UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of **August 2021**

Commission File Number: **001-36532**

SPHERE 3D CORP.

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The information contained in this Form 6-K is incorporated registrant's outstanding registration statements.	by reference into, or as additional exhibits to, as applicable, the

SUBMITTED HEREWITH

Exhibits

<u>99.1</u>	News Release dated August 5, 2021
<u>99.2</u>	Purchase Agreement dated July 31, 2021 between Sphere 3D Corp. and Hertford Advisors Ltd.
<u>99.3</u>	Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series H Convertible Preferred Stock
<u>99.4</u>	Merger Agreement dated June 3, 2021 between Sphere 3D Corp., Gryphon Digital Mining, Inc. and Sphere GDM Corp.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

SPHERE 3D CORP.

Date: August 5, 2021 /s/ Peter Tassiopoulos

Name: Peter Tassiopoulos Title: Chief Executive Officer



Exhibit 99.1

Sphere 3D Announces Agreement to Acquire Exclusive Rights for Assignment of Cryptocurrency Mining Assets

Agreement includes the rights to secure up to 220,000 miners on pre-negotiated terms and a lease for a 200,000 square foot carbon neutral facility for Bitcoin Mining

TORONTO, ON, August 5, 2021 - Sphere 3D Corp. (Nasdaq: ANY) ("**Sphere 3D**" or the "**Company**"), a company delivering containerization, virtualization, and data management solutions, announces it has entered into an agreement (the "**Agreement**") with Hertford Advisors Ltd. ("**Hertford**"), a privately-held company that provides turnkey mining solutions, to provide a six month exclusive right to assume all of Hertford's rights to a number of bitcoin mining agreements (the "Bitcoin Agreements").

The Company has successfully assumed and executed the first Bitcoin Agreement directly with the manufacturer, for the purchase of up to 60,000 new bitcoin mining machines ("**miners**"), with deliveries to commence in November 2021 and continue over the course of the next ten months. Upon completion of delivery, this will give Sphere 3D 5.7 Exahash of computing power.

"This is a significant milestone for Sphere 3D as we look to the future", says Peter Tassiopoulos, Sphere 3D's CEO. "We are pleased to have the opportunity to place Sphere 3D as a leader in the space with state of the art miners, in a very competitive market where time to delivery is paramount. We continue to look for ways to increase shareholder value while remaining true to our commitment to ESG principles. We believe that this series of transactions could have significant revenue and cost synergies across our value chain."

Details of the Transactions

In exchange for the assignment of the contracts from Hertford, for which Sphere 3D has the right, but not the obligation, to complete, and subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals and execution of definitive agreements, Sphere 3D will issue to Hertford Common Shares, as well as shares of a new series of preferred stock in the Company, based upon the achievement of certain milestones. Those milestones include the assumption of two additional contracts, outside of the 60,000 miner agreement previously mentioned in this release, for the purchase of up to an additional 160,000 miners (for a total of 220,000), and the right to complete negotiations to secure a long-term contract for a 200,000 square foot crypto mining facility to be supplied with up to 1GW of carbon-neutral power and 1GW of power from the grid as backup, for which the lessor will contractually agree to offset all carbon emissions when grid power is utilized. If all contracts are executed, Sphere 3D will have 21.5 Exahash computing power. Upon assignment of the contracts, the Company will issue an aggregate of 4,500,000 Common Shares to Hertford Advisors, Ltd. Additional consideration will be granted as other key milestones are achieved. The shares issued by the Company shall be subject to lock up and leak out agreements, with the initial release starting six months after issuance of the securities, and continuing until two years following the issuance of the securities.

As previously disclosed, the Company entered into a definitive merger agreement with Gryphon on June 3, 2021, which is expected to close in the 4th Quarter 2021. Gryphon is committed to 100% renewable Bitcoin mining and currently holds 720 PH/s computing power. This agreement secures access to additional mining capacity and creates new revenue opportunities within Sphere 3D's existing business.

About Sphere 3D

Sphere 3D Corp. (NASDAQ: ANY) has a portfolio of brands, including HVE ConneXions, Unified ConneXions and SnapServer®, dedicated to helping customers achieve their IT goals. For more information on Sphere 3D, please visit www.sphere3d.com.

