Number is equal to or less than the number of authorized but unissued Shares of the Issuer that are not reserved for future issuance in connection with transactions in the Shares (other than the Transaction) on the date of the determination of the Capped Number (such Shares, the "Available Shares"). In the event Issuer shall not have delivered the full number of Shares otherwise deliverable as a result of this Section 8(e) (the resulting deficit, the "Deficit Shares"), Issuer shall be continually obligated to deliver, from time to time until the full number of Deficit Shares have been delivered pursuant to this paragraph, Shares when, and to the extent, that (i) Shares are repurchased, acquired or otherwise received by Issuer or any of its subsidiaries after the Trade Date (whether or not in exchange for cash, fair value or any other consideration), (ii) authorized and unissued Shares reserved for issuance in respect of other transactions prior to such date which prior to the relevant date become no longer so reserved or (iii) Issuer additionally authorizes any unissued Shares that are not reserved for other transactions. At such time as there may be Deficit Shares, Issuer shall promptly notify Dealer of the

occurrence of any of the foregoing events (including the number of Shares subject to clause (i), (ii) or (iii) and the corresponding number of Shares to be delivered) and promptly deliver such Shares thereafter.

- (f) Right to Extend. Dealer may postpone any Exercise Date or Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery with respect to some or all of the relevant Warrants (in which event the Calculation Agent shall make appropriate adjustments to the Number of Shares to be Delivered with respect to one or more Components), if Dealer determines, in its good faith and reasonable discretion, based on advice of counsel in the case of the immediately following clause (ii), that such extension is reasonably necessary or appropriate to (i) preserve Dealer's hedging or hedge unwind activity hereunder in light of existing liquidity conditions in the cash market, the stock loan market or any other relevant market or (ii) to enable Dealer to effect purchases of Shares in connection with its hedging, hedge unwind or settlement activity hereunder in a manner that would, if Dealer were Issuer or an affiliated purchaser of Issuer, be in compliance with applicable legal, regulatory or self-regulatory requirements, or with related policies and procedures applicable to Dealer; provided that, no such Exercise Date, Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery may be postponed or extended more than 50 Exchange Business Days after the original Exercise Date, Settlement Date or other date of valuation or delivery, as the case may be.
- (g) Equity Rights. Dealer acknowledges and agrees that this Confirmation is not intended to convey to it rights with respect to the Transaction that are senior to the claims of common stockholders in the event of Issuer's bankruptcy. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that the preceding sentence shall not apply at any time other than during Issuer's bankruptcy to any claim arising as a result of a breach by Issuer of any of its obligations under this Confirmation or the Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties acknowledge that this Confirmation is not secured by any collateral that would otherwise secure the obligations of Issuer herein under or pursuant to any other agreement.
  - (h) Amendments to Equity Definitions. The following amendments shall be made to the Equity Definitions:
  - (i) Section 11.2(a) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting the words "a diluting or concentrative" and replacing them with the words "a material"; and adding the phrase "or Warrants" at the end of the sentence;
  - (ii) Section 11.2(c) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) deleting the words "diluting or concentrative" (in both instances) and replacing each instance with the word "material", (B) adding the phrase "or Warrants" after the word "Shares" in the sixth line thereof and (C) deleting the phrase "(provided that no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Shares)" and replacing it with the phrase "(and, for the avoidance of doubt, adjustments may be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Shares)";
  - (iii) Section 11.2(e)(vii) of the Equity Definitions are hereby amended by deleting the words "that may have a diluting or concentrative" and replacing them with the words "that is the result of a corporate event involving Issuer or its securities that may have a material" and adding the phrase "or Warrants" at the end of the sentence;
    - (iv) [Reserved.];
  - (v) Section 12.9(b)(iv) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) deleting (1) subsection (A) in its entirety, (2) the phrase "or (B)" following subsection (A) and (3) the phrase "in each case" in subsection (B); and (B) deleting the phrase "neither the Non-Hedging Party nor the Lending Party lends Shares in the amount of the Hedging Shares or" in the penultimate sentence; and
  - (vi) Section 12.9(b)(v) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) adding the word "or" immediately before subsection "(B)" and deleting the comma at the end of subsection (A); and (B)(1) deleting subsection (C) in its entirety, (2) deleting the word "or" immediately preceding subsection (C) and (3) replacing in the penultimate sentence the words "either party" with "the Hedging Party" and (4) deleting clause (X) in the final sentence.
- (i) *Transfer and Assignment*. Subject to applicable law, Dealer may transfer or assign all of its rights and obligations hereunder and under the Transaction and Agreement, in whole or in part, without the consent of Issuer to any affiliate of Dealer only if an Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Termination Event will not occur as a result

of such transfer or assignment. Issuer may not transfer or assign any of its rights or obligations under the Transaction or the Agreement without the prior written consent of Dealer. At any time at which any Ownership Limitation exists, if Dealer, in its discretion, is unable to effect a transfer or assignment to a third party after using its commercially reasonable efforts on pricing terms and within a time period reasonably acceptable to Dealer such that an Ownership Limitation no longer exists, Dealer may designate any Scheduled Trading Day as an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion (the "**Terminated Portion**") of the Transaction, such that such Ownership Limitation no longer exists. In the event that Dealer so designates an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion of the Transaction, a payment or delivery shall be made pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement and Section 8(b) of this Confirmation as if (i) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Terminated Portion of the Transaction, (ii) Issuer shall be the sole Affected Party with respect to such partial termination and (iii) such portion of the Transaction shall be the only Terminated Transaction.

- (j) *Adjustments*. For the avoidance of doubt, whenever the Calculation Agent is called upon to make an adjustment pursuant to the terms of this Confirmation or the Definitions to take into account the effect of an event, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment by reference to the effect of such event on the Hedging Party.
- (k) *Disclosure*. Effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning the Transaction, Issuer and each of its employees, representatives, or other agents may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Transaction and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to Issuer relating to such tax treatment and tax structure.
- (l) *Designation by Dealer*. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Confirmation to the contrary requiring or allowing Dealer to purchase, sell, receive or deliver any Shares or other securities to or from Issuer, Dealer may designate any of its affiliates to purchase, sell, receive or deliver such shares or other securities and otherwise to perform Dealer obligations in respect of the Transaction and any such designee may assume such obligations. Dealer shall be discharged of its obligations to Issuer solely to the extent of any such performance.
- (m) *Additional Termination Events*. The occurrence of any of the following shall constitute an Additional Termination Event with respect to which the Transaction shall be the sole Affected Transaction and Issuer shall be the sole Affected Party; *provided* that with respect to any Additional Termination Event, Dealer may choose to treat part of the Transaction as the sole Affected Transaction, and, upon the termination of the Affected Transaction, a Transaction with terms identical to those set forth herein except with a Number of Warrants equal to the unaffected number of Warrants shall be treated for all purposes as the Transaction, which shall remain in full force and effect:
  - (i) Dealer reasonably determines, based on advice of counsel, that it is advisable to terminate a portion of the Transaction so that Dealer's related hedging activities will comply with applicable securities laws, rules or regulations or related policies and procedures of Dealer (whether or not such requirements, policies or procedures are imposed by law or have been voluntarily adopted by Dealer);
  - (ii) a "person" or "group" within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, other than Issuer, Issuer's employee benefit plans, Issuer's subsidiaries and Issuer's subsidiaries' employee benefit plans, files a Schedule TO or any schedule, form or report under the Exchange Act disclosing that such person or group has become the "beneficial owner," as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, of Shares representing more than 50% of the voting power of all shares of Issuer's capital stock entitled to vote generally in elections of directors; or
  - (iii) the consummation of (A) any recapitalization, reclassification or change of Shares (other than changes resulting from a subdivision or combination) pursuant to which the Shares would be converted into, or exchanged for, stock, other securities, other property or assets; (B) any share exchange, consolidation or merger of Issuer pursuant to which Shares will be converted into cash, securities or other property, other than a merger of Issuer solely for the purpose of changing Issuer's jurisdiction of incorporation that results in a reclassification, conversion or exchange of outstanding Shares solely into shares of common stock of the surviving entity; or (C) any sale, lease or other transfer in one transaction or a series of transactions of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of Issuer and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any person other than one of Issuer's subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction set forth in clause (ii) or (iii) above will not constitute an

Additional Termination Event if at least 90% of the consideration received or to be received by holders of the Shares, excluding cash payments for fractional Shares and cash payments made pursuant to dissenters' appraisal rights, in connection with such transaction or transactions consists of shares of common stock or ordinary shares that are listed or quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or any of their respective successors) or will be so traded or quoted when issued or exchanged in connection with such transaction or transactions.

- (n) No Netting and Set-off. Each party waives any and all rights it may have to set off obligations arising under the Agreement and the Transaction against other obligations between the parties, whether arising under any other agreement, applicable law or otherwise.
- (o) Early Unwind. In the event the sale by Issuer of the "Additional Securities" is not consummated with the Initial Purchasers pursuant to the Purchase Agreement for any reason by the close of business in New York on the Premium Payment Date (or such later date as agreed upon by the parties, which in no event shall be later than January 7, 2013) (the Premium Payment Date or such later date being the "Early Unwind Date"), the Transaction shall automatically terminate (the "Early Unwind"), on the Early Unwind Date and the Transaction and all of the respective rights and obligations of Dealer and Issuer thereunder shall be cancelled and terminated. Following such termination and cancellation, each party shall be released and discharged by the other party from and agrees not to make any claim against the other party with respect to any obligations or liabilities of either party arising out of and to be performed in connection with the Transaction either prior to or after the Early Unwind Date; provided that, unless such Early Unwind Date occurred as a result of a breach of the Purchase Agreement by the Initial Purchasers, Issuer shall purchase from Dealer on the Early Unwind Date all Shares purchased by Dealer or one or more of its affiliates in connection with the Transaction at the then prevailing market price. Dealer and Issuer represent and acknowledge to the other that, subject to the proviso included in this Section 8(o), upon an Early Unwind, all obligations with respect to the Transaction shall be deemed fully and finally discharged.
- (p) Repurchase Notices. Issuer shall, on or prior to any day on which Issuer effects any repurchase of Shares, give Dealer a written notice of such repurchase (a "Repurchase Notice") if, following such repurchase, the Notice Percentage as determined on the date of such Repurchase Notice is (i) greater than 9.0% and (ii) greater by 0.5% than the Notice Percentage included in the immediately preceding Repurchase Notice (or, in the case of the first such Repurchase Notice, greater than the Notice Percentage as of the date hereof). The "Notice Percentage" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is the Number of Shares and the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day. In the event that Issuer fails to provide Dealer with a Repurchase Notice on the day and in the manner specified in this Section 8(p) then Issuer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Dealer, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and controlling persons (Dealer and each such person being an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), joint or several, to which such Indemnified Party may become subject under applicable securities laws, including without limitation, Section 16 of the Exchange Act, relating to or arising out of such failure. If for any reason the foregoing indemnification is unavailable to any Indemnified Party or insufficient to hold harmless any Indemnified Party, then Issuer shall contribute, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to the amount paid or payable by the Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability. In addition, Issuer will reimburse any Indemnified Party for all reasonable expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) as they are incurred (after notice to Issuer) in connection with the investigation of, preparation for or defense or settlement of any pending or threatened claim or any action, suit or proceeding arising therefrom, whether or not such Indemnified Party is a party thereto and whether or not such claim, action, suit or proceeding is initiated or brought by or on behalf of Issuer. This indemnity shall survive the completion of the Transaction contemplated by this Confirmation and any assignment and delegation of the Transaction made pursuant to this Confirmation or the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any permitted assignee of Dealer.
- (q) *Share Deliveries*. Issuer acknowledges and agrees that, to the extent the holder of these Warrants is not then an affiliate and has not been an affiliate for 90 days (it being understood that Dealer will not be considered an affiliate under this paragraph solely by reason of its receipt of Shares pursuant to the Transaction), and otherwise satisfies all holding period and other requirements of Rule 144 of the Securities Act applicable to it, any delivery of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property hereunder at any time after 6 months from the Trade Date (or 1 year from the Trade Date if, at such time, informational requirements of Rule 144(c) are not satisfied with respect to Issuer) shall be eligible for resale under Rule 144 of the Securities Act and Issuer agrees to promptly remove, or cause the transfer agent for such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property, to remove, any legends referring to any restrictions on

resale under the Securities Act from the Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property. Issuer further agrees that any delivery of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property prior to the date that is 6 months from the Trade Date (or 1 year from the Trade Date if, at such time, informational requirements of Rule 144(c) are not satisfied with respect to Issuer), may be transferred by and among Dealer and its affiliates and Issuer shall effect such transfer without any further action by Dealer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Issuer agrees that any delivery of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property shall be effected by book-entry transfer through the facilities of DTC, or any successor depositary, if at the time of delivery, such class of Shares or class of Share Termination Delivery Property is in book-entry form at DTC or such successor depositary. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent the provisions of Rule 144 of the Securities Act or any successor rule are amended, or the applicable interpretation thereof by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any court change after the Trade Date, the agreements of Issuer herein shall be deemed modified to the extent necessary, in the opinion of outside counsel of Issuer, to comply with Rule 144 of the Securities Act, as in effect at the time of delivery of the relevant Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property.

- (r) *Payment by Dealer*. In the event that, following payment of the Premium, (i) an Early Termination Date occurs or is designated with respect to the Transaction as a result of a Termination Event or an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default arising under Section 5(a)(ii) or 5(a)(iv) of the Agreement) and, as a result, Dealer owes to Issuer an amount calculated under Section 6(e) of the Agreement, or (ii) Dealer owes to Issuer, pursuant to Section 12.7 or Section 12.9 of the Equity Definitions, an amount calculated under Section 12.8 of the Equity Definitions, such amount shall be deemed to be zero.
- (s) Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010. The parties hereby agree that none of (v) Section 739 of the Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 ("WSTAA"), (w) any similar legal certainty provision in any legislation enacted, or rule or regulation promulgated, on or after the Trade Date, (x) the enactment of WSTAA or any regulation under the WSTAA, (y) any requirement under WSTAA nor (z) an amendment made by WSTAA, shall limit or otherwise impair either party's rights to terminate, renegotiate, modify, amend or supplement this Confirmation or the Agreement, as applicable, arising from a termination event, force majeure, illegality, increased costs, regulatory change or similar event under this Confirmation, the Equity Definitions incorporated herein, or the Agreement (including, but not limited to, rights arising from Change in Law, Loss of Stock Borrow, Increased Cost of Stock Borrow, an Ownership Limitation or Illegality (as defined in the Agreement)).
- (t) *Method of Delivery*. Whenever delivery of funds or other assets is required hereunder by or to Issuer, such delivery shall be effected through DBSI. In addition, all notices, demands and communications of any kind relating to the Transaction between Dealer and Issuer shall be transmitted exclusively through DBSI.
- (u) Waiver of Trial by Jury. EACH OF ISSUER AND DEALER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES (ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ON BEHALF OF ITS STOCKHOLDERS) ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION OR THE ACTIONS OF DEALER OR ITS AFFILIATES IN THE NEGOTIATION, PERFORMANCE OR ENFORCEMENT HEREOF.
- (v) Governing Law; Jurisdiction. THIS CONFIRMATION AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS CONFIRMATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY SUBMIT TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH ALL MATTERS RELATING HERETO AND WAIVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE IN, AND ANY CLAIM OF INCONVENIENT FORUM WITH RESPECT TO, THESE COURTS.

Please confirm that the foregoing correctly sets forth the terms of our agreement by sending to us a letter or telex substantially similar to this facsimile, which letter or telex sets forth the material terms of the Transaction to which this Confirmation relates and indicates your agreement to those terms. Dealer will make the time of execution of the Transaction available upon request.

Dealer is regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

Yours faithfully,

DEUTSCHE BANK AG, LONDON BRANCH

By: /s/ Lars Kestner

Name: Lars Kestner Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Dushyant Chadha

Name: Dushyant Chadha Title: Managing Director

DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC., acting solely as Agent in connection with the Transaction

By: /s/ Lars Kestner

Name: Lars Kestner Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Dushyant Chadha

Name: Dushyant Chadha Title: Managing Director

Confirmed and Acknowledged as of the date first above written:

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Brandon Black

Name: J. Brandon Black

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Chairman of the Supervisory Board: Dr. Paul Achleitner.

Management Board: Jürgen Fitschen (Co-Chairman), Anshu Jain (Co-Chairman), Stefan Krause, Stephan Leithner, Stuart Lewis, Rainer Neske and Henry Ritchotte.

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For each Component of the Transaction, the Number of Warrants and Expiration Date is set forth below.

Component Number	Number of Warrants	Expiration Date
1.	1,267	26-Feb-18
2.	1,267	27-Feb-18
3.	1,267	28-Feb-18
4.	1,267	1-Mar-18
5.	1,267	2-Mar-18
6.	1,267	5-Mar-18
7.	1,267	6-Mar-18
8.	1,267	7-Mar-18
9.	1,267	8-Mar-18
10.	1,267	9-Mar-18
11.	1,267	12-Mar-18
12.	1,267	13-Mar-18
13.	1,267	14-Mar-18
14.	1,267	15-Mar-18
15.	1,267	16-Mar-18
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18.	1,267	21-Mar-18
19.	1,267	22-Mar-18
20.	1,267	23-Mar-18
21.	1,267	26-Mar-18
22.	1,267	27-Mar-18
23.	1,267	28-Mar-18
24.	1,267	29-Mar-18
25.	1,267	2-Apr-18
26.	1,267	3-Apr-18
27.	1,267	4-Apr-18
28.	1,267	5-Apr-18
29.	1,267	6-Apr-18
30.	1,267	9-Apr-18
31.	1,267	10-Apr-18
32.	1,267	11-Apr-18
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36.	1,267	17-Apr-18
37.	1,267	18-Apr-18
38.	1,267	19-Apr-18
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43.	1,267	26-Apr-18
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45.	1,267	30-Apr-18
46.	1,267	1-May-18
47.	1,267	2-May-18
48.	1,267	3-May-18
49.	1,267	4-May-18
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68.	1,267	1-Jun-18
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110.	1,267	1-Aug-18
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131.	1,267	30-Aug-18
132.	1,267	31-Aug-18
133.	1,267	4-Sep-18
134.	1,267	5-Sep-18
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145.	1,267	20-Sep-18
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147.	1,267	24-Sep-18
148.	1,267	25-Sep-18
149.	1,267	26-Sep-18
150.	1,267	27-Sep-18

Strike Price: Premium: Maximum Stock Loan Rate: Initial Stock Loan Rate: Capped Number: USD 44.1875 USD 703,400 100 basis points 25 basis points 380,198 December 6, 2012

To: Encore Capital Group, Inc.