No Offer or Solicitation

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell, the solicitation of an offer to sell or an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Forward-Looking Statements

Any statements in this press release that are not statements of historical fact constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the proposed merger and other contemplated transactions (including statements relating to satisfaction of the conditions to and consummation of the proposed merger, the expected ownership of the combined company and the ability of the combined company to raise additional capital to complete its purchase of the Hertford assigned equipment contracts and the Gryphon business and opportunities relating to or resulting from the merger), and statements regarding the nature, potential approval and commercial success of Gryphon and its product line and the miners provided by Hertford, risks related to Gryphon's ability to correctly estimate and manage its operating expenses and its expenses associated with the proposed merger pending closing; the ability of Gryphon to report accurate audited financials, the ability to install and integrate the miners provided by Hertford, the effects of having shares of capital stock traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market, Gryphon's management team's ability to execute the post-merger operations, Gryphon's and the post-merger combined company's financial resources and cash expenditures. Forward-looking statements are usually identified by the use of words such as "believes," "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "ideal," "may," "potential," "will," "could" and similar expressions. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors and risks. These factors, risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: risks relating to the completion of the purchase of the miners from Hertford, including to raise additional capital to finance the ongoing operations of the business and the need for stockholder approval in connection with the issuance of Common Shares; risks relating to the completion of the Gryphon merger, including the need for stockholder approval and the satisfaction of closing conditions; risks related to Sphere 3D' ability to correctly estimate and manage its operating expenses and its expenses associated with the proposed merger pending closing; the cash balances of the combined company following the closing of the merger; the ability of Sphere 3D to remain listed on the Nasdag Capital Market; the risk that as a result of adjustments to the exchange ratio, Sphere 3D shareholders, Gryphon stockholders or Hertford stockholder could own more or less of the combined company than is currently anticipated. In addition, the forward-looking statements included in this press release represent Sphere 3D, Gryphon's and Hertford's views as of the date hereof. Sphere 3D, Gryphon and Hertford anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause their respective views to change. However, while Sphere 3D, Gryphon and Hertford may elect to update these forwardlooking statements at some point in the future, Sphere 3D, Gryphon and Hertford specifically disclaim any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Sphere 3D's, Gryphon's or Hertford's views as of any date subsequent to the date hereof.

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PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AGREEMENT ("<u>Agreement</u>") is made as of July 31, 2021 by and among Sphere 3D Corp., an Ontario corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and Hertford Advisors Ltd. a Cayman Islands exempted company with offices at Office #122, Windward 3 Building, Regatta Office Park, West Bay Road Grand Cayman E9 KY 1-9006 (the "<u>Investor</u>").

- A. The Company and the Investor are executing and delivering this Agreement in reliance upon (i) the exemption from securities registration afforded by the provisions of Regulation D ("Regulation D"), as promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or (ii) the prospectus exemption provided by Section 2.3 of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* ("NI 45 106"), in accordance with Schedule II hereto; and
- B. Investor has agreed to purchase (i) Common Shares of the Company equal to 19.9% of Company's outstanding Common Shares as of the date hereof, and (ii) up to 296,000 shares of Preferred Stock (as defined below) calculated and delivered as provided in Exhibit A (the "Transaction").

In consideration of the mutual promises made herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. In addition to those terms defined above and elsewhere in this Agreement, for the purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:
- "<u>Affiliate</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person which directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries Controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person.
- "Business Day" means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks in New York City are open for the general transaction of business.
- "Common Share Equivalents" means any securities of the Company or the Subsidiaries which would entitle the holder thereof to acquire at any time Common Shares, including without limitation, any debt, preferred stock, rights, options, warrants or other instrument that is at any time convertible into or exchangeable for, or otherwise entitles the holder thereof to receive, Common Shares.
- "Common Shares" means the common shares in the capital of the Company (no par value).
- "Company's Knowledge" means the actual knowledge of the executive officers (as defined in Rule 405 under the 1933 Act) of the Company, after due inquiry.
- "<u>Confidential Information</u>" means trade secrets, confidential information and know-how (including but not limited to ideas, formulae, compositions, processes, procedures and techniques, research and development information, computer program code, performance specifications, support documentation, drawings, specifications, designs, business and marketing plans, and customer and supplier lists and related information).
- "Control" (including the terms "controlling", "controlled by" or "under common control with") means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.
- "<u>Intellectual Property</u>" means all of the following: (i) patents, patent applications, patent disclosures and inventions (whether or not patentable and whether or not reduced to practice); (ii) trademarks, service marks, trade dress, trade names, corporate names, logos, slogans and Internet domain names, together with all goodwill associated with each of the foregoing; (iii) copyrights and copyrightable works; (iv) registrations, applications and renewals for any of the foregoing; and (v) proprietary computer software (including but not limited to data, data bases and documentation).

"<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>" means a material adverse effect on (i) the assets, liabilities, results of operations, condition (financial or otherwise), business or prospects of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, or (ii) the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under the Transaction Documents.

"<u>Material Contract</u>" means any contract, instrument or other agreement to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party or by which it is bound which has been listed as an exhibit in the SEC Filings.

"Nasdaq" means The Nasdaq Capital Market.

"<u>Person</u>" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, business trust, association, joint stock company, joint venture, sole proprietorship, unincorporated organization, governmental authority or any other form of entity not specifically listed herein.

"Preferred Shares" means the Common Shares issuable upon conversion of the Preferred Stock.

"Preferred Stock" means the shares of Series H Convertible Preferred Stock of the Company, convertible into Common Shares of the Company.

"Purchase Price" shall consist of the following: (i) one agreement with CyQom LLC (the "Hosting Agreement") and (ii) the other three agreements to acquire data mining equipment (the "Equipment Agreements"). The Hosting Agreement shall consist of an agreement to construct and operate for a period of ten (10) years, a hosting plant utilizing primarily green energy that will provide up to 1GW of power, at a cost not to exceed 9.0 cents Kw/h, inclusive of energy, hosting and maintenance. The plant will be built to specifications satisfactory to the Company. The first Equipment Agreement is for the purchase of 30,000 Antminer S19j Pro machines (the "Pro Machines") and 30,000 Antminer S19j Machines, 2,500 Sj19 Machines of which are to be delivered no later than November 30, 2021, with Machines delivered each month thereafter per that certain Asset Purchase Agreement between the Company and Investor. The Equipment Agreement will provide for a purchase price per Pro Machine of \$5,800. The second Equipment Agreement shall be for the purchase of 30,000 Pro Machines and 30,000 Antminer S19j Machines. 2,500 Sj19 Machines to be delivered no later than November 2021. The final Equipment Agreement provides for 60,000 Sj19 Machines and 40,000 Pro Machines The Equipment Agreement will provide for a purchase price per Sj19 Machine of \$4,320.

"SEC Filings" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.6.

"Securities" means the Preferred Stock, the Preferred Shares and the Common Shares issuable pursuant to this Agreement.

"Short Sales" means all "short sales" as defined in Rule 200 of Regulation SHO under the 1934 Act.

"Subsidiary" of any Person means another Person, an amount of the voting securities, other voting ownership or voting partnership interests of which is sufficient to elect at least a majority of its Board of Directors or other governing body (or, if there are no such voting interests, 50% or more of the equity interests of which) is owned directly or indirectly by such first Person.

"<u>Transaction Documents</u>" means this Agreement and the Certificate of Designation for the Preferred Stock.

"1933 Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor statute, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

- "1934 Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor statute, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 2. <u>Purchase and Sale of the Preferred Stock and Common Shares</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Investor shall purchase, and the Company shall sell and issue to the Investor, the Preferred Stock and Common Shares, in accordance with the schedule set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto, in exchange for the Purchase Price.
- 3. <u>Closings</u>. Unless other arrangements have been made with the Investor, upon confirmation that the other conditions to closing specified herein have been satisfied or duly waived by the Investor, the Company shall deliver to Pryor Cashman LLP, in trust, a certificate or certificates, registered in such name or names as the Investor may designate, representing the Preferred Stock or Common Shares, as applicable, with instructions that such certificates are to be held for release to the Investor only upon satisfaction of the conditions for such Closing. Unless other arrangements have been made with Investor, upon satisfaction of such conditions, the certificates evidencing the Preferred Stock or Common Shares, as applicable, shall be released to the Investor (each a "<u>Closing</u>"). The Closing of the purchase and sale of the Preferred Stock or Common Shares, as applicable, shall take place at the offices of Pryor Cashman LLP, 7 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, or at such other location and on such other date as the Company and the Investor shall mutually agree.
- 4. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company hereby represents and warrants to the Investor that:
- 4. 1 <u>Organization, Good Standing and Qualification</u>. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (where such concept exists) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and has all requisite corporate power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted and to own or lease its properties, in each case as described in the SEC Filings. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property makes such qualification or leasing necessary unless the failure to so qualify has not had and could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 4.2 <u>Authorization</u>. The Company has the corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement and has taken all requisite action on its part, its officers, directors and shareholders necessary for (i) the authorization, execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents, (ii) the authorization of the performance of all obligations of the Company hereunder or thereunder, and (iii) the authorization, issuance (or reservation for issuance) and delivery of the Securities. The Transaction Documents constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability, relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally and to general equitable principles.
- 4.3 <u>Capitalization</u>. The authorized capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares, as set forth in the SEC Filings and in the Articles of Amalgamation of the Company, as amended and as in effect as of the date of this Agreement (the "Articles of Amalgamation"). All of the issued and outstanding Common Shares have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable and free of pre-emptive rights and were issued in full compliance with applicable provincial, state and federal securities law and any rights of third parties. Except as described in the SEC Filings, all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of each Subsidiary have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable and free of pre-emptive rights, were issued in full compliance with applicable provincial, state and federal securities law and any rights of third parties and are owned by the Company, beneficially and of record, subject to no lien, encumbrance or other adverse claim. Except as described in the SEC Filings, no Person is entitled to pre-emptive or similar statutory or contractual rights with respect to any securities of the Company. Except as described in the SEC Filings, there are no outstanding warrants, options, convertible securities or other rights, agreements or arrangements of any character under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is or may be obligated to issue any equity securities of any kind. Except as described or listed in the SEC Filings, there are no voting agreements, buy-sell agreements, option or right of first purchase agreements or other agreements of any kind among the Company and any of the security holders of the Company relating to the securities of the Company held by them. Except as described in the SEC Filings, no Person has the right to require the Company to register any securities of the Company under the 1933 Act, whether on a demand basis or in connection with the registration of securities of the Company for its own account or for the account of any other Person. Except as described in the SEC Filings, the issuance and sale of the Securities hereunder will not obligate the Company to issue Common Shares or other securities to any other Person (other than the Investor) and will not result in the adjustment of the exercise, conversion, exchange or reset price of any outstanding security. Except as described in the SEC Filings, the Company does not have outstanding shareholder purchase rights, a "poison pill" or any similar arrangement in effect giving any Person the right to purchase any equity interest in the Company upon the occurrence of certain events.