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Re: Additional Issuer Warrant Transaction

(Transaction Reference Number: )

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this communication (this "Confirmation") is to set forth the terms and conditions of the above-referenced transaction entered into on the Trade Date specified below (the "Transaction") between Royal Bank of Canada ("Dealer"), through its agent RBC Capital Markets, LLC (the "Agent") and Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Issuer"). This communication constitutes a "Confirmation" as referred to in the ISDA Master Agreement specified below.

1. This Confirmation is subject to, and incorporates, the definitions and provisions of the 2006 ISDA Definitions (the "2006 Definitions") and the definitions and provisions of the 2002 ISDA Equity Derivatives Definitions (the "Equity Definitions", and together with the 2006 Definitions, the "Definitions"), in each case as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA"). In the event of any inconsistency between the 2006 Definitions and the Equity Definitions, the Equity Definitions will govern. For purposes of the Equity Definitions, each reference herein to a Warrant shall be deemed to be a reference to a Call Option or an Option, as context requires.

This Confirmation evidences a complete and binding agreement between Dealer and Issuer as to the terms of the Transaction to which this Confirmation relates. This Confirmation shall be subject to an agreement (the "**Agreement**") in the form of the ISDA 2002 Master Agreement as if Dealer and Issuer had executed an agreement in such form (without any Schedule but with the elections set forth in this Confirmation). For the avoidance of doubt, the Transaction shall be the only transaction under the Agreement.

All provisions contained in, or incorporated by reference to, the Agreement will govern this Confirmation except as expressly modified herein. In the event of any inconsistency between this Confirmation and either the Definitions or the Agreement, this Confirmation shall govern.

2. The Transaction is a Warrant Transaction, which shall be considered a Share Option Transaction for purposes of the Equity Definitions. The terms of the particular Transaction to which this Confirmation relates are as follows:

## General Terms:

Trade Date: December 6, 2012

Effective Date: December 11, 2012, or such other date as agreed between the parties, subject to Section 8(o) below.

Components:

The Transaction will be divided into individual Components, each with the terms set forth in this Confirmation, and, in particular, with the Number of Warrants and Expiration Date set forth in this Confirmation. The payments and deliveries to be made upon settlement of the Transaction will be determined separately for each Component as if each Component

were a separate Transaction under the Agreement.

Warrant Style:

Warrant Type: Seller:

Buyer: Dealer

The common stock of Issuer, par value USD 0.01 per share (Ticker Symbol: "ECPG"). Shares: Number of Warrants: For each Component, as provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

Warrant Entitlement: One Share per Warrant

Strike Price:

As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, this Confirmation or the Definitions, in no event shall the Strike Price be subject to adjustment to the extent that, after giving effect to such adjustment, the Strike Price would be less than USD 27.17, except for any adjustment pursuant to the terms of this Confirmation and the Equity Definitions in connection with stock splits or similar changes

to Issuer's capitalization.

European

Call

Issuer

As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation. Premium:

The Effective Date Premium Payment Date:

Exchange: The NASDAQ Global Select Market

Related Exchange: All Exchanges

Procedures for Exercise:

In respect of any Component:

**Expiration Time:** 

**Expiration Date:** 

Valuation Time

As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation (or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day that is not already an Expiration Date for another Component); provided that if that date is a Disrupted Day, the Expiration Date for such Component shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day and is not or is not deemed to be an Expiration Date in respect of any other Component of the Transaction hereunder; and provided further that if the Expiration Date has not occurred pursuant to the preceding proviso as of the Final Disruption Date, the Final Disruption Date shall be the Expiration Date (irrespective of whether such date is an Expiration Date in respect of any other Component for the Transaction) and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Confirmation or the Definitions, the Relevant Price for such Expiration Date shall be the prevailing market value per Share determined by the Calculation Agent in a commercially reasonable

manner. "Final Disruption Date" means October 10, 2018. Notwithstanding the foregoing and anything to the contrary in the Equity Definitions, if a Market Disruption Event occurs on any Expiration Date, the Calculation Agent may determine that such Expiration Date is a Disrupted Day only in part, in which case (i) the Calculation Agent shall make adjustments to the Number of Warrants for the relevant Component for which such day shall be the Expiration Date and shall designate the Scheduled Trading Day determined in the manner described in the immediately preceding sentence as the Expiration Date for the remaining Warrants for such Component, and (ii) the Settlement Price for such Disrupted Day shall be determined by the Calculation Agent based on transactions in the Shares on such Disrupted Day taking into account the nature and duration of such Market Disruption Event on such day. Any Scheduled Trading Day on which, as of the date hereof, the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its normal close of trading shall be deemed not to be a Scheduled Trading Day; if a closure of the Exchange prior to its normal close of trading on any Scheduled Trading Day is scheduled following the date hereof, then such Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be a Disrupted Day in full. Section 6.6 of the Equity Definitions shall not apply to any Valuation Date occurring on an Expiration Date.

Section 6.3(a) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) deleting the words "during the one hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time, Latest Exercise Time, Knockin Valuation Time or Knock-out Valuation Time, as the case may be," in clause (ii) thereof, (ii) deleting the word "or" before clause (iii) thereof and (iii) inserting after clause (iii) thereof "or (iv) a Regulatory Disruption".

Section 6.3(d) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting the remainder of the provision following the term "Scheduled Closing Time" in the fourth line thereof.

Any event that Dealer, in good faith and in its reasonable discretion, based on advice of counsel, determines makes it appropriate with regard to any legal, regulatory or self-regulatory requirements or related policies and procedures, for Dealer to refrain from or decrease any market activity in connection with the Transaction and that the Calculation Agent determines is material. Dealer shall notify Issuer as soon as reasonably practicable that a Regulatory Disruption has occurred and the Expiration Dates affected by it.

Applicable; and means that the Number of Warrants for each Component will be deemed to be automatically exercised at the Expiration Time on the Expiration Date for such Component unless Dealer notifies Seller (by telephone or in writing) prior to the Expiration Time on the Expiration Date that it does not wish Automatic Exercise to occur, in which case Automatic Exercise will not apply.

To be provided by Issuer.

Regulatory Disruption:

Market Disruption Event:

Automatic Exercise:

Issuer's Telephone Number and Telex and/or Facsimile Number and Contact Details for purpose of Giving Notice:

Valuation Time:	Scheduled Closing Time; <i>provided</i> that if the principal trading session is extended, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Valuation Time in its reasonable discretion.
Settlement Terms:	
In respect of any Component:	
Settlement Method Election:	Applicable; <i>provided</i> that, (i) any such election by the Electing Party shall apply only respect to the Component or Components specified by the Electing Party thereunder are

Applicable; *provided* that, (i) any such election by the Electing Party shall apply only with respect to the Component or Components specified by the Electing Party thereunder and (ii) for any particular Component hereunder, the same Settlement Method shall apply to each Warrant under such Component; and *provided further* that references to "Physical Settlement" in section 7.1 of the Equity Definitions shall be replaced with "Net Share Settlement"; and *provided further* that Issuer may elect Cash Settlement only if at the time of such election (i) it provides to Dealer a written acknowledgment of its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and Section 10(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder, in respect of such election and (ii) in such written acknowledgement Issuer remakes to Dealer the representations set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A) of this Confirmation as of the date of such written acknowledgement.

Issuer

**Electing Party:** 

Settlement Method Election Date:

Number of Shares to be Delivered:

Default Settlement Method:

Settlement Currency: Net Share Settlement:

Cash Settlement:

For any Component, the eighth Scheduled Trading Day prior to the scheduled Expiration Date for such Component.

Net Share Settlement

USD

If Net Share Settlement is applicable to the Component, on the Settlement Date, Issuer shall deliver to Dealer a number of Shares equal to the Number of Shares to be Delivered for such Settlement Date to the account specified by Dealer and cash in lieu of any fractional Share (resulting from the rounding set forth under "Number of Shares to be Delivered" below) valued at the Settlement Price on the Valuation Date corresponding to such Settlement Date. The Number of Shares to be Delivered shall be delivered by Issuer to Dealer no later than 5:00 P.M. (local time in New York City) on the relevant Settlement Date

In respect of any Exercise Date, notwithstanding the last sentence of Section 9.5 of the Equity Definitions (which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction), a number of Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole Share), if any, equal to the product of (i) the number of Warrants exercised or deemed exercised on such Exercise Date, (ii) the Warrant Entitlement and (iii) the Strike Price Differential for the relevant Valuation Date *divided by* (B) the Settlement Price for the relevant Valuation Date.

If Cash Settlement is applicable to the Component, on the Cash Settlement Payment Date, Issuer shall pay to Dealer an amount of

cash in USD equal to the Option Cash Settlement Amount, if any, for such Cash Settlement Payment Date.

Option Cash Settlement Amount:

For any Cash Settlement Payment Date, an amount in cash equal to the product of (i) the Number of Warrants exercised or deemed exercised on the relevant Exercise Date, (ii) the Warrant Entitlement and (iii) the Strike Price Differential for the relevant Valuation Date.

Cash Settlement Payment Date:

The third Currency Business Day after the relevant Valuation Date.

the scheduled opening time of the Exchange to the Scheduled Closing Time on such Valuation Date, as displayed under the heading "Bloomberg VWAP" on Bloomberg page "ECPG <equity> AQR" (or any successor thereto), or if such price is not so reported on such Valuation Date for any reason, as reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent. The provisions of Sections 9.1(c), 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and

For any Valuation Date, the volume-weighted average price per Share for the period from

Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Seller is the Issuer of the Shares) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction.

Adjustments:

In respect of any Component:

Other Applicable Provisions:

Settlement Price:

Method of Adjustment: Extraordinary Dividend:

Ordinary Dividend Amount:

Extraordinary Events:

Dividend:

Consequences of Merger Events:

(a) Share-for-Share:

(b) Share-for-Other:

(c) Share-for-Combined:

Tender Offer:

Consequences of Tender Offers:

Calculation Agent Adjustment

Any Dividend (i) that has an ex-dividend date occurring on or after the Trade Date and on or prior to the date on which Issuer satisfies all of its delivery obligations hereunder and (ii) the amount or value of which differs from the Ordinary Dividend Amount for such Dividend, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Any dividend or distribution on the Shares (other than any dividend or distribution of the type described in Sections 11.2(e)(i), 11.2(e)(ii)(A) or 11.2(e)(ii)(B) of the Equity Definitions).

USD 0.00.

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination)

Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination); *provided* that Dealer may elect, in its commercially reasonable judgment, Component Adjustment (Calculation Agent Determination).

Applicable

- (a) Share-for-Share:
- (b) Share-for-Other:
- (c) Share-for-Combined:

Announcement Event:

Announcement Date:

New Shares:

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

If an Announcement Date occurs in respect of a Merger Event or Tender Offer (such occurrence, an "Announcement Event"), then on the earliest to occur of (i) the date on which the transaction described in any Announcement Event (as amended or modified) is cancelled, withdrawn, discontinued or otherwise terminated and (ii) the Expiration Date, Early Termination Date or other date of cancellation or termination in respect of each Component (the "Announcement Event Adjustment Date"), the Calculation Agent will determine the cumulative economic effect on such Component of the Announcement Event (without duplication in respect of any other adjustment or cancellation valuation made pursuant to this Confirmation, the Equity Definitions or the Agreement, regardless of whether the Announcement Event actually results in a Merger Event or Tender Offer, and taking into account such factors as the Calculation Agent may determine, including, without limitation, changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relevant to the Shares or the Transaction during the period from the Announcement Event to the Announcement Event Adjustment Date); provided that, for the avoidance of doubt (x) in no event shall the modification or amendment of the terms of a transaction described in an Announcement Event constitute a new, additional or different Announcement Event hereunder (but any such modification or amendment may be taken into account in determining the cumulative economic effect on such Component of the Announcement Event) and (y) the occurrence of an Announcement Event Adjustment Date in respect of the cancellation, withdrawal, discontinuation or other termination of the transaction described in an Announcement Event (as amended or modified) shall not preclude the occurrence of a later Announcement Date with respect to such transaction. If the Calculation Agent determines that such cumulative economic effect on any Component is material, then on the Announcement Event Adjustment Date for such Component, the Calculation Agent may make such adjustment to the exercise, settlement, payment or any other terms of such Component as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for such economic effect, which adjustment shall be effective immediately prior to the exercise, termination or cancellation of such Component, as the case may be.

The definition of "Announcement Date" in Section 12.1 of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) replacing the words "a firm" with the word "any" in the second and fourth lines thereof, (ii) replacing the word "leads to the" with the words ", if completed, would lead to a" in the third and the fifth lines thereof, (iii) replacing the words "voting shares" with the word "Shares" in the fifth line thereof, and (iv) inserting the words "by any entity" after the word "announcement" in the second and the fourth lines thereof.

In the definition of New Shares in Section 12.1(i) of the Equity Definitions, (a) the text in clause (i) thereof shall be deleted in its entirety (including the word "and" following such clause (i)) and

Nationalization, Insolvency or Delisting:

Additional Disruption Events:

(a) Change in Law:

replaced with "publicly quoted, traded or listed on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective successors)," and (b) the phrase "and (iii) issued by a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia that either (x) also becomes Seller under the relevant Transaction following such Merger Event or Tender Offer or (y) wholly owns the Seller under the relevant Transaction following such Merger Event or Tender Offer (which Seller is a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia) and fully and unconditionally guarantees the obligations of Seller under the Transaction with the result that for purposes of Rule 144 under the Securities Act Dealer is able to tack its holding period in the Warrants to its holding period in the Shares issuable thereunder" shall be inserted immediately prior to the period.

Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination); provided that in addition to the provisions of Section 12.6(a)(iii) of the Equity Definitions, it shall also constitute a Delisting if the Exchange is located in the United States and the Shares are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective successors); if the Shares are immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any such exchange or quotation system, such exchange or quotation system shall thereafter be deemed to be the Exchange.

Applicable; provided that Section 12.9(a)(ii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) replacing the phrase "the interpretation" in the third line thereof with the phrase ", or public announcement of, the formal or informal interpretation", (ii) replacing the word "Shares" with the phrase "Hedge Positions" in clause (X) thereof, (iii) inserting the parenthetical "(including, for the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, adoption or promulgation of new regulations authorized or mandated by existing statute)" at the end of clause (A) thereof, (iv) immediately following the word "Transaction" in clause (X) thereof, adding the phrase "in the manner contemplated by the Hedging Party on the Trade Date" and (v) adding the following proviso to the end of clause (Y) thereof: "provided that such party has used good faith efforts to avoid such increased cost on terms reasonably acceptable to such party, as long as (i) such party would not incur a materially increased cost (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position, or any increase in margin or capital requirements), as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (ii) such party would not violate any applicable law, rule, regulation or policy of such party, as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (iii) such party would not suffer a material penalty, injunction, non-financial burden, reputational harm or other material adverse consequence in doing so, (iv) such party would not incur any material operational or administrative burden in doing so and (v)

(b) Failure to Deliver:

(c) Insolvency Filing:

(d) Hedging Disruption:

(e) Increased Cost of Hedging:

(f) Loss of Stock Borrow:

Maximum Stock Loan Rate:

(g) Increased Cost of Stock Borrow:

Agreements and Acknowledgments Regarding Hedging Activities:

Initial Stock Loan Rate:

**Hedging Party:** 

Determining Party:

Non-Reliance:

Additional Acknowledgments:

such party would not, in doing so, be required to take any action that is contrary to the intent of the law or regulation that is subject to the Change in Law".

Not Applicable

Applicable

Applicable; provided that:

(i) Section 12.9(a)(v) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting the following two phrases at the end of such Section:

"For the avoidance of doubt, the term "equity price risk" shall be deemed to include, but shall not be limited to, stock price and volatility risk. And, for the further avoidance of doubt, any such transactions or assets referred to in phrases (A) or (B) above must be available on commercially reasonable pricing terms."; and

(ii) Section 12.9(b)(iii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting in the third line thereof, after the words "to terminate the Transaction", the words "or a portion of the Transaction affected by such Hedging Disruption".

Not Applicable

Applicable

As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

Applicable

As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

Dealer for all applicable Potential Adjustment Events and Extraordinary

Events

Dealer for all applicable Extraordinary Events

Applicable
Applicable

Applicable

3. <u>Calculation Agent</u>: Dealer, whose judgments, determinations and calculations shall be made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. Following any determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent hereunder, upon a request by Issuer, the Calculation Agent shall promptly (but in any event within three Scheduled Trading Days) provide to Issuer by email to the email address provided by Issuer in such request a report (in a commonly used file format for the storage and manipulation of financial data) displaying in reasonable detail the basis for such determination or calculation (including any assumptions used in making such determination or calculation), it being understood that the Calculation Agent shall not be obligated to disclose any proprietary models used by it for such determination or calculation.

### 4. Account Details:

Dealer Payment Instructions:

Royal Bank of Canada

JP Morgan Chase NY (CHASUS33)

ABA#: 021-000-021

Royal Bank of Canada (ROYCUS3X)

A/C #: 920-1-033363 Ref: US Transit A/C 204-1499

Issuer Payment Instructions:

To be provided by Issuer.

# 5. Offices:

The Office of Dealer for the Transaction is: New York

RBC Capital Markets, LLC 3 World Financial Center 200 Vesey Street New York, NY 10281 Telephone: 212-858-7000

The Office of Issuer for the Transaction is: Not applicable

# 6. Notices:

(a) Address for notices or communications to Issuer for purposes of this Confirmation:

To: Encore Capital Group, Inc.