- 4.4 <u>Valid Issuance</u>. The Securities have been duly and validly authorized and, when issued and paid for pursuant to this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and shall be free and clear of all encumbrances and restrictions, except for restrictions on transfer set forth in the Transaction Documents or imposed by applicable securities laws.
- 4.5 <u>Consents</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Transaction Documents and the offer, issuance and sale of the Securities require no consent of, action by or in respect of, or filing with, any Person, governmental body, agency, or official other than filings that have been made pursuant to applicable provincial and state securities laws and post-sale filings pursuant to applicable provincial, state and federal securities laws which the Company undertakes to file within the applicable time periods. Subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of Investor set forth in <u>Section 5</u> hereof, and, (i) the issuance and sale of the Securities, and (ii) the other transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents from the provisions of any shareholder rights plan or other "poison pill" arrangement, any anti-takeover, business combination or control share law or statute binding on the Company or to which the Company or any of its assets and properties may be subject and any provision of the Articles of Amalgamation or the Company's Bylaws, as amended and as in effect as of the date of this Agreement (the "<u>Bylaws</u>"), that is or could reasonably be expected to become applicable to the Investor as a result of the transactions contemplated hereby, including, without limitation, the issuance of the Securities and the ownership, disposition or voting of the Securities by the Investor or the exercise of any right granted to the Investor pursuant to this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents.
- 4.6 <u>Delivery of SEC Filings</u>; <u>Business</u>. The Company has made available to the Investor all reports filed or furnished by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(e), 14 and 15(d) of the 1934 Act since July 7, 2014 (collectively, the "<u>SEC Filings</u>"). The SEC Filings are the only filings required of the Company pursuant to the 1934 Act for such period. The Company and its Subsidiaries are engaged in all material respects only in the business described in the SEC Filings and the SEC Filings contain a complete and accurate description in all material respects of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- 4.7 No Material Adverse Change. Since December 31, 2020, except as described in the SEC Filings, there has not been:
- (i) any change in the consolidated assets, liabilities, financial condition or operating results of the Company from that reflected in the financial statements included in the SEC Filings, except for changes in the ordinary course of business which have not had and could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, individually or in the aggregate;
- (ii) any declaration or payment of any dividend, or any authorization or payment of any distribution, on any of the capital stock of the Company, or any redemption or repurchase of any securities of the Company;
- (iii) any material damage, destruction or loss, whether or not covered by insurance to any assets or properties of the Company or its Subsidiaries;
- (iv) any waiver, not in the ordinary course of business, by the Company or any Subsidiary of a material right or of a material debt owed to it;

- (v) any satisfaction or discharge of any lien, claim or encumbrance or payment of any obligation by the Company or a Subsidiary, except in the ordinary course of business and which is not material to the assets, properties, financial condition, operating results or business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole (as such business is presently conducted and as it is proposed to be conducted);
- (vi) any change or amendment to the Articles of Amalgamation (other than in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby) or Bylaws, or material change to any material contract or arrangement by which the Company or any Subsidiary is bound or to which any of their respective assets or properties is subject;
- (vii) any material labor difficulties or labor union organizing activities with respect to employees of the Company or any Subsidiary;
- (viii) any material transaction entered into by the Company or a Subsidiary other than in the ordinary course of business;
- (ix) the loss of the services of any key employee, or material change in the composition or duties of the senior management of the Company or any Subsidiary;
- (x) the loss or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened loss of any customer which has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (xi) any other event or condition of any character that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 4.8 <u>SEC Filings</u>. At the time of filing thereof, the SEC Filings complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements made therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- 4.9 No Conflict, Breach, Violation or Default. The execution, delivery and performance of the Transaction Documents by the Company and the issuance and sale of the Securities will not (i) conflict with or result in a breach or violation of (a) any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute a default under the Articles of Amalgamation or the Bylaws (true and complete copies of which have been made available to the Investor through the EDGAR system), or (b) any statute, rule, regulation or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company, any Subsidiary or any of their respective assets or properties, or (ii) conflict with, or constitute a default (or an event that with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, result in the creation of any lien, encumbrance or other adverse claim upon any of the properties or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation (with or without notice, lapse of time or both) of, any Material Contract, except in the case of clauses (i)(b) and (ii) above, such as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, individually or in the aggregate.
- 4.10 Tax Matters. The Company and each Subsidiary has prepared and filed (or filed applicable extensions therefore) all tax returns required to have been filed by the Company or such Subsidiary with all appropriate governmental agencies and paid all taxes shown thereon or otherwise owed by it, other than any such taxes which the Company or any Subsidiary are contesting in good faith and for which adequate reserves have been provided and reflected in the Company's financial statements included in the SEC Filings. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company in respect of taxes for all fiscal periods are adequate in all material respects, and there are no material unpaid assessments against the Company or any Subsidiary nor, to the Company's Knowledge, any basis for the assessment of any additional taxes, penalties or interest for any fiscal period or audits by any federal, state or local taxing authority except for any assessment which is not material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. All taxes and other assessments and levies that the Company or any Subsidiary is required to withhold or to collect for payment have been duly withheld and collected and paid to the proper governmental entity or third party when due, other than any such taxes which the Company or any Subsidiary are contesting in good faith and for which adequate reserves have been provided and reflected in the Company's financial statements included in the SEC Filings. There are no tax liens or claims pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened in writing against the Company or any Subsidiary or any of their respective assets or property. Except as described in the SEC Filings, there are no outstanding tax sharing agreements or other such arrangements between the Company and any Subsidiary or other corporation or entity.

- 4.11 <u>Title to Properties</u>. Except as disclosed in the SEC Filings, the Company and each Subsidiary has good and marketable title to all real properties and all other properties and assets (excluding Intellectual Property assets which are the subject of <u>Section 4.14</u> hereof) owned by it, in each case free from liens, encumbrances and defects that would materially affect the value thereof or materially interfere with the use made or currently planned to be made thereof by them; and except as disclosed in the SEC Filings, the Company and each Subsidiary holds any leased real or personal property under valid and enforceable leases with no exceptions that would materially interfere with the use made or currently planned to be made thereof by them.
- 4.12 <u>Certificates, Authorities and Permits</u>. The Company and each Subsidiary possess adequate certificates, authorities or permits issued by appropriate governmental agencies or bodies necessary to conduct the business now operated by it, except to the extent failure to possess such certificates, authorities or permits could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, individually or in the aggregate, and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authority or permit that, if determined adversely to the Company or such Subsidiary, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, individually or in the aggregate.