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300

San Diego, CA 92108

Attn: Paul Grinberg, Chief Financial Officer

Telephone: 858-309-6904 Facsimile: 858-309-6977

With a copy to:

Attn: Greg Call, General Counsel

Telephone: 858-569-3978 Facsimile: 858-309-6998

(b) Address for notices or communications to Dealer for purposes of this Confirmation:

Trade Affirmations and Settlements:

To: RBC Capital Markets, LLC

Attn: Structured Derivatives Documentation

3 World Financial Center 200 Vesey Street New York, NY 10281

Facsimile: 212-858-7033 Email: geda@rbccm.com

Trade Confirmations:

To: RBC Capital Markets, LLC

Attn: Structured Derivatives Documentation

3 World Financial Center 200 Vesey Street New York, NY 10281

Facsimile: 212-428-3053

Email: SEDDOC@rbccm.com

#### 7. Representations, Warranties and Agreements:

- (a) Each of the representations and warranties of Issuer set forth in Section 1 of the Purchase Agreement (the "**Purchase Agreement**"), dated as of November 20, 2012, between Issuer and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Barclays Capital Inc. as representatives of the initial purchasers party thereto (the "**Initial Purchasers**"), are true and correct and are hereby deemed to be repeated to Dealer as if set forth herein. In addition to the representations and warranties in the Agreement and those contained elsewhere herein, Issuer represents and warrants to and for the benefit of, and agrees with, Dealer as follows:
  - (i) On the Trade Date (A) Issuer it not aware of any material nonpublic information regarding Issuer or the Shares and (B) all reports and other documents filed by Issuer with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act, when considered as a whole (with the more recent such reports and documents deemed to amend inconsistent statements contained in any earlier such reports and documents), do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.
  - (ii) Without limiting the generality of Section 13.1 of the Equity Definitions, Issuer acknowledges that Dealer is not making any representations or warranties or taking any position or expressing any view with respect to the treatment of the Transaction under any accounting standards including ASC Topic 260, *Earnings Per Share*, ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, or ASC Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity* and ASC 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging Contracts in Entity's Own Equity* (or any successor issue statements) or under FASB's Liabilities & Equity Project.
    - (iii) Prior to or on the Effective Date, Issuer shall deliver to Dealer a resolution of Issuer's board of directors authorizing the Transaction.
  - (iv) Issuer is not entering into this Confirmation to create actual or apparent trading activity in the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or to raise or depress or otherwise manipulate the price of the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or otherwise in violation of the Exchange Act.
  - (v) Issuer is not, and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
  - (vi) On the Trade Date, (A) the assets of Issuer at their fair valuation exceed the liabilities of Issuer, including contingent liabilities, (B) the capital of Issuer is adequate to conduct the business of Issuer and (C) Issuer has the ability to pay its debts and obligations as such debts mature and does not intend to, or does not believe that it will, incur debt beyond its ability to pay as such debts mature.
    - (vii) Issuer shall not take any action to decrease the number of Available Shares below the Capped Number (each as defined below).
  - (viii) Issuer understands no obligations of Dealer to it hereunder will be entitled to the benefit of deposit insurance and that such obligations will not be guaranteed by any Affiliate of Dealer or any governmental agency.
  - (ix) (A) On the Trade Date, the Shares or securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, are not, and shall not be, subject to a "restricted period," as such term is defined in Regulation M under the Exchange Act ("**Regulation M**"), (B) Issuer shall not engage in any "distribution," as such term is defined in Regulation M, other than a distribution meeting the requirements of the exceptions set forth in sections 101(b) and 102(b) of Regulation M, until the second Exchange Business Day immediately following the Trade Date and (C) during the period starting on the first Expiration Date and ending on the last Expiration Date (the "**Settlement Period**"), the Shares or securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, Shares will not be subject to a "restricted period," as such term is defined in Regulation M.
  - (x) During the Settlement Period, neither Issuer nor any "affiliated purchaser" (as defined in Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act ("Rule 10b-18")) shall directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, by means of any cash-settled or other derivative instrument) purchase, offer to purchase, place any bid or limit

order that would effect a purchase of, or commence any tender offer relating to, any Shares (or an equivalent interest, including a unit of beneficial interest in a trust or limited partnership or a depository share) or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, except through Dealer (or, with prior notice to Dealer by 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately preceding such a transaction, Deutsche Bank AG or Société Générale); *provided* that, this clause (x) shall not apply to any of the following: (A) purchases of Shares pursuant to the exercise of stock options granted to former or current employees, officers, directors, or other affiliates of Issuer or its subsidiaries, including the withholding and/or purchase of Shares from holders of such options to satisfy payment of the option exercise price and/or to satisfy tax withholding requirements in connection with the exercise of such options; (B) purchases of Shares from holders of performance shares or units or restricted shares or units to satisfy tax withholding requirements in connection with vesting; or (C) purchases of Shares effected by or for a plan by an agent independent of Issuer that satisfy the requirements of Rule 10b-18(a)(13)(ii).

- (xi) A number of Shares equal to the Capped Number (as provided in Annex A to this Confirmation) (the "Warrant Shares") have been reserved for issuance by all required corporate action of Issuer. The Warrant Shares have been duly authorized and, when delivered against payment therefor (which may include Net Share Settlement in lieu of cash) and otherwise as contemplated by the terms of the Warrant following the exercise of the Warrant in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Warrant, will be validly issued, fully-paid and non-assessable, and the issuance of the Warrant Shares will not be subject to any preemptive or similar rights.
- (xii) To Issuer's knowledge, based on due inquiry, no state or local (including non-U.S. jurisdictions) law, rule, regulation or regulatory order applicable to the Shares would give rise to any reporting, consent, registration or other requirement (including without limitation a requirement to obtain prior approval from any person or entity) as a result of Dealer or its affiliates owning or holding (however defined) Shares.
- (b) Each of Dealer and Issuer agrees and represents that it is an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.
- (c) Each of Dealer and Issuer acknowledges that the offer and sale of the Transaction to it is intended to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), by virtue of Section 4(2) thereof. Accordingly, Dealer represents and warrants to Issuer that (i) it has the financial ability to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Transaction and is able to bear a total loss of its investment, (ii) it is an "accredited investor" as that term is defined in Regulation D as promulgated under the Securities Act, (iii) it is entering into the Transaction for its own account without a view to the distribution or resale thereof and (iv) the assignment, transfer or other disposition of the Transaction has not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and is restricted under this Confirmation, the Securities Act and state securities laws.
- (d) Each of Dealer and Issuer agrees and acknowledges that Dealer is a "financial institution," "swap participant" and "financial participant" within the meaning of Sections 101(22), 101(53C) and 101(22A) of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The parties hereto further agree and acknowledge that it is the intent of the parties that (A) this Confirmation is (i) a "securities contract," as such term is defined in Section 741(7) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "settlement payment," within the meaning of Section 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (ii) a "swap agreement," as such term is defined in Section 101(53B) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "transfer," as such term is defined in Section 101(54) of the Bankruptcy Code and a "payment or other transfer of property" within the meaning of Sections 362 and 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (B) that Dealer is entitled to the protections afforded by, among other sections, Sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(17), 362(o), 546(e), 546(g), 548(d)(2), 555, 560 and 561 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (e) Issuer shall deliver to Dealer an opinion of counsel, dated as of the Effective Date, to Dealer with respect to the matters set forth in Section 3(a) of the Agreement and Section 7(a)(xi) of this Confirmation; *provided* that such opinion of counsel may contain customary exceptions and qualifications, including, without limitation, exceptions and qualifications relating to indemnification provisions.
  - 8. Other Provisions:

(a) Alternative Calculations and Payment on Early Termination and on Certain Extraordinary Events. If Issuer shall owe Dealer any amount (i) pursuant to Sections 12.2, 12.3, 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or (ii) pursuant to Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement (a "Payment Obligation"), Issuer shall satisfy any such Payment Obligation by the Share Termination Alternative (as defined below), unless either (x) Issuer shall have elected to satisfy any such Payment Obligation by delivering cash in USD by (1) giving irrevocable telephonic notice to Dealer, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day, no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Merger Date, Tender Offer Date, Announcement Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Event, as applicable and (2) remaking the representation set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A) of this Confirmation on the date of such notice, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day, or (y) in the event of (1) an Insolvency, a Nationalization, a Tender Offer or a Merger Event, in each case, in which the consideration or proceeds to be paid to holders of Shares consists solely of cash or (2) an Event of Default in which Issuer is the Defaulting Party or a Termination Event in which Issuer is the Affected Party, which Event of Default or Termination Event resulted from an event or events within Issuer's control, in either of which cases under the immediately preceding clauses (x) or (y), the provisions of Sections 12.2, 12.3, 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as the case may be, shall apply in lieu of the provisions of this paragraph 8(a). In the case of any such settlement by the Share Termination Alternative, the following provisions shall apply on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately following the Merger Date, the Tender Offer Date, Announcement Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Eve

Share Termination Alternative:

Applicable and means that Issuer shall deliver to Dealer the Share Termination Delivery Property on the date on which the Payment Obligation would otherwise be due pursuant to Section 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as applicable (the "**Share Termination Payment Date**"), in satisfaction of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Property:

A number of Share Termination Delivery Units, as calculated by the Calculation Agent, equal to the Payment Obligation divided by the Share Termination Unit Price. The Calculation Agent shall adjust the Share Termination Delivery Property by replacing any fractional portion of the aggregate amount of a security therein with an amount of cash equal to the value of such fractional security based on the values used to calculate the Share Termination Unit Price.

Share Termination Unit Price:

The value of property contained in one Share Termination Delivery Unit on the date such Share Termination Delivery Units are to be delivered as Share Termination Delivery Property, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its discretion by commercially reasonable means and notified by the Calculation Agent to Issuer at the time of notification of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Unit:

In the case of a Termination Event, Event of Default, Delisting or Additional Disruption Event, one Share or, in the case of an Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer, one Share or a unit consisting of the number or amount of each type of property received by a holder of one Share (without consideration of any requirement to pay cash or other consideration in lieu of fractional amounts of any securities) in such Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer, as applicable. If such Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer involves a choice of consideration to be received by holders, such holder shall be deemed to have elected to receive the maximum possible amount of cash.

Failure to Deliver:

Applicable

Other applicable provisions:

If Share Termination Alternative is applicable, the provisions of Sections 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Seller is the issuer of the Shares or any portion of the Share Termination Delivery Units) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction,

except that all references to "Shares" shall be read as references to "Share Termination Delivery Units".

- (b) Registration/Private Placement Procedures. (i) If, in the reasonable judgment of Dealer, based on the advice of counsel, for any reason, any Shares or any securities of Issuer or its affiliates comprising any Share Termination Delivery Units deliverable to Dealer hereunder (any such Shares or securities, "Delivered Securities") would not be immediately freely transferable by Dealer under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, then the provisions set forth in this Section 8(b) shall apply. At the election of Issuer, if applicable, by notice to Dealer within three Exchange Business Day after the relevant delivery obligation arises (or, if later, by the third Exchange Business Day following the date of notification by Dealer of the need for such settlement procedures), either (A) all Delivered Securities delivered by Issuer to Dealer shall be, at the time of such delivery, covered by an effective registration statement of Issuer for immediate resale by Dealer (such registration statement and the corresponding prospectus (the "Prospectus") (including, without limitation, any sections describing the plan of distribution) in form and content commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer) or (B) Issuer shall deliver additional Delivered Securities so that the value of Securities that would otherwise be deliverable if such Delivered Securities were freely tradeable (without prospectus delivery) upon receipt by Dealer (such value, the "Freely Tradeable Value"); provided that Issuer may not make the election described in this clause (B) if, on the date of its election, it has taken, or caused to be taken, any action that would make unavailable either the exemption pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act for the delivery by Issuer to Dealer (or any affiliate designated by Dealer) of the Delivered Securities or the exemption pursuant to Section 4(1) or Section 4(3) of the Securities Act for resales of the Delivered Securities, as the context shall require.)
  - (ii) If Issuer makes the election described in clause (b)(i)(A) above:
  - (A) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to conduct a due diligence investigation with respect to Issuer that is customary in scope for registered secondary offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size and that yields results that are commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer or such Affiliate, as the case may be, in its discretion; and
  - (B) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) and Issuer shall enter into an agreement (a "Registration Agreement") on commercially reasonable terms in connection with the public resale of such Delivered Securities by Dealer or such Affiliate substantially similar to underwriting agreements customary for registered secondary offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size, in form and substance commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer or such Affiliate and Issuer, which Registration Agreement shall include, without limitation, provisions substantially similar to those contained in such underwriting agreements relating to the indemnification of, and contribution in connection with the liability of, Dealer and its Affiliates and Issuer, shall provide for the payment by Issuer of all expenses in connection with such resale, including all registration costs and all fees and expenses of counsel for Dealer, and shall provide for the delivery of accountants' "comfort letters" to Dealer or such Affiliate with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in or incorporated by reference into the Prospectus; *provided* that if Dealer, in its sole reasonable discretion, is not satisfied with the procedures or documentation described in this Section 8(b)(ii), the procedures set forth in Section 8(b)(iii) shall apply as if Issuer had so elected in clause (b)(i)(B) above.
  - (iii) If Issuer makes the election described in clause (b)(i)(B) above:
  - (A) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) and any potential institutional purchaser of any such Delivered Securities from Dealer or such Affiliate identified by Dealer shall be afforded a commercially reasonable opportunity to conduct a due diligence investigation in compliance with applicable law with respect to Issuer customary in scope for private placements of equity offerings of substantially similar size (including, without limitation, the right to have made available to them for inspection financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and other information reasonably requested by them);
  - (B) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) and Issuer shall enter into an agreement (a "**Private Placement Agreement**") on commercially reasonable terms in connection with the private placement of such Delivered Securities by Issuer to Dealer or such Affiliate and the private resale of such shares by Dealer or such Affiliate, substantially similar to private placement purchase agreements

customary for private placements of equity offerings of substantially similar size, in form and substance commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer and Issuer, which Private Placement Agreement shall include, without limitation, provisions substantially similar to those contained in such private placement purchase agreements relating to the indemnification of, and contribution in connection with the liability of, Dealer and its Affiliates and Issuer, shall provide for the payment by Issuer of all expenses in connection with such resale, including all fees and expenses of counsel for Dealer, shall contain representations, warranties and agreements of Issuer reasonably necessary or advisable to establish and maintain the availability of an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for such resales, and shall use best efforts to provide for the delivery of accountants' "comfort letters" to Dealer or such Affiliate with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in or incorporated by reference into the offering memorandum prepared for the resale of such Shares; and

- (C) Issuer agrees that any Delivered Securities so delivered to Dealer, (i) may be transferred by and among Dealer and its Affiliates, and Issuer shall effect such transfer without any further action by Dealer and (ii) after the minimum "holding period" within the meaning of Rule 144(d) under the Securities Act has elapsed with respect to such Delivered Securities, Issuer shall promptly remove, or cause the transfer agent for such Shares or securities to remove, any legends referring to any such restrictions or requirements from such Delivered Securities upon delivery by Dealer (or such Affiliate of Dealer) to Issuer or such transfer agent of seller's and broker's representation letters customarily delivered by Dealer in connection with resales of restricted securities pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, without any further requirement for the delivery of any certificate, consent, agreement, opinion of counsel, notice or any other document, any transfer tax stamps or payment of any other amount or any other action by Dealer (or such affiliate of Dealer).
- (D) Issuer shall not take, or cause to be taken, any action that would make unavailable either the exemption pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act for the sale by Issuer to Dealer (or any affiliate designated by Dealer) of the Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, or the exemption pursuant to Section 4(1) or Section 4(3) of the Securities Act for resales of the Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, by Dealer (or any such affiliate of Dealer).
- (iii) If in respect of any Delivered Securities subject to this Section 8(b) neither the public resale contemplated by clause (ii) of this subsection nor the private placement contemplated by clause (iii) of this subsection shall be effected, then such failure to effect a public resale or private placement of such Delivered Securities shall constitute an Event of Default with respect to which Issuer shall be the Defaulting Party.
- (c) *Make-whole*. If Issuer makes the election described in clause (b)(i)(B) of paragraph (b) of this Section 8, then Dealer or its affiliate may sell such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, during a period (the "Resale Period") commencing on the Exchange Business Day following delivery of such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, and ending on the Exchange Business Day on which Dealer completes the sale of all such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, or a sufficient number of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, so that the realized net proceeds of such sales exceed the Freely Tradeable Value (such amount of the Freely Tradeable Value, the "Required Proceeds"). If any of such delivered Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units remain after such realized net proceeds exceed the Required Proceeds, Dealer shall return such remaining Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units to Issuer. If the Required Proceeds exceed the realized net proceeds from such resale, Issuer shall transfer to Dealer by the open of the regular trading session on the Exchange on the Exchange Trading Day immediately following the last day of the Resale Period the amount of such excess (the "Additional Amount") in cash or in a number of additional Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, ("Makewhole Shares") in an amount that, based on the Relevant Price on the last day of the Resale Period (as if such day was the "Valuation Date" for purposes of computing such Relevant Price), has a dollar value equal to the Additional Amount. The Resale Period shall continue to enable the sale of the Make-whole Shares in the manner contemplated by this Section 8(c). This provision shall be applied successively until the Additional Amount is equal to zero, subject to Section 8(e).
- (d) *Beneficial Ownership*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement or this Confirmation, in no event shall Dealer be entitled to receive, or shall be deemed to receive, any Shares in connection with this Transaction if, immediately upon giving effect to such receipt of such Shares, (i) Dealer's Beneficial Ownership would be equal to or greater than 9.0% of the outstanding Shares, (ii) Dealer, or any "affiliate" or "associate" of Dealer, would be an "interested stockholder" of Issuer, as all such terms are defined in Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or (iii) Dealer, Dealer Group (as defined below) or any person whose ownership position

would be aggregated with that of Dealer or Dealer Group (Dealer, Dealer Group or any such person, a "Dealer Person") under any federal, state or local laws, regulations or regulatory orders applicable to ownership of Shares ("Applicable Laws"), owns, beneficially owns, constructively owns, controls, holds the power to vote or otherwise meets a relevant definition of ownership in excess of a number of Shares equal to (x) the number of Shares that would give rise to reporting or registration obligations (except for any filings of Form 13F, Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act) or other requirements (including obtaining prior approval by a state or federal regulator) of a Dealer Person under Applicable Laws and with respect to which such requirements have not been met or the relevant approval has not been received *minus* (y) 1% of the number of Shares outstanding on the date of determination (each of clause (i), (ii) and (iii) above, an "Ownership Limitation"). If any delivery owed to Dealer hereunder is not made, in whole or in part, as a result of an Ownership Limitation, Dealer's right to receive such delivery shall not be extinguished and Issuer shall make such delivery as promptly as practicable after, but in no event later than one Exchange Business Day after, Dealer gives notice to Issuer that such delivery would not result in any of such Ownership Limitations being breached. "Dealer's Beneficial Ownership" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, (A) the numerator of which is the number of Shares that Dealer and any of its affiliates or any other person subject to aggregation with Dealer, for purposes of the "beneficial ownership" test under Section 13 of the Exchange Act, or of any "group" (within the meaning of Section 13) of which Dealer is or may be deemed to be a part (Dealer and any such affiliates, persons and groups, collectively, "Dealer Group"), beneficially owns (within the meaning of Section 13 of the Exchange Act), without duplication, on such day and (B) the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day (including, solely for such purpose, Shares that would be deemed outstanding pursuant to the last sentence of Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) as if such sentence were applicable to the calculation of clause (B) of the definition of Dealer's Beneficial Ownership). Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement or this Confirmation to the contrary, Dealer (or the affiliate designated by Dealer pursuant to Section 8(1) below) shall not become the record or beneficial owner, or otherwise have any rights as a holder, of any Shares that Dealer (or such affiliate) is not entitled to receive at any time pursuant to this Section 8(d), until such time as such Shares are delivered pursuant to this Section 8(d).

(e) Limitations on Settlement by Issuer. Notwithstanding anything herein or in the Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall Issuer be required to deliver Shares in connection with the Transaction in excess of the Capped Number (as provided in Annex A to this Confirmation), subject to adjustment from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Confirmation or the Definitions resulting from actions of Issuer or events within Issuer's control (the "Capped Number"). Issuer represents and warrants to Dealer (which representation and warranty shall be deemed to be repeated on each day that the Transaction is outstanding) that the Capped Number is equal to or less than the number of authorized but unissued Shares of the Issuer that are not reserved for future issuance in connection with transactions in the Shares (other than the Transaction) on the date of the determination of the Capped Number (such Shares, the "Available Shares"). In the event Issuer shall not have delivered the full number of Shares otherwise deliverable as a result of this Section 8(e) (the resulting deficit, the "Deficit Shares"), Issuer shall be continually obligated to deliver, from time to time until the full number of Deficit Shares have been delivered pursuant to this paragraph, Shares when, and to the extent, that (i) Shares are repurchased, acquired or otherwise received by Issuer or any of its subsidiaries after the Trade Date (whether or not in exchange for cash, fair value or any other consideration), (ii) authorized and unissued Shares reserved for issuance in respect of other transactions prior to such date which prior to the relevant date become no longer so reserved or (iii) Issuer additionally authorizes any unissued Shares that are not reserved for other transactions. At such time as there may be Deficit Shares, Issuer shall promptly notify Dealer of the occurrence of any of the foregoing events (including the number of Shares subject to clause (i), (ii) or (iii) and the corresponding number of Shares to be delivere

(f) Right to Extend. Dealer may postpone any Exercise Date or Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery with respect to some or all of the relevant Warrants (in which event the Calculation Agent shall make appropriate adjustments to the Number of Shares to be Delivered with respect to one or more Components), if Dealer determines, in its good faith and reasonable discretion, based on advice of counsel in the case of the immediately following clause (ii), that such extension is reasonably necessary or appropriate to (i) preserve Dealer's hedging or hedge unwind activity hereunder in light of existing liquidity conditions in the cash market, the stock loan market or any other relevant market or (ii) to enable Dealer to effect purchases of Shares in connection with its hedging, hedge unwind or settlement activity hereunder in a manner that would, if Dealer were Issuer or an affiliated purchaser of Issuer, be in compliance with applicable legal, regulatory or self-regulatory requirements, or with related policies and procedures applicable to Dealer; provided that, no such Exercise Date, Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery may be postponed or extended more than 50 Exchange Business Days after the original Exercise Date, Settlement Date or other date of valuation or delivery, as the case may be.

- (g) *Equity Rights*. Dealer acknowledges and agrees that this Confirmation is not intended to convey to it rights with respect to the Transaction that are senior to the claims of common stockholders in the event of Issuer's bankruptcy. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that the preceding sentence shall not apply at any time other than during Issuer's bankruptcy to any claim arising as a result of a breach by Issuer of any of its obligations under this Confirmation or the Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties acknowledge that this Confirmation is not secured by any collateral that would otherwise secure the obligations of Issuer herein under or pursuant to any other agreement.
  - (h) Amendments to Equity Definitions. The following amendments shall be made to the Equity Definitions:
  - (i) Section 11.2(a) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting the words "a diluting or concentrative" and replacing them with the words "a material"; and adding the phrase "or Warrants" at the end of the sentence;
  - (ii) Section 11.2(c) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) deleting the words "diluting or concentrative" (in both instances) and replacing each instance with the word "material", (B) adding the phrase "or Warrants" after the word "Shares" in the sixth line thereof and (C) deleting the phrase "(provided that no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Shares)" and replacing it with the phrase "(and, for the avoidance of doubt, adjustments may be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Shares)";
  - (iii) Section 11.2(e)(vii) of the Equity Definitions are hereby amended by deleting the words "that may have a diluting or concentrative" and replacing them with the words "that is the result of a corporate event involving Issuer or its securities that may have a material" and adding the phrase "or Warrants" at the end of the sentence:
    - (iv) [Reserved.];
  - (v) Section 12.9(b)(iv) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) deleting (1) subsection (A) in its entirety, (2) the phrase "or (B)" following subsection (A) and (3) the phrase "in each case" in subsection (B); and (B) deleting the phrase "neither the Non-Hedging Party nor the Lending Party lends Shares in the amount of the Hedging Shares or" in the penultimate sentence; and
  - (vi) Section 12.9(b)(v) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) adding the word "or" immediately before subsection "(B)" and deleting the comma at the end of subsection (A); and (B)(1) deleting subsection (C) in its entirety, (2) deleting the word "or" immediately preceding subsection (C) and (3) replacing in the penultimate sentence the words "either party" with "the Hedging Party" and (4) deleting clause (X) in the final sentence.
- (i) *Transfer and Assignment*. Subject to applicable law, Dealer may transfer or assign all of its rights and obligations hereunder and under the Transaction and Agreement, in whole or in part, without the consent of Issuer to any affiliate of Dealer only if an Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Termination Event will not occur as a result of such transfer or assignment. Issuer may not transfer or assign any of its rights or obligations under the Transaction or the Agreement without the prior written consent of Dealer. At any time at which any Ownership Limitation exists, if Dealer, in its discretion, is unable to effect a transfer or assignment to a third party after using its commercially reasonable efforts on pricing terms and within a time period reasonably acceptable to Dealer such that an Ownership Limitation no longer exists, Dealer may designate any Scheduled Trading Day as an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion (the "**Terminated Portion**") of the Transaction, such that such Ownership Limitation no longer exists. In the event that Dealer so designates an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion of the Transaction of the Transaction, a payment or delivery shall be made pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement and Section 8(b) of this Confirmation as if (i) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Terminated Portion of the Transaction shall be the only Terminated Transaction.
- (j) *Adjustments*. For the avoidance of doubt, whenever the Calculation Agent is called upon to make an adjustment pursuant to the terms of this Confirmation or the Definitions to take into account the effect of an event, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment by reference to the effect of such event on the Hedging Party.

- (k) *Disclosure*. Effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning the Transaction, Issuer and each of its employees, representatives, or other agents may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Transaction and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to Issuer relating to such tax treatment and tax structure.
- (l) *Designation by Dealer*. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Confirmation to the contrary requiring or allowing Dealer to purchase, sell, receive or deliver any Shares or other securities to or from Issuer, Dealer may designate any of its affiliates to purchase, sell, receive or deliver such shares or other securities and otherwise to perform Dealer obligations in respect of the Transaction and any such designee may assume such obligations. Dealer shall be discharged of its obligations to Issuer solely to the extent of any such performance.
- (m) *Additional Termination Events*. The occurrence of any of the following shall constitute an Additional Termination Event with respect to which the Transaction shall be the sole Affected Transaction and Issuer shall be the sole Affected Party; *provided* that with respect to any Additional Termination Event, Dealer may choose to treat part of the Transaction as the sole Affected Transaction, and, upon the termination of the Affected Transaction, a Transaction with terms identical to those set forth herein except with a Number of Warrants equal to the unaffected number of Warrants shall be treated for all purposes as the Transaction, which shall remain in full force and effect:
  - (i) Dealer reasonably determines, based on advice of counsel, that it is advisable to terminate a portion of the Transaction so that Dealer's related hedging activities will comply with applicable securities laws, rules or regulations or related policies and procedures of Dealer (whether or not such requirements, policies or procedures are imposed by law or have been voluntarily adopted by Dealer);
  - (ii) a "person" or "group" within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, other than Issuer, Issuer's employee benefit plans, Issuer's subsidiaries and Issuer's subsidiaries' employee benefit plans, files a Schedule TO or any schedule, form or report under the Exchange Act disclosing that such person or group has become the "beneficial owner," as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, of Shares representing more than 50% of the voting power of all shares of Issuer's capital stock entitled to vote generally in elections of directors; or
  - (iii) the consummation of (A) any recapitalization, reclassification or change of Shares (other than changes resulting from a subdivision or combination) pursuant to which the Shares would be converted into, or exchanged for, stock, other securities, other property or assets; (B) any share exchange, consolidation or merger of Issuer pursuant to which Shares will be converted into cash, securities or other property, other than a merger of Issuer solely for the purpose of changing Issuer's jurisdiction of incorporation that results in a reclassification, conversion or exchange of outstanding Shares solely into shares of common stock of the surviving entity; or (C) any sale, lease or other transfer in one transaction or a series of transactions of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of Issuer and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any person other than one of Issuer's subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction set forth in clause (ii) or (iii) above will not constitute an Additional Termination Event if at least 90% of the consideration received or to be received by holders of the Shares, excluding cash payments for fractional Shares and cash payments made pursuant to dissenters' appraisal rights, in connection with such transaction or transactions consists of shares of common stock or ordinary shares that are listed or quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or any of their respective successors) or will be so traded or quoted when issued or exchanged in connection with such transaction or transactions.

- (n) No Netting and Set-off. Each party waives any and all rights it may have to set off obligations arising under the Agreement and the Transaction against other obligations between the parties, whether arising under any other agreement, applicable law or otherwise.
- (o) *Early Unwind*. In the event the sale by Issuer of the "Additional Securities" is not consummated with the Initial Purchasers pursuant to the Purchase Agreement for any reason by the close of business in New York on the Premium Payment Date (or such later date as agreed upon by the parties, which in no event shall be later than January 7, 2013) (the Premium Payment Date or such later date being the "**Early Unwind Date**"), the Transaction shall automatically terminate (the "**Early Unwind**"), on the Early Unwind Date and the Transaction and all of the respective

rights and obligations of Dealer and Issuer thereunder shall be cancelled and terminated. Following such termination and cancellation, each party shall be released and discharged by the other party from and agrees not to make any claim against the other party with respect to any obligations or liabilities of either party arising out of and to be performed in connection with the Transaction either prior to or after the Early Unwind Date; *provided* that, unless such Early Unwind Date occurred as a result of a breach of the Purchase Agreement by the Initial Purchasers, Issuer shall purchase from Dealer on the Early Unwind Date all Shares purchased by Dealer or one or more of its affiliates in connection with the Transaction at the then prevailing market price. Dealer and Issuer represent and acknowledge to the other that, subject to the proviso included in this Section 8(o), upon an Early Unwind, all obligations with respect to the Transaction shall be deemed fully and finally discharged.

- (p) Repurchase Notices. Issuer shall, on or prior to any day on which Issuer effects any repurchase of Shares, give Dealer a written notice of such repurchase (a "Repurchase Notice") if, following such repurchase, the Notice Percentage as determined on the date of such Repurchase Notice is (i) greater than 9.0% and (ii) greater by 0.5% than the Notice Percentage included in the immediately preceding Repurchase Notice (or, in the case of the first such Repurchase Notice, greater than the Notice Percentage as of the date hereof). The "Notice Percentage" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is the Number of Shares and the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day. In the event that Issuer fails to provide Dealer with a Repurchase Notice on the day and in the manner specified in this Section 8(p) then Issuer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Dealer, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and controlling persons (Dealer and each such person being an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), joint or several, to which such Indemnified Party may become subject under applicable securities laws, including without limitation, Section 16 of the Exchange Act, relating to or arising out of such failure. If for any reason the foregoing indemnification is unavailable to any Indemnified Party or insufficient to hold harmless any Indemnified Party, then Issuer shall contribute, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to the amount paid or payable by the Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability. In addition, Issuer will reimburse any Indemnified Party for all reasonable expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) as they are incurred (after notice to Issuer) in connection with the investigation of, preparation for or defense or settlement of any pending or threatened claim or any action, suit or proceeding arising therefrom, whether or not such Indemnified Party is a party thereto and whether or not such claim, action, suit or proceeding is initiated or brought by or on behalf of Issuer. This indemnity shall survive the completion of the Transaction contemplated by this Confirmation and any assignment and delegation of the Transaction made pursuant to this Confirmation or the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any permitted assignee of Dealer.
- (q) *Share Deliveries*. Issuer acknowledges and agrees that, to the extent the holder of these Warrants is not then an affiliate and has not been an affiliate for 90 days (it being understood that Dealer will not be considered an affiliate under this paragraph solely by reason of its receipt of Shares pursuant to the Transaction), and otherwise satisfies all holding period and other requirements of Rule 144 of the Securities Act applicable to it, any delivery of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property hereunder at any time after 6 months from the Trade Date (or 1 year from the Trade Date if, at such time, informational requirements of Rule 144(c) are not satisfied with respect to Issuer) shall be eligible for resale under Rule 144 of the Securities Act and Issuer agrees to promptly remove, or cause the transfer agent for such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property, to remove, any legends referring to any restrictions on resale under the Securities Act from the Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property. Issuer further agrees that any delivery of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property prior to the date that is 6 months from the Trade Date (or 1 year from the Trade Date if, at such time, informational requirements of Rule 144(c) are not satisfied with respect to Issuer), may be transferred by and among Dealer and its affiliates and Issuer shall effect such transfer without any further action by Dealer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Issuer agrees that any delivery of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property shall be effected by book-entry transfer through the facilities of DTC, or any successor depositary, if at the time of delivery, such class of Shares or class of Share Termination Delivery Property is in book-entry form at DTC or such successor depositary. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent the provisions of Rule 144 of the Securities Act or any successor rule are amended, or the applicable interpretation thereof by the Securities and Ex
- (r) Payment by Dealer. In the event that, following payment of the Premium, (i) an Early Termination Date occurs or is designated with respect to the Transaction as a result of a Termination Event or an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default arising under Section 5(a)(ii) or 5(a)(iv) of the Agreement) and, as a result, Dealer owes

to Issuer an amount calculated under Section 6(e) of the Agreement, or (ii) Dealer owes to Issuer, pursuant to Section 12.7 or Section 12.9 of the Equity Definitions, an amount calculated under Section 12.8 of the Equity Definitions, such amount shall be deemed to be zero.

- (s) Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010. The parties hereby agree that none of (v) Section 739 of the Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 ("WSTAA"), (w) any similar legal certainty provision in any legislation enacted, or rule or regulation promulgated, on or after the Trade Date, (x) the enactment of WSTAA or any regulation under the WSTAA, (y) any requirement under WSTAA nor (z) an amendment made by WSTAA, shall limit or otherwise impair either party's rights to terminate, renegotiate, modify, amend or supplement this Confirmation or the Agreement, as applicable, arising from a termination event, force majeure, illegality, increased costs, regulatory change or similar event under this Confirmation, the Equity Definitions incorporated herein, or the Agreement (including, but not limited to, rights arising from Change in Law, Loss of Stock Borrow, Increased Cost of Stock Borrow, an Ownership Limitation or Illegality (as defined in the Agreement)).
- (t) Disclosure of Agency Relationship. Dealer has appointed as its agent, its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, RBC Capital Markets, LLC ("RBCCM"), for purposes of conducting on the Dealer's behalf, a business in privately negotiated transactions in options and other derivatives. You hereby are advised that Dealer, the principal and stated counterparty in such transactions, duly has authorized RBCCM to market, structure, negotiate, document, price, execute and hedge transactions in over-the-counter derivative products. RBCCM has full, complete and unconditional authority to undertake such activities on behalf of Dealer. RBCCM acts solely as agent and has no obligation, by way of issuance, endorsement, guarantee or otherwise with respect to the performance of either party under this Transaction. This Transaction is not insured or guaranteed by RBCCM.
- (u) Waiver of Trial by Jury. EACH OF ISSUER AND DEALER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES (ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ON BEHALF OF ITS STOCKHOLDERS) ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION OR THE ACTIONS OF DEALER OR ITS AFFILIATES IN THE NEGOTIATION, PERFORMANCE OR ENFORCEMENT HEREOF.
- (v) Governing Law; Jurisdiction. THIS CONFIRMATION AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS CONFIRMATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY SUBMIT TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH ALL MATTERS RELATING HERETO AND WAIVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE IN, AND ANY CLAIM OF INCONVENIENT FORUM WITH RESPECT TO, THESE COURTS.

Issuer hereby agrees (a) to check this Confirmation carefully and immediately upon receipt so that errors or discrepancies can be promptly identified and rectified and (b) to confirm that the foregoing (in the exact form provided by Dealer ) correctly sets forth the terms of the agreement between Dealer and Issuer with respect to the Transaction, by manually signing this Confirmation or this page hereof as evidence of agreement to such terms and providing the other information requested herein and immediately returning an executed copy to Dealer.

Yours faithfully,

RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC, as agent for Royal Bank of Canada  $\,$ 

By: /s/ Dawn T. Laabs

Name: Dawn T. Laabs Title: Director

Confirmed and Acknowledged as of the date first above written:

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Brandon Black

Name: J. Brandon Black

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

For each Component of the Transaction, the Number of Warrants and Expiration Date is set forth below.

Component Number	Number of Warrants	Expiration Date
1.	1,267	26-Feb-18
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4.	1,267	1-Mar-18
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Strike Price:
USD 44.1875
Premium:
USD 703,400
Maximum Stock Loan Rate:
100 basis points
Initial Stock Loan Rate:
25 basis points
Capped Number:
380,198

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From:



Société Générale 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020

Re: Additional Issuer Warrant Transaction
(Transaction Reference Number:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this communication (this "Confirmation") is to set forth the terms and conditions of the above-referenced transaction entered into on the Trade Date specified below (the "Transaction") between Société Générale ("Dealer") and Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Issuer"). This communication constitutes a "Confirmation" as referred to in the ISDA Master Agreement specified below. Dealer is acting as principal and SG Americas Securities, LLC ("Agent"), its affiliate, is acting as agent for Dealer for the Transaction under this Confirmation.