4.13 Labor Matters.

- (a) Except as set forth in the SEC Filings, the Company is not a party to or bound by any collective bargaining agreements or other agreements with labor organizations. The Company has not violated in any material respect any laws, regulations, orders or contract terms, affecting the collective bargaining rights of employees, labor organizations or any laws, regulations or orders affecting employment discrimination, equal opportunity employment, or employees' health, safety, welfare, wages and hours.
- (b) (i) There are no labor complaint, grievance, disputes or arbitration existing, or to the Company's Knowledge, threatened, involving strikes, slow-downs, work stoppages, job actions, disputes, lockouts or any other disruptions of or by the Company's employees, (ii) no demand for recognition or certification heretofore made by any labor organization or group of employees is pending with respect to the Company and (iii) to the Company's Knowledge, the Company enjoys good labor and employee relations with its employees and labor organizations.
- (c) The Company is, and at all times has been, in compliance with all applicable laws respecting employment (including laws relating to classification of employees and independent contractors) and employment practices, terms and conditions of employment, wages and hours, and immigration and naturalization, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, individually or in the aggregate. There are no claims pending against the Company before the Human Rights Code, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or any other administrative body or in any court asserting any violation of the Human Rights Code, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1967, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1981 or 1983 or any other federal, provincial, state or local Law, statute or ordinance barring discrimination in employment.
- (d) To the Company's Knowledge, the Company has no liability for the improper classification by the Company of its employees as independent contractors or leased employees prior to each Closing.
- 4.14 Intellectual Property. The Company and the Subsidiaries own, or have obtained valid and enforceable licenses for, or other rights to use, the Intellectual Property necessary for the conduct of the business of the Company and the Subsidiaries as currently conducted and as described in the SEC Filings as being owned or licensed by them, except where the failure to own, license or have such rights could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, individually or in the aggregate. Except as described in the SEC Filings, (i) to the Company's Knowledge, there are no third parties who have or will be able to establish rights to any Intellectual Property, except for the ownership rights of the owners of the Intellectual Property which is licensed to the Company as described in the SEC Filings or where such rights could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, individually or in the aggregate, (ii) there is no pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threat of any, action, suit, proceeding or claim by others challenging the Company's or any Subsidiary's rights in or to, or the validity, enforceability, or scope of, any Intellectual Property owned by or licensed to the Company or any Subsidiary or claiming that the use of any Intellectual Property by the Company or any Subsidiary in their respective businesses as currently conducted infringes, violates or otherwise conflicts with the intellectual Property by the Company or any Subsidiary in their respective businesses as currently conducted does not infringe, violate or otherwise conflict with the intellectual property rights of any third party.

- 4.15 Environmental Matters. To the Company's Knowledge, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is in violation of any statute, rule, regulation, decision or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, relating to the use, disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or relating to the protection or restoration of the environment or human exposure to hazardous or toxic substances (collectively, "Environmental Laws"), owns or operates any real property contaminated with any substance that is subject to any Environmental Laws, is liable for any off-site disposal or contamination pursuant to any Environmental Laws, or is subject to any claim relating to any Environmental Laws, which violation, contamination, liability or claim has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, individually or in the aggregate; and there is no pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened investigation that might lead to such a claim.
- 4.16 <u>Litigation</u>. There are no pending actions, suits or proceedings against or affecting the Company, its Subsidiaries or any of its or their properties; and to the Company's Knowledge, no such actions, suits or proceedings are threatened, except (i) as described in the SEC Filings or (ii) any such proceeding, which if resolved adversely to the Company or any Subsidiary, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, individually or in the aggregate. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary, nor any director or officer thereof, is or since January 1, 2018 has been the subject of any action involving a claim of violation of or liability under federal, provincial, or state securities laws or a claim of breach of fiduciary duty. There has not been, and to the Company's Knowledge, there is not pending or contemplated, any investigation by the SEC involving the Company or any current or former director or officer of the Company. The SEC has not issued any stop order or other order suspending the effectiveness of any registration statement filed by the Company or any Subsidiary under the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act.
- 4.17 <u>Financial Statements</u>. The financial statements included in each SEC Filing comply in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto as in effect at the time of filing (or to the extent corrected by a subsequent restatement) and present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as of the dates shown and its consolidated results of operations and cash flows for the periods shown, and such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis ("<u>GAAP</u>") (except as may be disclosed therein or in the notes thereto). Except as set forth in the SEC Filings filed prior to the date hereof, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has incurred any liabilities, contingent or otherwise, except those incurred in the ordinary course of business, consistent (as to amount and nature) with past practices since the date of such financial statements, none of which, individually or in the aggregate, have had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 4.18 <u>Insurance Coverage</u>. The Company and each Subsidiary maintain in full force and effect insurance coverage that is customary for comparably situated companies for the business being conducted and properties owned or leased by the Company and each Subsidiary.
- 4.19 <u>Brokers and Finders</u>. No Person, including, without limitation, any Investor or any current holder of Common Shares, will have, as a result of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, any valid right, interest or claim against or upon the Company, any Subsidiary or an Investor for any commission, fee or other compensation pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding entered into by or on behalf of the Company.
- 4.20 <u>No Directed Selling Efforts or General Solicitation</u>. Neither the Company nor any Person acting on its behalf has conducted any general solicitation or general advertising (as those terms are used in Regulation D) in connection with the offer or sale of any of the Securities.

- 4.21 <u>No Integrated Offering</u>. Assuming the accuracy of the Investor's representations and warranties set forth in <u>Section 5</u> hereof, neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates, nor any Person acting on its or their behalf has, directly or indirectly, made any offers or sales of any Company security or solicited any offers to buy any security, which are or will be integrated with this offering of the Securities hereunder in a manner that would adversely affect reliance by the Company on Section 4(a)(2) for the exemption from registration for the transactions contemplated hereby or would require registration of the Securities under the 1933 Act.
- 4.22 <u>Private Placement</u>. Assuming the accuracy of the Investor's representations and warranties set forth in <u>Section 5</u> hereof and, the offer and sale of the Securities to the Investor as contemplated hereby is exempt from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act.
- 4.23 <u>Questionable Payments</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the Company's Knowledge, any of their respective current or former shareholders, directors, officers, employees, agents or other Persons acting on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary, has, on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary or in connection with their respective businesses, (i) used any corporate funds for unlawful contributions, gifts, entertainment or other unlawful expenses relating to political activity, (ii) made any direct or indirect unlawful payments to any governmental officials or employees from corporate funds, (iii) established or maintained any unlawful or unrecorded fund of corporate monies or other assets, (iv) made any false or fictitious entries on the books and records of the Company or any Subsidiary, or (v) made any unlawful bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment of any nature.
- 4.24 <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>. Except as disclosed in the SEC Filings and except as would not be required to be disclosed in the SEC Filings, none of the officers or directors of the Company and, to the Company's Knowledge, none of the employees of the Company is presently a party to any transaction with the Company or any Subsidiary (other than as holders of stock options and/or warrants, and for services as employees, officers and directors), including any contract, agreement or other arrangement providing for the furnishing of services to or by, providing for rental of real or personal property to or from, or otherwise requiring payments to or from any officer, director or such employee or, to the Company's Knowledge, any entity in which any officer, director, or any such employee has a substantial interest or is an officer, director, trustee or partner
- 4.25 Internal Controls. The Company is in material compliance with the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 currently applicable to the Company. The Company and the Subsidiaries maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain asset accountability, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The Company has established disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in 1934 Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the Company and designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including the Subsidiaries, is made known to the certifying officers by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which the Company's most recently filed periodic report under the 1934 Act, as the case may be, is being prepared. The Company's certifying officers have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by the most recently filed periodic report under the 1934 Act (such date, the "Evaluation Date"). The Company presented in its most recently filed periodic report under the 1934 Act the conclusions of the certifying officers about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on their evaluations as of the Evaluation Date. Since the Evaluation Date, there have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls (as such term is defined in Item 308 of Regulation S-K) or, to the Company's Knowledge, in other factors that could significantly affect the Company's internal controls. The Company maintains and will continue to maintain a standard system of accounting established and administered in accordance with GAAP and the applicable requirements of the 1934 Act.
- 4.26 <u>Investment Company</u>. The Company is not required to be registered as, and is not an Affiliate of, and immediately following each of the Closings will not be required to register as, an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

The Investor acknowledges and agrees that the Company has not made any representations or warranties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby other than those specifically set forth in this <u>Section 4</u>. The Investor further acknowledges and agrees that neither the Company nor any other Person has made any representation or warranty, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of any information received by any such Investor which constitutes or may be deemed to constitute a projection, estimate or other forecast and certain business plan information, except that such information was prepared in good faith and based upon assumptions that the Company believes to have been reasonable at the time such information, if any, was provided to the applicable Investor.