1. This Confirmation is subject to, and incorporates, the definitions and provisions of the 2006 ISDA Definitions (the "2006 Definitions") and the definitions and provisions of the 2002 ISDA Equity Derivatives Definitions (the "Equity Definitions", and together with the 2006 Definitions, the "Definitions"), in each case as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA"). In the event of any inconsistency between the 2006 Definitions and the Equity Definitions, the Equity Definitions will govern. For purposes of the Equity Definitions, each reference herein to a Warrant shall be deemed to be a reference to a Call Option or an Option, as context requires.

This Confirmation evidences a complete and binding agreement between Dealer and Issuer as to the terms of the Transaction to which this Confirmation relates. This Confirmation shall be subject to an agreement (the "**Agreement**") in the form of the ISDA 2002 Master Agreement as if Dealer and Issuer had executed an agreement in such form (without any Schedule but with the elections set forth in this Confirmation). For the avoidance of doubt, the Transaction shall be the only transaction under the Agreement.

All provisions contained in, or incorporated by reference to, the Agreement will govern this Confirmation except as expressly modified herein. In the event of any inconsistency between this Confirmation and either the Definitions or the Agreement, this Confirmation shall govern.

2. The Transaction is a Warrant Transaction, which shall be considered a Share Option Transaction for purposes of the Equity Definitions. The terms of the particular Transaction to which this Confirmation relates are as follows:

General Terms:

Trade Date: December 6, 2012

Effective Date: December 11, 2012, or such other date as agreed between the parties, subject to Section 8(o)

below.

Co	mponents:		
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The Transaction will be divided into individual Components, each with the terms set forth in this Confirmation, and, in particular, with the Number of Warrants and Expiration Date set forth in this Confirmation. The payments and deliveries to be made upon settlement of the Transaction will be determined separately for each Component as if each Component were a separate Transaction under the Agreement.

Warrant Style:

Warrant Type: Call

Seller: Issuer

Buyer: Dealer

Shares: The common stock of Issuer, par value USD 0.01 per share (Ticker Symbol: "ECPG").

Number of Warrants: For each Component, as provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

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Warrant Entitlement: One Share per Warrant

Strike Price: As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in

the Agreement, this Confirmation or the Definitions, in no event shall the Strike Price be subject to adjustment to the extent that, after giving effect to such adjustment, the Strike Price would be less than USD 27.17, except for any adjustment pursuant to the terms of this Confirmation and the Equity Definitions in connection with stock splits or similar changes

to Issuer's capitalization.

Premium: As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

Premium Payment Date: The Effective Date

Exchange: The NASDAQ Global Select Market

Related Exchange: All Exchanges

Procedures for Exercise:

In respect of any Component:

Expiration Time: Valuation Time

Expiration Date:

As provided in <u>Annex A</u> to this Confirmation (or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day that is not already an Expiration Date for another Component); *provided* that if that date is a Disrupted Day, the Expiration Date for such Component shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day and is not or is not deemed to be an Expiration Date in respect of any other Component of the Transaction hereunder; and *provided further* that if the Expiration Date has not occurred pursuant to the preceding proviso as of the Final Disruption Date, the Final Disruption Date shall be the Expiration Date (irrespective of whether such date is an Expiration Date in respect of any other Component for the Transaction) and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Confirmation or the Definitions, the Relevant Price for such Expiration Date shall be the prevailing market value per Share determined by the Calculation Agent in a commercially reasonable

manner. "Final Disruption Date" means October 10, 2018. Notwithstanding the foregoing and anything to the contrary in the Equity Definitions, if a Market Disruption Event occurs on any Expiration Date, the Calculation Agent may determine that such Expiration Date is a Disrupted Day only in part, in which case (i) the Calculation Agent shall make adjustments to the Number of Warrants for the relevant Component for which such day shall be the Expiration Date and shall designate the Scheduled Trading Day determined in the manner described in the immediately preceding sentence as the Expiration Date for the remaining Warrants for such Component, and (ii) the Settlement Price for such Disrupted Day shall be determined by the Calculation Agent based on transactions in the Shares on such Disrupted Day taking into account the nature and duration of such Market Disruption Event on such day. Any Scheduled Trading Day on which, as of the date hereof, the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its normal close of trading shall be deemed not to be a Scheduled Trading Day; if a closure of the Exchange prior to its normal close of trading on any Scheduled Trading Day is scheduled following the date hereof, then such Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be a Disrupted Day in full. Section 6.6 of the Equity Definitions shall not apply to any Valuation Date occurring on an Expiration Date.

Section 6.3(a) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) deleting the words "during the one hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time, Latest Exercise Time, Knockin Valuation Time or Knock-out Valuation Time, as the case may be," in clause (ii) thereof, (ii) deleting the word "or" before clause (iii) thereof and (iii) inserting after clause (iii) thereof "or (iv) a Regulatory Disruption".

Section 6.3(d) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting the remainder of the provision following the term "Scheduled Closing Time" in the fourth line thereof.

Any event that Dealer, in good faith and in its reasonable discretion, based on advice of counsel, determines makes it appropriate with regard to any legal, regulatory or self-regulatory requirements or related policies and procedures, for Dealer to refrain from or decrease any market activity in connection with the Transaction and that the Calculation Agent determines is material. Dealer shall notify Issuer as soon as reasonably practicable that a Regulatory Disruption has occurred and the Expiration Dates affected by it.

Applicable; and means that the Number of Warrants for each Component will be deemed to be automatically exercised at the Expiration Time on the Expiration Date for such Component unless Dealer notifies Seller (by telephone or in writing) prior to the Expiration Time on the Expiration Date that it does not wish Automatic Exercise to occur, in which case Automatic Exercise will not apply.

To be provided by Issuer.

Market Disruption Event:

Regulatory Disruption:

Automatic Exercise:

Issuer's Telephone Number and Telex and/or Facsimile Number and Contact Details for purpose of Giving Notice:

Valuation Time:	Scheduled Closing Time; <i>provided</i> that if the principal trading session is extended, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Valuation Time in its reasonable discretion.
Settlement Terms:	
In respect of any Component:	
Settlement Method Election:	Applicable; <i>provided</i> that, (i) any such election by the Electing Party shall apply only with respect to the Component or Components specified by the Electing Party thereunder and (ii) for any particular Component hereunder, the same Settlement Method shall apply to each Warrant under such Component; and <i>provided further</i> that references to "Physical Settlement" in section 7.1 of the Equity Definitions shall be replaced with "Net Share Settlement"; and <i>provided further</i> that Issuer may elect Cash Settlement only if at the time of such election (i) it provides to Dealer a written acknowledgment of its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and Section 10(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder, in respect of such election and (ii) in such written acknowledgement Issuer remakes to Dealer the representations set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A) of this Confirmation as of the date of such written acknowledgement.
Electing Party:	Issuer

For any Component, the eighth Scheduled Trading Day prior to the scheduled Expiration Date for such Component.

Net Share Settlement

**USD** 

Settlement Method Election Date:

Number of Shares to be Delivered:

Default Settlement Method:

Settlement Currency:

Net Share Settlement:

Cash Settlement:

If Net Share Settlement is applicable to the Component, on the Settlement Date, Issuer shall deliver to Dealer a number of Shares equal to the Number of Shares to be Delivered for such Settlement Date to the account specified by Dealer and cash in lieu of any fractional Share (resulting from the rounding set forth under "Number of Shares to be Delivered" below) valued at the Settlement Price on the Valuation Date corresponding to such Settlement Date. The Number of Shares to be Delivered shall be delivered by Issuer to Dealer no later than 5:00 P.M. (local time in New York City) on the relevant Settlement Date.

In respect of any Exercise Date, notwithstanding the last sentence of Section 9.5 of the Equity Definitions (which shall not apply with respect to the Transaction), a number of Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole Share), if any, equal to the product of (i) the number of Warrants exercised or deemed exercised on such Exercise Date, (ii) the Warrant Entitlement and (iii) the Strike Price Differential for the relevant Valuation Date divided by (B) the Settlement Price for the relevant Valuation Date.

If Cash Settlement is applicable to the Component, on the Cash Settlement Payment Date, Issuer shall pay to Dealer an amount of

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cash in USD equal to the Option Cash Settlement Amount, if any, for such Cash Settlement Payment Date. **Option Cash Settlement Amount:** For any Cash Settlement Payment Date, an amount in cash equal to the product of (i) the Number of Warrants exercised or deemed exercised on the relevant Exercise Date, (ii) the Warrant Entitlement and (iii) the Strike Price Differential for the relevant Valuation Date. Cash Settlement Payment Date: The third Currency Business Day after the relevant Valuation Date. For any Valuation Date, the volume-weighted average price per Share for the period from Settlement Price: the scheduled opening time of the Exchange to the Scheduled Closing Time on such Valuation Date, as displayed under the heading "Bloomberg VWAP" on Bloomberg page "ECPG <equity> AQR" (or any successor thereto), or if such price is not so reported on such Valuation Date for any reason, as reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent. The provisions of Sections 9.1(c), 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Other Applicable Provisions: Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Seller is the Issuer of the Shares) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction. Adjustments: In respect of any Component: Method of Adjustment: Calculation Agent Adjustment Extraordinary Dividend: Any Dividend (i) that has an ex-dividend date occurring on or after the Trade Date and on or prior to the date on which Issuer satisfies all of its delivery obligations hereunder and (ii) the amount or value of which differs from the Ordinary Dividend Amount for such Dividend, as determined by the Calculation Agent. Dividend: Any dividend or distribution on the Shares (other than any dividend or distribution of the type described in Sections 11.2(e)(i), 11.2(e)(ii)(A) or 11.2(e)(ii)(B) of the Equity Definitions). Ordinary Dividend Amount: USD 0.00. **Extraordinary Events:** Consequences of Merger Events: (a) Share-for-Share: Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment (b) Share-for-Other: Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination) (c) Share-for-Combined: Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination); provided that Dealer may elect, in its commercially reasonable judgment, Component Adjustment (Calculation Agent Determination). Tender Offer: Applicable Consequences of Tender Offers: 5

(a) Share-for-Share:

(b) Share-for-Other: Modifi

(c) Share-for-Combined:

Announcement Event:

Announcement Date:

New Shares:

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

If an Announcement Date occurs in respect of a Merger Event or Tender Offer (such occurrence, an "Announcement Event"), then on the earliest to occur of (i) the date on which the transaction described in any Announcement Event (as amended or modified) is cancelled, withdrawn, discontinued or otherwise terminated and (ii) the Expiration Date, Early Termination Date or other date of cancellation or termination in respect of each Component (the "Announcement Event Adjustment Date"), the Calculation Agent will determine the cumulative economic effect on such Component of the Announcement Event (without duplication in respect of any other adjustment or cancellation valuation made pursuant to this Confirmation, the Equity Definitions or the Agreement, regardless of whether the Announcement Event actually results in a Merger Event or Tender Offer, and taking into account such factors as the Calculation Agent may determine, including, without limitation, changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relevant to the Shares or the Transaction during the period from the Announcement Event to the Announcement Event Adjustment Date); provided that, for the avoidance of doubt (x) in no event shall the modification or amendment of the terms of a transaction described in an Announcement Event constitute a new, additional or different Announcement Event hereunder (but any such modification or amendment may be taken into account in determining the cumulative economic effect on such Component of the Announcement Event) and (y) the occurrence of an Announcement Event Adjustment Date in respect of the cancellation, withdrawal, discontinuation or other termination of the transaction described in an Announcement Event (as amended or modified) shall not preclude the occurrence of a later Announcement Date with respect to such transaction. If the Calculation Agent determines that such cumulative economic effect on any Component is material, then on the Announcement Event Adjustment Date for such Component, the Calculation Agent may make such adjustment to the exercise, settlement, payment or any other terms of such Component as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for such economic effect, which adjustment shall be effective immediately prior to the exercise, termination or cancellation of such Component, as the case may be.

The definition of "Announcement Date" in Section 12.1 of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) replacing the words "a firm" with the word "any" in the second and fourth lines thereof, (ii) replacing the word "leads to the" with the words ", if completed, would lead to a" in the third and the fifth lines thereof, (iii) replacing the words "voting shares" with the word "Shares" in the fifth line thereof, and (iv) inserting the words "by any entity" after the word "announcement" in the second and the fourth lines thereof.

In the definition of New Shares in Section 12.1(i) of the Equity Definitions, (a) the text in clause (i) thereof shall be deleted in its entirety (including the word "and" following such clause (i)) and

Nationalization, Insolvency or Delisting:

Additional Disruption Events:

(a) Change in Law:

replaced with "publicly quoted, traded or listed on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective successors)," and (b) the phrase "and (iii) issued by a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia that either (x) also becomes Seller under the relevant Transaction following such Merger Event or Tender Offer or (y) wholly owns the Seller under the relevant Transaction following such Merger Event or Tender Offer (which Seller is a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia) and fully and unconditionally guarantees the obligations of Seller under the Transaction with the result that for purposes of Rule 144 under the Securities Act Dealer is able to tack its holding period in the Warrants to its holding period in the Shares issuable thereunder" shall be inserted immediately prior to the period.

Cancellation and Payment (Calculation Agent Determination); *provided* that in addition to the provisions of Section 12.6(a)(iii) of the Equity Definitions, it shall also constitute a Delisting if the Exchange is located in the United States and the Shares are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective successors); if the Shares are immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any such exchange or quotation system, such exchange or quotation system shall thereafter be deemed to be the Exchange.

Applicable; provided that Section 12.9(a)(ii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (i) replacing the phrase "the interpretation" in the third line thereof with the phrase ", or public announcement of, the formal or informal interpretation", (ii) replacing the word "Shares" with the phrase "Hedge Positions" in clause (X) thereof, (iii) inserting the parenthetical "(including, for the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, adoption or promulgation of new regulations authorized or mandated by existing statute)" at the end of clause (A) thereof, (iv) immediately following the word "Transaction" in clause (X) thereof, adding the phrase "in the manner contemplated by the Hedging Party on the Trade Date" and (v) adding the following proviso to the end of clause (Y) thereof: "provided that such party has used good faith efforts to avoid such increased cost on terms reasonably acceptable to such party, as long as (i) such party would not incur a materially increased cost (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position, or any increase in margin or capital requirements), as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (ii) such party would not violate any applicable law, rule, regulation or policy of such party, as reasonably determined by such party, in doing so, (iii) such party would not suffer a material penalty, injunction, non-financial burden, reputational harm or other material adverse consequence in doing so, (iv) such party would not incur any material operational or administrative burden in doing so and (v)

such party would not, in doing so, be required to take any action that is contrary to the intent of the law or regulation that is subject to the Change in Law".

(b) Failure to Deliver: Not Applicable

(c) Insolvency Filing: Applicable

(d) Hedging Disruption: Applicable; *provided* that:

 Section 12.9(a)(v) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting the following two phrases at the end of such Section:

"For the avoidance of doubt, the term "equity price risk" shall be deemed to include, but shall not be limited to, stock price and volatility risk. And, for the further avoidance of doubt, any such transactions or assets referred to in phrases (A) or (B) above must be available on commercially reasonable pricing terms."; and

(ii) Section 12.9(b)(iii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by inserting in the third line thereof, after the words "to terminate the Transaction", the words "or a portion of the Transaction affected by such Hedging Disruption".

(e) Increased Cost of Hedging: Not Applicable

(f) Loss of Stock Borrow: Applicable

Maximum Stock Loan Rate: As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

(g) Increased Cost of Stock Borrow: Applicable

Initial Stock Loan Rate: As provided in Annex A to this Confirmation.

Hedging Party: Dealer for all applicable Potential Adjustment Events and Extraordinary Events

Additional

Determining Party: Dealer for all applicable Extraordinary Events

Non-Reliance: Applicable

Agreements and Acknowledgments

Regarding Hedging Activities: Applicable

Acknowledgments: Applicable

3. <u>Calculation Agent</u>: Dealer, whose judgments, determinations and calculations shall be made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. Following any determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent hereunder, upon a request by Issuer, the Calculation Agent shall promptly (but in any event within three Scheduled Trading Days) provide to Issuer by email to the email address provided by Issuer in such request a report (in a commonly used file format for the storage and manipulation of financial data) displaying in reasonable detail the basis for such determination or calculation (including any assumptions used in making such determination or calculation), it being understood that the Calculation Agent shall not be obligated to disclose any proprietary models used by it for such determination or calculation.

### 4. Account Details:

Dealer Payment Instructions: Payments to: SOCIÉTÉ GENERALE

Correspondent: SOCIÉTÉ GENERALE/New York SOGEUS33 Beneficiary: SOCIÉTÉ GENERALE/Paris SOGEFRPPHCM

Account Number: 00187011

Issuer Payment Instructions: To be provided by Issuer.

### 5. Offices:

The Office of Dealer for the Transaction is: Paris

The Office of Issuer for the Transaction is: Not applicable

### 6. Notices:

(a) Address for notices or communications to Issuer for purposes of this Confirmation:

To: Encore Capital Group, Inc.

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300

San Diego, CA 92108

Attn: Paul Grinberg, Chief Financial Officer

Telephone: 858-309-6904 Facsimile: 858-309-6977

With a copy to:

Attn: Greg Call, General Counsel

Telephone: 858-569-3978 Facsimile: 858-309-6998

(b) Address for notices or communications to Dealer for purposes of this Confirmation:

To: Société Générale

c/o SG Americas Securities, LLC 1221 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10020

 Attn:
 Sanjay Garg

 Telephone:
 (212) 278-5187

 Facsimile:
 (212) 278-5624

With a copy to: Société Générale

c/o SG Americas Securities, LLC 1221 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10020

 Attn:
 Steve Milankov

 Telephone:
 (212) 278-6985

 Facsimile:
 (212) 278-7365

## 7. <u>Representations, Warranties and Agreements</u>:

(a) Each of the representations and warranties of Issuer set forth in Section 1 of the Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), dated as of November 20, 2012, between Issuer and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Barclays Capital Inc. as representatives of the initial purchasers party thereto (the "Initial Purchasers"), are true and correct and are hereby deemed to be repeated to Dealer as if set forth herein. In addition to the representations and warranties in the Agreement and those contained elsewhere herein, Issuer represents and warrants to and for the benefit of, and agrees with, Dealer as follows:

- (i) On the Trade Date (A) Issuer it not aware of any material nonpublic information regarding Issuer or the Shares and (B) all reports and other documents filed by Issuer with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act, when considered as a whole (with the more recent such reports and documents deemed to amend inconsistent statements contained in any earlier such reports and documents), do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.
- (ii) Without limiting the generality of Section 13.1 of the Equity Definitions, Issuer acknowledges that Dealer is not making any representations or warranties or taking any position or expressing any view with respect to the treatment of the Transaction under any accounting standards including ASC Topic 260, *Earnings Per Share*, ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, or ASC Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity* and ASC 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging Contracts in Entity's Own Equity* (or any successor issue statements) or under FASB's Liabilities & Equity Project.
  - (iii) Prior to or on the Effective Date, Issuer shall deliver to Dealer a resolution of Issuer's board of directors authorizing the Transaction.
- (iv) Issuer is not entering into this Confirmation to create actual or apparent trading activity in the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or to raise or depress or otherwise manipulate the price of the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or otherwise in violation of the Exchange Act.
- (v) Issuer is not, and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (vi) On the Trade Date, (A) the assets of Issuer at their fair valuation exceed the liabilities of Issuer, including contingent liabilities, (B) the capital of Issuer is adequate to conduct the business of Issuer and (C) Issuer has the ability to pay its debts and obligations as such debts mature and does not intend to, or does not believe that it will, incur debt beyond its ability to pay as such debts mature.
  - (vii) Issuer shall not take any action to decrease the number of Available Shares below the Capped Number (each as defined below).
- (viii) Issuer understands no obligations of Dealer to it hereunder will be entitled to the benefit of deposit insurance and that such obligations will not be guaranteed by any Affiliate of Dealer or any governmental agency.
- (ix) (A) On the Trade Date, the Shares or securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, are not, and shall not be, subject to a "restricted period," as such term is defined in Regulation M under the Exchange Act ("**Regulation M**"), (B) Issuer shall not engage in any "distribution," as such term is defined in Regulation M, other than a distribution meeting the requirements of the exceptions set forth in sections 101(b) and 102(b) of Regulation M, until the second Exchange Business Day immediately following the Trade Date and (C) during the period starting on the first Expiration Date and ending on the last Expiration Date (the "**Settlement Period**"), the Shares or securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, Shares will not be subject to a "restricted period," as such term is defined in Regulation M.
- (x) During the Settlement Period, neither Issuer nor any "affiliated purchaser" (as defined in Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act ("Rule 10b-18")) shall directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, by means of any cash-settled or other derivative instrument) purchase, offer to purchase, place any bid or limit order that would effect a purchase of, or commence any tender offer relating to, any Shares (or an equivalent interest, including a unit of beneficial interest in a trust or limited partnership or a depository share) or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Shares, except through Dealer (or, with prior notice to Dealer by 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately preceding such a transaction, Deutsche Bank AG or Royal Bank of Canada); provided that, this clause (x) shall not apply to any of the following: (A) purchases of Shares pursuant to the exercise of stock options granted to former or current employees, officers, directors, or other affiliates of Issuer or its subsidiaries, including the withholding and/or purchase of Shares from holders of such options to satisfy payment of the option exercise price and/or to satisfy tax withholding requirements in connection with the exercise of such options; (B) purchases of Shares from

holders of performance shares or units or restricted shares or units to satisfy tax withholding requirements in connection with vesting; or (C) purchases of Shares effected by or for a plan by an agent independent of Issuer that satisfy the requirements of Rule 10b-18(a)(13)(ii).

- (xi) A number of Shares equal to the Capped Number (as provided in Annex A to this Confirmation) (the "Warrant Shares") have been reserved for issuance by all required corporate action of Issuer. The Warrant Shares have been duly authorized and, when delivered against payment therefor (which may include Net Share Settlement in lieu of cash) and otherwise as contemplated by the terms of the Warrant following the exercise of the Warrant in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Warrant, will be validly issued, fully-paid and non-assessable, and the issuance of the Warrant Shares will not be subject to any preemptive or similar rights.
- (xii) To Issuer's knowledge, based on due inquiry, no state or local (including non-U.S. jurisdictions) law, rule, regulation or regulatory order applicable to the Shares would give rise to any reporting, consent, registration or other requirement (including without limitation a requirement to obtain prior approval from any person or entity) as a result of Dealer or its affiliates owning or holding (however defined) Shares.
- (b) Each of Dealer and Issuer agrees and represents that it is an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.
- (c) Each of Dealer and Issuer acknowledges that the offer and sale of the Transaction to it is intended to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), by virtue of Section 4(2) thereof. Accordingly, Dealer represents and warrants to Issuer that (i) it has the financial ability to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Transaction and is able to bear a total loss of its investment, (ii) it is an "accredited investor" as that term is defined in Regulation D as promulgated under the Securities Act, (iii) it is entering into the Transaction for its own account without a view to the distribution or resale thereof and (iv) the assignment, transfer or other disposition of the Transaction has not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and is restricted under this Confirmation, the Securities Act and state securities laws.
- (d) Each of Dealer and Issuer agrees and acknowledges that Dealer is a "financial institution," "swap participant" and "financial participant" within the meaning of Sections 101(22), 101(53C) and 101(22A) of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The parties hereto further agree and acknowledge that it is the intent of the parties that (A) this Confirmation is (i) a "securities contract," as such term is defined in Section 741(7) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "settlement payment," within the meaning of Section 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (ii) a "swap agreement," as such term is defined in Section 101(53B) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "transfer," as such term is defined in Section 101(54) of the Bankruptcy Code and a "payment or other transfer of property" within the meaning of Sections 362 and 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (B) that Dealer is entitled to the protections afforded by, among other sections, Sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(17), 362(o), 546(e), 546(g), 548(d)(2), 555, 560 and 561 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (e) Issuer shall deliver to Dealer an opinion of counsel, dated as of the Effective Date, to Dealer with respect to the matters set forth in Section 3(a) of the Agreement and Section 7(a)(xi) of this Confirmation; *provided* that such opinion of counsel may contain customary exceptions and qualifications, including, without limitation, exceptions and qualifications relating to indemnification provisions.

### 8. Other Provisions:

(a) Alternative Calculations and Payment on Early Termination and on Certain Extraordinary Events. If Issuer shall owe Dealer any amount (i) pursuant to Sections 12.2, 12.3, 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or (ii) pursuant to Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement (a "Payment Obligation"), Issuer shall satisfy any such Payment Obligation by the Share Termination Alternative (as defined below), unless either (x) Issuer shall have elected to satisfy any such Payment Obligation by delivering cash in USD by (1) giving irrevocable telephonic notice to Dealer, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day, no later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Merger Date, Tender Offer Date, Announcement Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Event, as applicable and (2) remaking the representation set forth in Section 7(a)(i)(A) of this Confirmation on the date of such notice, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day, or (y) in the event of

(1) an Insolvency, a Nationalization, a Tender Offer or a Merger Event, in each case, in which the consideration or proceeds to be paid to holders of Shares consists solely of cash or (2) an Event of Default in which Issuer is the Defaulting Party or a Termination Event in which Issuer is the Affected Party, which Event of Default or Termination Event resulted from an event or events within Issuer's control, in either of which cases under the immediately preceding clauses (x) or (y), the provisions of Sections 12.2, 12.3, 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as the case may be, shall apply in lieu of the provisions of this paragraph 8(a). In the case of any such settlement by the Share Termination Alternative, the following provisions shall apply on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately following the Merger Date, the Tender Offer Date, Announcement Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Event, as applicable:

Share Termination Alternative:

Applicable and means that Issuer shall deliver to Dealer the Share Termination Delivery Property on the date on which the Payment Obligation would otherwise be due pursuant to Section 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as applicable (the "Share Termination Payment Date"), in satisfaction of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Property:

A number of Share Termination Delivery Units, as calculated by the Calculation Agent, equal to the Payment Obligation divided by the Share Termination Unit Price. The Calculation Agent shall adjust the Share Termination Delivery Property by replacing any fractional portion of the aggregate amount of a security therein with an amount of cash equal to the value of such fractional security based on the values used to calculate the Share Termination Unit Price.

Share Termination Unit Price:

The value of property contained in one Share Termination Delivery Unit on the date such Share Termination Delivery Units are to be delivered as Share Termination Delivery Property, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its discretion by commercially reasonable means and notified by the Calculation Agent to Issuer at the time of notification of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Unit:

In the case of a Termination Event, Event of Default, Delisting or Additional Disruption Event, one Share or, in the case of an Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer, one Share or a unit consisting of the number or amount of each type of property received by a holder of one Share (without consideration of any requirement to pay cash or other consideration in lieu of fractional amounts of any securities) in such Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer, as applicable. If such Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer involves a choice of consideration to be received by holders, such holder shall be deemed to have elected to receive the maximum possible amount of cash.

Failure to Deliver:

Applicable

Other applicable provisions:

If Share Termination Alternative is applicable, the provisions of Sections 9.8, 9.9, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Seller is the issuer of the Shares or any portion of the Share Termination Delivery Units) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction, except that all references to "Shares" shall be read as references to "Share Termination Delivery Units".

(b) *Registration/Private Placement Procedures*. (i) If, in the reasonable judgment of Dealer, based on the advice of counsel, for any reason, any Shares or any securities of Issuer or its affiliates comprising any Share Termination Delivery Units deliverable to Dealer hereunder (any such Shares or securities, "**Delivered Securities**") would not be immediately freely transferable by Dealer under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, then the provisions set forth in this Section 8(b) shall apply. At the election of Issuer, if applicable, by notice to Dealer within three Exchange Business Day after the relevant delivery obligation arises (or, if later, by the third Exchange Business Day following the date of notification by Dealer of the need for such settlement procedures), either (A) all Delivered Securities delivered by

Issuer to Dealer shall be, at the time of such delivery, covered by an effective registration statement of Issuer for immediate resale by Dealer (such registration statement and the corresponding prospectus (the "**Prospectus**") (including, without limitation, any sections describing the plan of distribution) in form and content commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer) or (B) Issuer shall deliver additional Delivered Securities so that the value of such Delivered Securities, as determined by the Calculation Agent to reflect an appropriate liquidity discount, equals the value of the number of Delivered Securities that would otherwise be deliverable if such Delivered Securities were freely tradeable (without prospectus delivery) upon receipt by Dealer (such value, the "**Freely Tradeable Value**"); *provided* that Issuer may not make the election described in this clause (B) if, on the date of its election, it has taken, or caused to be taken, any action that would make unavailable either the exemption pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act for the delivery by Issuer to Dealer (or any affiliate designated by Dealer) of the Delivered Securities or the exemption pursuant to Section 4(1) or Section 4(3) of the Securities Act for resales of the Delivered Securities by Dealer (or any such affiliate of Dealer). (For the avoidance of doubt, as used in this paragraph (b) only, the term "Issuer" shall mean the issuer of the relevant securities, as the context shall require.)

- (ii) If Issuer makes the election described in clause (b)(i)(A) above:
- (A) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to conduct a due diligence investigation with respect to Issuer that is customary in scope for registered secondary offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size and that yields results that are commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer or such Affiliate, as the case may be, in its discretion; and
- (B) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) and Issuer shall enter into an agreement (a "Registration Agreement") on commercially reasonable terms in connection with the public resale of such Delivered Securities by Dealer or such Affiliate substantially similar to underwriting agreements customary for registered secondary offerings of equity securities of a substantially similar size, in form and substance commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer or such Affiliate and Issuer, which Registration Agreement shall include, without limitation, provisions substantially similar to those contained in such underwriting agreements relating to the indemnification of, and contribution in connection with the liability of, Dealer and its Affiliates and Issuer, shall provide for the payment by Issuer of all expenses in connection with such resale, including all registration costs and all fees and expenses of counsel for Dealer, and shall provide for the delivery of accountants' "comfort letters" to Dealer or such Affiliate with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in or incorporated by reference into the Prospectus; *provided* that if Dealer, in its sole reasonable discretion, is not satisfied with the procedures or documentation described in this Section 8(b)(ii), the procedures set forth in Section 8(b)(iii) shall apply as if Issuer had so elected in clause (b)(i)(B) above.
- (iii) If Issuer makes the election described in clause (b)(i)(B) above:
- (A) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) and any potential institutional purchaser of any such Delivered Securities from Dealer or such Affiliate identified by Dealer shall be afforded a commercially reasonable opportunity to conduct a due diligence investigation in compliance with applicable law with respect to Issuer customary in scope for private placements of equity offerings of substantially similar size (including, without limitation, the right to have made available to them for inspection financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and other information reasonably requested by them);
- (B) Dealer (or an Affiliate of Dealer designated by Dealer) and Issuer shall enter into an agreement (a "**Private Placement Agreement**") on commercially reasonable terms in connection with the private placement of such Delivered Securities by Issuer to Dealer or such Affiliate and the private resale of such shares by Dealer or such Affiliate, substantially similar to private placement purchase agreements customary for private placements of equity offerings of substantially similar size, in form and substance commercially reasonably satisfactory to Dealer and Issuer, which Private Placement Agreement shall include, without limitation, provisions substantially similar to those contained in such private placement purchase agreements relating to the indemnification of, and contribution in connection with the liability of, Dealer and its Affiliates and Issuer, shall provide for the payment by Issuer of all expenses in connection with such resale, including all fees and expenses of counsel for Dealer, shall contain representations, warranties and agreements of Issuer reasonably necessary or advisable to establish and maintain the availability of an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for such resales, and shall use best efforts to provide for the delivery of accountants' "comfort letters" to Dealer or such Affiliate with respect to the financial statements and

certain financial information contained in or incorporated by reference into the offering memorandum prepared for the resale of such Shares; and

- (C) Issuer agrees that any Delivered Securities so delivered to Dealer, (i) may be transferred by and among Dealer and its Affiliates, and Issuer shall effect such transfer without any further action by Dealer and (ii) after the minimum "holding period" within the meaning of Rule 144(d) under the Securities Act has elapsed with respect to such Delivered Securities, Issuer shall promptly remove, or cause the transfer agent for such Shares or securities to remove, any legends referring to any such restrictions or requirements from such Delivered Securities upon delivery by Dealer (or such Affiliate of Dealer) to Issuer or such transfer agent of seller's and broker's representation letters customarily delivered by Dealer in connection with resales of restricted securities pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, without any further requirement for the delivery of any certificate, consent, agreement, opinion of counsel, notice or any other document, any transfer tax stamps or payment of any other amount or any other action by Dealer (or such affiliate of Dealer).
- (D) Issuer shall not take, or cause to be taken, any action that would make unavailable either the exemption pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act for the sale by Issuer to Dealer (or any affiliate designated by Dealer) of the Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, or the exemption pursuant to Section 4(1) or Section 4(3) of the Securities Act for resales of the Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, by Dealer (or any such affiliate of Dealer).
- (iii) If in respect of any Delivered Securities subject to this Section 8(b) neither the public resale contemplated by clause (ii) of this subsection nor the private placement contemplated by clause (iii) of this subsection shall be effected, then such failure to effect a public resale or private placement of such Delivered Securities shall constitute an Event of Default with respect to which Issuer shall be the Defaulting Party.
- (c) *Make-whole*. If Issuer makes the election described in clause (b)(i)(B) of paragraph (b) of this Section 8, then Dealer or its affiliate may sell such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, during a period (the "Resale Period") commencing on the Exchange Business Day following delivery of such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, and ending on the Exchange Business Day on which Dealer completes the sale of all such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, so that the realized net proceeds of such sales exceed the Freely Tradeable Value (such amount of the Freely Tradeable Value, the "Required Proceeds"). If any of such delivered Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units remain after such realized net proceeds exceed the Required Proceeds, Dealer shall return such remaining Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units to Issuer. If the Required Proceeds exceed the realized net proceeds from such resale, Issuer shall transfer to Dealer by the open of the regular trading session on the Exchange on the Exchange Trading Day immediately following the last day of the Resale Period the amount of such excess (the "Additional Amount") in cash or in a number of additional Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units, as the case may be, ("Makewhole Shares") in an amount that, based on the Relevant Price on the last day of the Resale Period (as if such day was the "Valuation Date" for purposes of computing such Relevant Price), has a dollar value equal to the Additional Amount. The Resale Period shall continue to enable the sale of the Make-whole Shares in the manner contemplated by this Section 8(c). This provision shall be applied successively until the Additional Amount is equal to zero, subject to Section 8(e).
- (d) *Beneficial Ownership*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement or this Confirmation, in no event shall Dealer be entitled to receive, or shall be deemed to receive, any Shares in connection with this Transaction if, immediately upon giving effect to such receipt of such Shares, (i) Dealer's Beneficial Ownership would be equal to or greater than 9.0% of the outstanding Shares, (ii) Dealer, or any "affiliate" or "associate" of Dealer, would be an "interested stockholder" of Issuer, as all such terms are defined in Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or (iii) Dealer, Dealer Group (as defined below) or any person whose ownership position would be aggregated with that of Dealer or Dealer Group (Dealer, Dealer Group or any such person, a "**Dealer Person**") under any federal, state or local laws, regulations or regulatory orders applicable to ownership of Shares ("**Applicable Laws**"), owns, beneficially owns, constructively owns, controls, holds the power to vote or otherwise meets a relevant definition of ownership in excess of a number of Shares equal to (x) the number of Shares that would give rise to reporting or registration obligations (except for any filings of Form 13F, Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act) or other requirements (including obtaining prior approval by a state or federal regulator) of a Dealer Person under Applicable Laws and with respect to which such requirements have not been met or the relevant approval has not been received *minus* (y) 1% of the number of Shares outstanding on the date of determination (each of clause (i), (ii) and (iii) above, an "**Ownership Limitation**"). If any delivery owed to Dealer hereunder is not made, in whole or in

part, as a result of an Ownership Limitation, Dealer's right to receive such delivery shall not be extinguished and Issuer shall make such delivery as promptly as practicable after, but in no event later than one Exchange Business Day after, Dealer gives notice to Issuer that such delivery would not result in any of such Ownership Limitations being breached. "Dealer's Beneficial Ownership" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, (A) the numerator of which is the number of Shares that Dealer and any of its affiliates or any other person subject to aggregation with Dealer, for purposes of the "beneficial ownership" test under Section 13 of the Exchange Act, or of any "group" (within the meaning of Section 13) of which Dealer is or may be deemed to be a part (Dealer and any such affiliates, persons and groups, collectively, "Dealer Group"), beneficially owns (within the meaning of Section 13 of the Exchange Act), without duplication, on such day and (B) the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day (including, solely for such purpose, Shares that would be deemed outstanding pursuant to the last sentence of Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) as if such sentence were applicable to the calculation of clause (B) of the definition of Dealer's Beneficial Ownership). Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement or this Confirmation to the contrary, Dealer (or the affiliate designated by Dealer pursuant to Section 8(l) below) shall not become the record or beneficial owner, or otherwise have any rights as a holder, of any Shares that Dealer (or such affiliate) is not entitled to receive at any time pursuant to this Section 8(d), until such time as such Shares are delivered pursuant to this Section 8(d).

- (e) Limitations on Settlement by Issuer. Notwithstanding anything herein or in the Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall Issuer be required to deliver Shares in connection with the Transaction in excess of the Capped Number (as provided in Annex A to this Confirmation), subject to adjustment from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Confirmation or the Definitions resulting from actions of Issuer or events within Issuer's control (the "Capped Number"). Issuer represents and warrants to Dealer (which representation and warranty shall be deemed to be repeated on each day that the Transaction is outstanding) that the Capped Number is equal to or less than the number of authorized but unissued Shares of the Issuer that are not reserved for future issuance in connection with transactions in the Shares (other than the Transaction) on the date of the determination of the Capped Number (such Shares, the "Available Shares"). In the event Issuer shall not have delivered the full number of Shares otherwise deliverable as a result of this Section 8(e) (the resulting deficit, the "Deficit Shares"), Issuer shall be continually obligated to deliver, from time to time until the full number of Deficit Shares have been delivered pursuant to this paragraph, Shares when, and to the extent, that (i) Shares are repurchased, acquired or otherwise received by Issuer or any of its subsidiaries after the Trade Date (whether or not in exchange for cash, fair value or any other consideration), (ii) authorized and unissued Shares reserved for issuance in respect of other transactions prior to such date which prior to the relevant date become no longer so reserved or (iii) Issuer additionally authorizes any unissued Shares that are not reserved for other transactions. At such time as there may be Deficit Shares, Issuer shall promptly notify Dealer of the occurrence of any of the foregoing events (including the number of Shares subject to clause (i), (ii) or (iii) and the corresponding number of Shares to be delivere
- (f) Right to Extend. Dealer may postpone any Exercise Date or Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery with respect to some or all of the relevant Warrants (in which event the Calculation Agent shall make appropriate adjustments to the Number of Shares to be Delivered with respect to one or more Components), if Dealer determines, in its good faith and reasonable discretion, based on advice of counsel in the case of the immediately following clause (ii), that such extension is reasonably necessary or appropriate to (i) preserve Dealer's hedging or hedge unwind activity hereunder in light of existing liquidity conditions in the cash market, the stock loan market or any other relevant market or (ii) to enable Dealer to effect purchases of Shares in connection with its hedging, hedge unwind or settlement activity hereunder in a manner that would, if Dealer were Issuer or an affiliated purchaser of Issuer, be in compliance with applicable legal, regulatory or self-regulatory requirements, or with related policies and procedures applicable to Dealer; provided that, no such Exercise Date, Settlement Date or any other date of valuation or delivery may be postponed or extended more than 50 Exchange Business Days after the original Exercise Date, Settlement Date or other date of valuation or delivery, as the case may be.
- (g) *Equity Rights*. Dealer acknowledges and agrees that this Confirmation is not intended to convey to it rights with respect to the Transaction that are senior to the claims of common stockholders in the event of Issuer's bankruptcy. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that the preceding sentence shall not apply at any time other than during Issuer's bankruptcy to any claim arising as a result of a breach by Issuer of any of its obligations under this Confirmation or the Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties acknowledge that this Confirmation is not secured by any collateral that would otherwise secure the obligations of Issuer herein under or pursuant to any other agreement.

- (h) Amendments to Equity Definitions. The following amendments shall be made to the Equity Definitions:
- (i) Section 11.2(a) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting the words "a diluting or concentrative" and replacing them with the words "a material"; and adding the phrase "or Warrants" at the end of the sentence;
- (ii) Section 11.2(c) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) deleting the words "diluting or concentrative" (in both instances) and replacing each instance with the word "material", (B) adding the phrase "or Warrants" after the word "Shares" in the sixth line thereof and (C) deleting the phrase "(provided that no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Shares)" and replacing it with the phrase "(and, for the avoidance of doubt, adjustments may be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Shares)";
- (iii) Section 11.2(e)(vii) of the Equity Definitions are hereby amended by deleting the words "that may have a diluting or concentrative" and replacing them with the words "that is the result of a corporate event involving Issuer or its securities that may have a material" and adding the phrase "or Warrants" at the end of the sentence;
  - (iv) [Reserved.];
- (v) Section 12.9(b)(iv) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) deleting (1) subsection (A) in its entirety, (2) the phrase "or (B)" following subsection (A) and (3) the phrase "in each case" in subsection (B); and (B) deleting the phrase "neither the Non-Hedging Party nor the Lending Party lends Shares in the amount of the Hedging Shares or" in the penultimate sentence; and
- (vi) Section 12.9(b)(v) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) adding the word "or" immediately before subsection "(B)" and deleting the comma at the end of subsection (A); and (B)(1) deleting subsection (C) in its entirety, (2) deleting the word "or" immediately preceding subsection (C) and (3) replacing in the penultimate sentence the words "either party" with "the Hedging Party" and (4) deleting clause (X) in the final sentence.
- (i) *Transfer and Assignment*. Subject to applicable law, Dealer may transfer or assign all of its rights and obligations hereunder and under the Transaction and Agreement, in whole or in part, without the consent of Issuer to any affiliate of Dealer only if an Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Termination Event will not occur as a result of such transfer or assignment. Issuer may not transfer or assign any of its rights or obligations under the Transaction or the Agreement without the prior written consent of Dealer. At any time at which any Ownership Limitation exists, if Dealer, in its discretion, is unable to effect a transfer or assignment to a third party after using its commercially reasonable efforts on pricing terms and within a time period reasonably acceptable to Dealer such that an Ownership Limitation no longer exists, Dealer may designate any Scheduled Trading Day as an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion (the "Terminated Portion") of the Transaction, such that such Ownership Limitation no longer exists. In the event that Dealer so designates an Early Termination Date with respect to a portion of the Transaction of the Transaction, a payment or delivery shall be made pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement and Section 8(b) of this Confirmation as if (i) an Early Termination Date had been designated in respect of a Transaction having terms identical to the Terminated Portion of the Transaction shall be the only Terminated Transaction.
- (j) *Adjustments*. For the avoidance of doubt, whenever the Calculation Agent is called upon to make an adjustment pursuant to the terms of this Confirmation or the Definitions to take into account the effect of an event, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment by reference to the effect of such event on the Hedging Party.
- (k) *Disclosure*. Effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning the Transaction, Issuer and each of its employees, representatives, or other agents may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Transaction and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to Issuer relating to such tax treatment and tax structure.
- (l) *Designation by Dealer*. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Confirmation to the contrary requiring or allowing Dealer to purchase, sell, receive or deliver any Shares or other securities to or from Issuer, Dealer may designate any of its affiliates to purchase, sell, receive or deliver such shares or other securities and otherwise to

perform Dealer obligations in respect of the Transaction and any such designee may assume such obligations. Dealer shall be discharged of its obligations to Issuer solely to the extent of any such performance.

- (m) *Additional Termination Events*. The occurrence of any of the following shall constitute an Additional Termination Event with respect to which the Transaction shall be the sole Affected Transaction and Issuer shall be the sole Affected Party; *provided* that with respect to any Additional Termination Event, Dealer may choose to treat part of the Transaction as the sole Affected Transaction, and, upon the termination of the Affected Transaction, a Transaction with terms identical to those set forth herein except with a Number of Warrants equal to the unaffected number of Warrants shall be treated for all purposes as the Transaction, which shall remain in full force and effect:
  - (i) Dealer reasonably determines, based on advice of counsel, that it is advisable to terminate a portion of the Transaction so that Dealer's related hedging activities will comply with applicable securities laws, rules or regulations or related policies and procedures of Dealer (whether or not such requirements, policies or procedures are imposed by law or have been voluntarily adopted by Dealer);
  - (ii) a "person" or "group" within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, other than Issuer, Issuer's employee benefit plans, Issuer's subsidiaries and Issuer's subsidiaries' employee benefit plans, files a Schedule TO or any schedule, form or report under the Exchange Act disclosing that such person or group has become the "beneficial owner," as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, of Shares representing more than 50% of the voting power of all shares of Issuer's capital stock entitled to vote generally in elections of directors; or
  - (iii) the consummation of (A) any recapitalization, reclassification or change of Shares (other than changes resulting from a subdivision or combination) pursuant to which the Shares would be converted into, or exchanged for, stock, other securities, other property or assets; (B) any share exchange, consolidation or merger of Issuer pursuant to which Shares will be converted into cash, securities or other property, other than a merger of Issuer solely for the purpose of changing Issuer's jurisdiction of incorporation that results in a reclassification, conversion or exchange of outstanding Shares solely into shares of common stock of the surviving entity; or (C) any sale, lease or other transfer in one transaction or a series of transactions of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of Issuer and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any person other than one of Issuer's subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction set forth in clause (ii) or (iii) above will not constitute an Additional Termination Event if at least 90% of the consideration received or to be received by holders of the Shares, excluding cash payments for fractional Shares and cash payments made pursuant to dissenters' appraisal rights, in connection with such transaction or transactions consists of shares of common stock or ordinary shares that are listed or quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or any of their respective successors) or will be so traded or quoted when issued or exchanged in connection with such transaction or transactions.

- (n) *No Netting and Set-off.* Each party waives any and all rights it may have to set off obligations arising under the Agreement and the Transaction against other obligations between the parties, whether arising under any other agreement, applicable law or otherwise.
- (o) Early Unwind. In the event the sale by Issuer of the "Additional Securities" is not consummated with the Initial Purchasers pursuant to the Purchase Agreement for any reason by the close of business in New York on the Premium Payment Date (or such later date as agreed upon by the parties, which in no event shall be later than January 7, 2013) (the Premium Payment Date or such later date being the "Early Unwind Date"), the Transaction shall automatically terminate (the "Early Unwind"), on the Early Unwind Date and the Transaction and all of the respective rights and obligations of Dealer and Issuer thereunder shall be cancelled and terminated. Following such termination and cancellation, each party shall be released and discharged by the other party from and agrees not to make any claim against the other party with respect to any obligations or liabilities of either party arising out of and to be performed in connection with the Transaction either prior to or after the Early Unwind Date; provided that, unless such Early Unwind Date occurred as a result of a breach of the Purchase Agreement by the Initial Purchasers, Issuer shall purchase from Dealer on the Early Unwind Date all Shares purchased by Dealer or one or more of its affiliates in connection with the Transaction at the then prevailing market price. Dealer and Issuer represent and acknowledge to the other that, subject to

the proviso included in this Section 8(o), upon an Early Unwind, all obligations with respect to the Transaction shall be deemed fully and finally discharged.

- (p) Repurchase Notices. Issuer shall, on or prior to any day on which Issuer effects any repurchase of Shares, give Dealer a written notice of such repurchase (a "Repurchase Notice") if, following such repurchase, the Notice Percentage as determined on the date of such Repurchase Notice is (i) greater than 9.0% and (ii) greater by 0.5% than the Notice Percentage included in the immediately preceding Repurchase Notice (or, in the case of the first such Repurchase Notice, greater than the Notice Percentage as of the date hereof). The "Notice Percentage" as of any day is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is the Number of Shares and the denominator of which is the number of Shares outstanding on such day. In the event that Issuer fails to provide Dealer with a Repurchase Notice on the day and in the manner specified in this Section 8(p) then Issuer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Dealer, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and controlling persons (Dealer and each such person being an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), joint or several, to which such Indemnified Party may become subject under applicable securities laws, including without limitation, Section 16 of the Exchange Act, relating to or arising out of such failure. If for any reason the foregoing indemnification is unavailable to any Indemnified Party or insufficient to hold harmless any Indemnified Party, then Issuer shall contribute, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to the amount paid or payable by the Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability. In addition, Issuer will reimburse any Indemnified Party for all reasonable expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) as they are incurred (after notice to Issuer) in connection with the investigation of, preparation for or defense or settlement of any pending or threatened claim or any action, suit or proceeding arising therefrom, whether or not such Indemnified Party is a party thereto and whether or not such claim, action, suit or proceeding is initiated or brought by or on behalf of Issuer. This indemnity shall survive the completion of the Transaction contemplated by this Confirmation and any assignment and delegation of the Transaction made pursuant to this Confirmation or the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any permitted assignee of Dealer.
- (q) *Share Deliveries*. Issuer acknowledges and agrees that, to the extent the holder of these Warrants is not then an affiliate and has not been an affiliate for 90 days (it being understood that Dealer will not be considered an affiliate under this paragraph solely by reason of its receipt of Shares pursuant to the Transaction), and otherwise satisfies all holding period and other requirements of Rule 144 of the Securities Act applicable to it, any delivery of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property hereunder at any time after 6 months from the Trade Date (or 1 year from the Trade Date if, at such time, informational requirements of Rule 144(c) are not satisfied with respect to Issuer) shall be eligible for resale under Rule 144 of the Securities Act and Issuer agrees to promptly remove, or cause the transfer agent for such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property, to remove, any legends referring to any restrictions on resale under the Securities Act from the Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property. Issuer further agrees that any delivery of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property prior to the date that is 6 months from the Trade Date (or 1 year from the Trade Date if, at such time, informational requirements of Rule 144(c) are not satisfied with respect to Issuer), may be transferred by and among Dealer and its affiliates and Issuer shall effect such transfer without any further action by Dealer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Issuer agrees that any delivery of Shares or Share Termination Delivery Property shall be effected by book-entry transfer through the facilities of DTC, or any successor depositary, if at the time of delivery, such class of Shares or class of Share Termination Delivery Property is in book-entry form at DTC or such successor depositary. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent the provisions of Rule 144 of the Securities Act or any successor rule are amended, or the applicable interpretation thereof by the Securities and Ex
- (r) *Payment by Dealer*. In the event that, following payment of the Premium, (i) an Early Termination Date occurs or is designated with respect to the Transaction as a result of a Termination Event or an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default arising under Section 5(a)(ii) or 5(a)(iv) of the Agreement) and, as a result, Dealer owes to Issuer an amount calculated under Section 6(e) of the Agreement, or (ii) Dealer owes to Issuer, pursuant to Section 12.7 or Section 12.9 of the Equity Definitions, an amount calculated under Section 12.8 of the Equity Definitions, such amount shall be deemed to be zero.
- (s) Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010. The parties hereby agree that none of (v) Section 739 of the Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 ("WSTAA"), (w) any similar legal certainty provision in any legislation enacted, or rule or regulation promulgated, on or after the Trade Date, (x) the

enactment of WSTAA or any regulation under the WSTAA, (y) any requirement under WSTAA nor (z) an amendment made by WSTAA, shall limit or otherwise impair either party's rights to terminate, renegotiate, modify, amend or supplement this Confirmation or the Agreement, as applicable, arising from a termination event, force majeure, illegality, increased costs, regulatory change or similar event under this Confirmation, the Equity Definitions incorporated herein, or the Agreement (including, but not limited to, rights arising from Change in Law, Loss of Stock Borrow, Increased Cost of Stock Borrow, an Ownership Limitation or Illegality (as defined in the Agreement)).

- (t) *Regulatory Provisions*. Issuer represents and warrants that it has received and read and understands the document titled "Risk Disclosure Statement for Over-The Counter Derivative Option Transactions" heretofore provided by Dealer to Issuer.
- (u) *Terms relating to the Agent*. Dealer is not registered as a broker or dealer under the Exchange Act. Agent has acted solely as agent for Dealer and Issuer to the extent required by law in connection with the Transaction and has no obligations, by way of issuance, endorsement, guarantee or otherwise, with respect to the performance of either party under the Transaction. The parties agree to proceed solely against each other, and not against Agent, in seeking enforcement of their rights and obligations with respect to payment of funds and delivery of securities.
  - (v) Broker. Agent may have been paid a fee by Dealer in connection with the Transaction. Further details will be furnished upon written request.
  - (w) Time of Dealing. The time of the Transaction will be furnished by Agent upon written request.
  - (x) Hedging and Market Activity of Dealer. Issuer acknowledges and agrees that:
  - (i) During the term of the Transaction, Dealer and its affiliates may buy or sell Shares or other securities or buy or sell options or futures contracts or enter into swaps or other derivative securities in order to adjust Dealer's hedge position with respect to the Transaction.
  - (ii) Dealer and its affiliates may also be active in the market for the Shares other than in connection with hedging activities in relation to the Transaction.
  - (iii) Dealer shall make its own determination as to whether, when or in what manner any hedging or market activities in Issuer's securities shall be conducted and shall do so in a manner that it deems in good faith to be appropriate to hedge its price and market risk with respect to the price at which this Transaction settles.
  - (iv) Any market activities of Dealer and its affiliates with respect to the Shares may affect the market price and volatility of the Shares, as well as the price at which this Transaction settles, each in a manner that may be adverse to Issuer.
- (y) Waiver of Trial by Jury. EACH OF ISSUER AND DEALER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES (ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ON BEHALF OF ITS STOCKHOLDERS) ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION OR THE ACTIONS OF DEALER OR ITS AFFILIATES IN THE NEGOTIATION, PERFORMANCE OR ENFORCEMENT HEREOF.
- (z) Governing Law; Jurisdiction. THIS CONFIRMATION AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS CONFIRMATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY SUBMIT TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH ALL MATTERS RELATING HERETO AND WAIVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE IN, AND ANY CLAIM OF INCONVENIENT FORUM WITH RESPECT TO, THESE COURTS.

Issuer hereby agrees (a) to check this Confirmation carefully and immediately upon receipt so that errors or discrepancies can be promptly identified and rectified and (b) to confirm that the foregoing (in the exact form provided by Dealer ) correctly sets forth the terms of the agreement between Dealer and Issuer with respect to the Transaction, by manually signing this Confirmation or this page hereof as evidence of agreement to such terms and providing the other information requested herein and immediately returning an executed copy to Steve Milankov, Equity Derivatives Legal Department, Facsimile No. 212-278-7365.

Yours faithfully,

SOCIETE GENERALE

By: /s/ Judy Liu

Name: Judy Liu

Title: OTC Documentation Manager

Confirmed and Acknowledged as of the date first above written:

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Brandon Black

Name: J. Brandon Black

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

For each Component of the Transaction, the Number of Warrants and Expiration Date is set forth below.

Component Number	Number of Warrants	Expiration Date
1.	634	26-Feb-18
2.	634	27-Feb-18
3.	634	28-Feb-18
4.	634	1-Mar-18
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150.	634	27-Sep-18

Strike Price:
Premium:
Maximum Stock Loan Rate:
Initial Stock Loan Rate:
Capped Number:

USD 44.1875 USD 351,700 100 basis points 25 basis points 190,100

### INCREMENTAL FACILITY AGREEMENT

BARCLAYS BANK PLC 745 7<sup>TH</sup> Avenue New York, New York 10019

December 6, 2012

Encore Capital Group, Inc. 3111 Camino Del Rio North Suite 1300 San Diego, California Attention: Chief Financial Officer

Re: Incremental Facility Agreement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is hereby made to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 5, 2012 (as may be further amended, restated, modified, supplemented, extended or replaced from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), by and among Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Borrower"), the several banks and other financial institutions and lenders from time to time party thereto (the "Lenders"), SunTrust Bank, as administrative agent (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent") and collateral agent, issuing bank and swingline lender. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Credit Agreement. This Incremental Facility Agreement (i) is an "Incremental Facility Amendment" (as defined in the Credit Agreement) and the Credit Agreement is hereby amended in accordance with the terms and conditions herein and (ii) shall be deemed to be a "Loan Document" under the Credit Agreement.

At the request of the Borrower, Barclays Bank PLCs ("<u>Barclays</u>") hereby agrees to provide an Incremental Revolving Commitment to the Borrower in the amount of \$20,000,000 (the "<u>Incremental Facility</u>"). The Incremental Facility provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement, including, without limitation, Section 2.2 thereof.

Barclays, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent acknowledge and agree that the Incremental Revolving Commitment provided pursuant to this Agreement shall constitute a "Revolving Commitment" for all purposes of the Credit Agreement and the other applicable Loan Documents. Barclays, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent further agree that, with respect to the Incremental Facility provided hereby, Barclays shall be entitled to receive from the Borrower such upfront fees as may be separately agreed to in writing between the Borrower and Barclays (in addition to the fees owing by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.14(b) through (d) of the Credit Agreement).

Furthermore, each of the parties to this Agreement hereby agree (i) to the terms set forth on <u>Annex I</u> hereto in respect of the Incremental Facility, (ii) that the Incremental Revolving Commitment, and the Revolving Loans funded thereunder, shall be on the same terms and conditions as the Revolving Commitments and Revolving Loans under the Credit Agreement and (iii) Schedule II-A to the Credit Agreement is hereby amended to add a Revolving Commitment for Barclays in the amount of \$20,000,000.

Barclays hereby (i) confirms that it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents, together with copies of the financial statements referred to therein and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement and to become a Lender under the Credit Agreement, (ii) agrees that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (iii) irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such action on its behalf under this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any other instruments and agreements referred to therein and to exercise such powers and to perform such duties thereunder as are specifically delegated to or required of the Administrative Agent by the terms thereof and such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto, (iv) agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which by the terms of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents are required to be performed by it as a Lender and (v) in the case Barclays is a Foreign Lender, attaches the forms and/or certificates referred to in Section 2.20(g) of the Credit Agreement, certifying as to its entitlement as of the date hereof to a complete exemption from, or a reduction of, United States withholding taxes with respect to all payments to be made to it by the Borrower under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents (except in respect of any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA).

Upon the date of (i) the execution of a counterpart of this Agreement by Barclays, the Administrative Agent, the Borrower and each Guarantor, (ii) the delivery to the Administrative Agent of a fully executed counterpart (including by way of facsimile or other form of electronic transmission permitted under the Credit Agreement) hereof, (iii) the payment of any fees then earned, due and payable in connection herewith and (iv) the satisfaction (or waiver in writing) of any other conditions precedent set forth in <a href="Section 4">Section 4</a> of <a href="Annex I">Annex I</a> hereto (such date, the "Agreement Effective Date"), Barclays (a) shall be obligated to fund Revolving Loans provided to be made by it, and participate in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans required to be participated in by it, in each case as provided in this Agreement on the terms, and subject to the conditions, set forth in the Credit Agreement and in this Agreement, and (b) to the extent provided in this Agreement, shall have the rights and obligations of a Lender thereunder and under the other applicable Loan Documents.

Each of the Borrower and each Guarantor acknowledges and agrees that (i) it shall be liable for all Obligations with respect to the Incremental Facility created hereunder and (ii) all such Obligations (including the Revolving Loans) shall constitute (and be included in the definition of) "Secured Obligations" under the Credit Agreement and be entitled to the benefits of the respective Collateral Documents and the Guaranty Agreement as, and to the extent, provided in the Credit Agreement and in such other Loan Documents.

Attached hereto as <u>Annex II</u> is the officer's certificate required pursuant to Section 2.24(a) of the Credit Agreement certifying as to compliance with clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of such Section and containing the calculations (in reasonable detail) required by such clause (ii) thereof.

The Borrower may accept this Agreement by signing the enclosed copies in the space provided below, and returning one copy of same to Barclays and one copy to the Administrative Agent before the close of business on December 6, 2012. If the Borrower does not so accept this Agreement by such time, the obligations of Barclays to provide the Incremental Facility set forth in this Agreement shall be deemed canceled and of no force or effect.

After the execution and delivery to the Administrative Agent of a fully executed copy of this Agreement (including by way of counterparts and by facsimile transmission) by the parties hereto, this Agreement may only be changed, modified or varied by written instrument in accordance with the requirements for the modification of Loan Documents pursuant to Section 10.2 of the Credit Agreement.

THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND BE GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES.

[Signature Pages Follow]

Very truly yours,

# BARCLAYS BANK PLC

By: /s/ Alicia Borys

Name: Alicia Borys
Title: Vice President

Agreed and Accepted as of the date first written above:

## ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Paul Grinberg

Name: Paul Grinberg

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

and Treasurer

Agreed and Accepted as of the date first written above:

SUNTRUST BANK, as Administrative Agent, Issuing Bank and Swingline Lender

By: /s/ Douglas O'Bryan

Name: Douglas O'Bryan

Title: Director

Each Guarantor acknowledges and agrees to each the foregoing provisions of this Incremental Facility Agreement and to the establishment of the Incremental Facility and the Obligations incurred related thereto.

MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.
MIDLAND FUNDING LLC
MIDLAND PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.
MIDLAND FUNDING NCC-2 CORPORATION
MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL LLC
MRC RECEIVABLES CORPORATION
PROPEL ACQUISITION, LLC

By: /s/ J. Brandon Black
Name: J. Brandon Black

Title: President

MIDLAND INDIA LLC

By: /s/ James A. Syran
Name: James A. Syran
Title: President

### ANNEX I

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INCREMENTAL FACILITY AGREEMENT

Dated as of December 6, 2012

- 1. Name of Borrower: Encore Capital Group, Inc., a Delaware limited liability company.
- 2. Date upon which Incremental Revolving Commitment is to become effective: December 6, 2012
- 3. Applicable Margins: Identical to the "Applicable Margin" as defined in the Credit Agreement.
- 4. Other Conditions Precedent:
  - (a) Officer's Certificate: The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer substantially in the form attached as Annex II; and
  - (b) <u>Legal Opinion</u>: The Administrative Agent shall have received a favorable written opinion of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLC addressed to the Administrative Agent and Barclays covering such matters relating the Borrower and the transactions contemplated under the Incremental Facility Agreement as the Administrative Agent or Barclays shall reasonably request.

Annex I

#### ANNEX II

### **OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE**

December 6, 2012

This Officer's Certificate is being executed and delivered in connection with that certain Incremental Facility Agreement, dated as of the date hereof (the "Incremental Amendment") by and among Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the "Borrower"), Barclays Bank PLC (the "Incremental Lender") and SunTrust Bank, as administrative agent (the "Agent") under that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (as may be further amended, restated, modified, supplemented, extended or replaced from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), by and among the Borrower, the several banks and other financial institutions and lenders from time to time party thereto (the "Lenders"), the Agent, in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders, as collateral agent for the Secured Parties, as issuing bank and as swingline lender and the other agents and arrangers party thereto, pursuant to which the Incremental Lender is willing to extend to the Borrower an Incremental Revolving Commitment. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

The undersigned, a Responsible Officer of the Borrower, in such capacity and not individually, hereby certifies on behalf of the Borrower the following:

- (a) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or will result from the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Incremental Amendment;
- (b) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries are in <u>pro forma</u> compliance with each of the covenants set forth in Article VI of the Credit Agreement as of the last day of the most recently ended Fiscal Quarter after giving effect to the Incremental Revolving Commitment to be provided by the Incremental Lender (assuming for such purpose that the Incremental Revolving Commitment is fully drawn at such time) and attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> are the calculations (in reasonable detail) demonstrating such compliance;
- (c) all of the conditions set forth in Section 3.2 of the Credit Agreement have been satisfied; and
- (d) attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the resolutions of the Borrower which approve the incurrence of the Incremental Revolving Commitment.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has ex	xecuted this Officer's Certificate	e to be effective as of the	date first written above.
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# ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

y:				
	Name:			
	Title:			

 $\underline{EXHIBIT\,A}$ 

[Attached]

# EXHIBIT B

## RESOLUTIONS

See attached.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Approval of Commitment Increase under Credit Agreement and Loan Documents

WHEREAS, Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the "*Corporation*") currently finances its portfolio purchases of accounts receivables pursuant to, *inter alia*, a Credit Agreement, dated as of February 8, 2010, by and among the Corporation, as borrower, a syndicate of lenders, and SunTrust Bank ("*SunTrust*"), as collateral agent and administrative agent (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "*Existing Credit Agreement*");

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") deems it appropriate and in the best interest of the Corporation to enter into the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement"), more fully described in the Summary of Principal Terms of the \$575,000,000 Senior Credit Facilities for Company provided to the Board, for the purposes of increasing the size of the facility, providing for both term loan and revolving credit tranches, and adding an ability to request incremental loan tranches in order to expand and continue the ability of the Corporation to finance portfolio purchases of accounts receivables and for other general corporate and working capital purposes of the Corporation and its subsidiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and considered the terms and conditions of the draft Credit Agreement, which provides for: (a) increasing the total commitments to an aggregate principal amount of \$575,000,000; (b) providing that the total commitments be divided into (i) a \$425,000,000 five (5) year revolving credit facility and (ii) a five (5) year term loan tranche and a three (3) year term loan tranche, together totaling \$150,000,000; (c) reducing pricing to the Corporation through a reduction of the applicable margin and the applicable fee rate; (d) modifying the existing accordion feature into the ability to request incremental revolving credit and/or term loan facilities, such that aggregate amount of the facilities under the Credit Agreement can be increased on or after the closing of the Credit Agreement by an additional \$200,000,000; (e) modifying the covenants contained in the Existing Credit Agreement in order to provide additional flexibility for the Corporation and its subsidiaries in conducting its business, including the purchase of receivables portfolios; and (f) making such further amendments, changes and other modifications to the Existing Credit Agreement as are deemed necessary or appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the form, terms and conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement and the related documents be, and hereby are, approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Executive Chairman, the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and any Senior Vice President of the Corporation (collectively, the "Authorized Officers") be, and each of them individually hereby is, authorized, directed and empowered to negotiate with SunTrust and the other lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement as further described above, and to execute and deliver in the name of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries as management may deem appropriate and for and on behalf of the Corporation or such subsidiary, the Credit Agreement and other related agreements, instruments and documents as may be necessary or appropriate, including but not limited to an amended and restated pledge and security agreement and an amended and restated confirmatory grant of security interest in United States trademarks (together with the Credit Agreement, the "Loan Documents") with SunTrust and the other lenders, with respect to such financing, the execution and delivery thereof by the Authorized Officer(s) executing the Loan Documents to be conclusive evidence of the approval thereof by the Board, and to cause the Corporation and its subsidiaries to perform in accordance with the terms of the Loan Documents;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them acting alone hereby is, authorized and empowered and directed to cause the Corporation to incur indebtedness and other obligations and create the liens and encumber the Corporation's assets in the manner contemplated by the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that these resolutions shall continue in full force, and the lenders to the Credit Agreement, as amended may consider the Authorized Officers to be and continue to be authorized to act on behalf of the Corporation, until notice to the contrary in writing is duly served on the lenders (such notice to have no effect on any action previously taken by the lenders in reliance of these resolutions); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any person, corporation or other legal entity dealing with the lenders may rely upon a certificate signed by an officer of the Corporation to the effect that these resolutions and any agreement, instrument or document executed pursuant to them are still in full force and effect and binding upon the Corporation.

#### Approval of Amendment to the Note Purchase Agreement

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 20, 2010, by and among the Corporation and the purchasers named therein, the Corporation issued its 7.75% Senior Secured Notes due September 17, 2017 (the "*Prior Note Purchase Agreement*"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 10, 2011, by and among the Corporation and the purchasers named therein (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "*Note Purchase Agreement*"), the Corporation amended and restated the Prior Note Purchase Agreement and issued its 7.375% Senior Secured Notes due February 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it appropriate and in the best interest of the Corporation to enter into an amendment to the Note Purchase Agreement (the "Note Purchase Agreement Amendment") for the purposes of modifying certain covenants and other provisions of the Note Purchase Agreement as are deemed necessary or appropriate, including in order to conform the same to the modified covenants and other provisions in the Credit Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the form, terms and conditions set forth in the Note Purchase Agreement Amendment and the related documents be, and hereby are, approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Authorized Officers be, and each of them individually hereby is, authorized, directed and empowered to execute and deliver in the name of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries as management may deem appropriate and for and on behalf of the Corporation or such subsidiary, the Note Purchase Agreement Amendment and other related agreements, instruments and documents as may be necessary or appropriate (together with the Note Purchase Agreement Amendment, the "Note Documents"), the execution and delivery thereof by the Authorized Officer(s) executing the Note Documents to be conclusive evidence of the approval thereof by the Board, and to cause the Corporation and its subsidiaries to perform in accordance with the terms of the Note Documents; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that these resolutions shall continue in full force, and the purchasers under the Note Purchase Agreement as amended may consider the Authorized Officers to be and continue to be authorized to act on behalf of the Corporation, until notice to the contrary in writing is duly served on the holders (such notice to have no effect on any action previously taken by the lenders in reliance of these resolutions); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any person, corporation or other legal entity dealing with the holders may rely upon a certificate signed by an officer of the Corporation to the effect that these resolutions and any agreement, instrument or document executed pursuant to them are still in full force and effect and binding upon the Corporation.

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RESOLVED, that the officers of the Corporation hereby are, and each hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Corporation and in its name, to take or cause to be taken any and all actions, including, without limitation, the execution, acknowledgment, filing, amendment and delivery of any and all agreements, documents, instruments and certificates, and the payment of such sums, as such officers may deem necessary or advisable to carry out and perform the obligations of the Corporation under the foregoing resolutions and to consummate the transactions contemplated therein and otherwise carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions; and the performance of any such acts and the execution, acknowledgment, filing and delivery by such officers of any such agreements, documents, instruments and certificates shall conclusively evidence their authority therefor; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any actions taken by the officers of the Corporation prior to the adoption of these resolutions that are within the scope of the foregoing resolutions hereby are ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects as the actions of the Corporation.

Encore Capital Group, Inc.



#### **For Immediate Release**

### Encore Capital Group, Inc. Announces Private Placement of \$15 Million Additional Convertible Senior Notes

SAN DIEGO — December 11, 2012/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ — On November 27, 2012, Encore Capital Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: ECPG) (the "Company") sold \$100,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Company's 3.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 (the "Notes") in a private placement transaction. The Notes were issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated November 27, 2012, between the Company and Union Bank, N.A., as trustee. On December 6, 2012, the initial purchasers exercised, in full, their option to purchase an additional \$15,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (the "Additional Notes"). The Company today announced the closing of the sale of the Additional Notes.

In connection with the initial purchasers' exercise of their option to purchase the Additional Notes, the Company entered into convertible note hedge transactions with certain financial institutions (the "option counterparties"). The convertible note hedge transactions are expected generally to reduce the potential dilution and/or offset the cash payments the Company is required to make in excess of the principal amount upon conversion of the Additional Notes in the event that the market price of the Company's common stock is greater than the strike price of the convertible note hedge transactions. The Company also entered into warrant transactions with the option counterparties. The warrant transactions could separately have a dilutive effect if the market price of the Company's common stock exceeds the strike price of the warrant transactions, unless the Company elects, subject to certain conditions, to settle the warrant transactions in cash. The strike price of the warrant transactions will initially be \$44.1875 per share, which represents a premium of approximately 75% over the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock on November 20, 2012, and is subject to certain adjustments under the terms of the warrant transactions.

The Company has been advised by the option counterparties that in connection with establishing their initial hedge of the convertible note hedge transactions and warrant transactions, the option counterparties or their respective affiliates expect to enter into various derivative transactions with respect to the Company's common stock and/or purchase shares of the Company's common stock in privately negotiated transactions and/or open market transactions. This activity could increase (or reduce the size of any decrease in) the market price of the Company's common stock or the Notes at that time.

In addition, the Company has been advised by the option counterparties that the option counterparties or their respective affiliates may modify their hedge positions by entering into or unwinding various derivative transactions with respect to the Company's common stock and/or purchasing or selling the Company's common stock in secondary market transactions following the initial purchasers' exercise of their option to purchase the Additional Notes and prior to the maturity of the Notes (and are likely to do so during any observation period related to a conversion of the Notes). This activity could also cause or avoid an increase or a decrease in the market price of the Company's common stock or the Notes, which could affect the ability of holders to convert the Notes and, to the extent the activity occurs during any observation period related to a conversion of the Notes, it could affect the amount and value of the consideration that holders will receive upon conversion of the Notes.

The net proceeds from the sale of the Additional Notes were approximately \$14.6 million, after deducting estimated fees and expenses and the initial purchasers' discounts and commissions. The Company used approximately \$1.5 million of the net proceeds to pay the cost of the additional convertible note hedge transactions, taking into account the proceeds to the Company of the additional warrant transactions; and the balance of the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

The Additional Notes, the shares of the Company's common stock issuable upon conversion of the Additional Notes, if any, the convertible note hedge transactions and the warrant transactions have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

This press release is being issued pursuant to Rule 135c under the Securities Act and does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities. Any offer of the securities will be made only by means of a private offering memorandum.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

The statements in this press release that are not historical facts, including, most importantly, those statements preceded by, or that include, the words "may," "believe," "projects," "expects," "anticipates" or the negation thereof, or similar expressions, constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act"). These statements may include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the anticipated use of proceeds from the offering. For all "forward-looking statements," the Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Reform Act. Such forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company and its subsidiaries to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors are discussed in the reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the most recent reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, each as it may be amended from time to time. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

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