- 5. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Investor</u>. The Investor hereby represents and warrants to the Company that:
- 5.1 <u>Organization and Existence</u>. If such Investor is a corporation, limited partnership or limited liability company, it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization and has all requisite corporate, partnership or limited liability company power and authority to enter into and to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents and otherwise to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder.
- 5.2 <u>Authorization</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by such Investor of the Transaction Documents to which such Investor is a party have been duly authorized and each will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of such Investor, enforceable against such Investor in accordance with their respective terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability, relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally.
- 5.3 <u>Consents</u>. All consents, approvals, orders and authorizations required on the part of such Investor in connection with the execution, delivery or performance of each Transaction Document and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been obtained and are effective as of the date hereof.
- 5.4 <u>Purchase Entirely for Own Account</u>. The Securities to be received by such Investor hereunder will be acquired for such Investor's own account, not as nominee, trustee, representative or agent, and not with a view to the resale or distribution of any part thereof in violation of the 1933 Act, and such Investor has no present intention of selling, granting any participation in, or otherwise distributing the same and has no arrangement or understanding with any other Persons regarding the distribution of such Securities in violation of the 1933 Act or any applicable federal, provincial or state securities law without prejudice, however, to such Investor's right at all times to sell or otherwise dispose of all or any part of such Securities in compliance with applicable federal, provincial and state securities laws. Such Investor is acquiring the Securities hereunder in the ordinary course of its business. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a representation or warranty by such Investor to hold the Securities for any period of time. Such Investor is not a broker-dealer registered with the SEC under the 1934 Act or an entity engaged in a business that would require it to be so registered.
- 5.5 <u>Investment Experience</u>. Such Investor acknowledges that it can bear the economic risk and complete loss of its investment in the Securities and has such knowledge and experience in financial or business matters that it is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the investment contemplated hereby.
- 5.6 <u>Disclosure of Information</u>. Such Investor has had an opportunity to receive all information related to the Company requested by it and to ask questions of and receive answers from the Company regarding the Company, its business and the terms and conditions of the offering of the Securities. Such Investor acknowledges receipt of copies of the SEC Filings. Neither such inquiries nor any other due diligence investigation conducted by such Investor shall modify, limit or otherwise affect such Investor's right to rely on the Company's representations and warranties contained in this Agreement.
- 5.7 <u>Restricted Securities</u>. Such Investor understands that the Securities are characterized as "restricted securities" under the U.S. federal securities laws inasmuch as they are being acquired from the Company in a transaction not involving a public offering and that under such laws and applicable regulations such securities may be resold without registration under the 1933 Act only in certain limited circumstances.

- 5.8 <u>Legends</u>. It is understood that, except as provided below, certificates evidencing the Securities and any record of a book entry or electronic issuance evidencing the Securities may bear the following or any similar legend:
- (a) "THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR THE SECURITIES COMMISSION OF ANY STATE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED UNLESS (I) SUCH SECURITIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED FOR SALE PURSUANT TO THE SECURITIES ACT, (II) SUCH SECURITIES MAY BE SOLD PURSUANT TO RULE 144, OR (III) THE COMPANY HAS RECEIVED AN OPINION OF COUNSEL TO THE TRANSFEROR, THE SUBSTANCE OF WHICH OPINION SHALL BE REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO THE COMPANY, THAT SUCH TRANSFER MAY LAWFULLY BE MADE WITHOUT REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT."
- (b) If required by the authorities of any state in connection with the issuance of sale of the Securities, the legend required by such state authority.
- 5.9 <u>Accredited Investor</u>. (i) In the case of a non-Canadian Investor, such Investor is an accredited investor as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D, as amended, under the 1933 Act.
- 5.10 <u>No General Solicitation</u>. Such Investor did not learn of the investment in the Securities as a result of any general solicitation or general advertising.
- 5.11 <u>Brokers and Finders</u>. No Person will have, as a result of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, any valid right, interest or claim against or upon the Company, any Subsidiary or an Investor for any commission, fee or other compensation pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding entered into by or on behalf of such Investor.
- 5.12 Prohibited Transactions. Since the such time as such Investor was first contacted by the Company or any other Person acting on behalf of the Company regarding the transactions contemplated hereby through the public announcement of the Transaction, neither such Investor nor any Affiliate of such Investor which (a) had knowledge of the transactions contemplated hereby, (b) has or shares discretion relating to such Investor's investments or trading or information concerning such Investor's investments, including in respect of the Securities, or (c) is subject to such Investor's review or input concerning such Affiliate's investments or trading (collectively, "Trading Affiliates") has, directly or indirectly, effected or agreed to effect, or will directly or indirectly effect, any short sale, whether or not against the box, established any "put equivalent position" (as defined in Rule 16a-1(h) under the 1934 Act) with respect to the Common Shares, granted any other right (including, without limitation, any put or call option) with respect to the Common Shares or with respect to any security that includes, relates to or derived any significant part of its value from the Common Shares or otherwise sought to hedge its position in the Securities (each, a "Prohibited Transaction"). Investor acknowledges that the representations, warranties and covenants contained in this Section 5.12 are being made for the benefit of the Investor as well as the Company.

The Company acknowledges and agrees that Investor has not made any representations or warranties with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents other than those specifically set forth in this Section 5.

6. Conditions to Closings

6.1 <u>Conditions to the Investor's Obligations</u>. The obligation of Investor to accept delivery of any tranche of the Preferred Stock is subject to the fulfillment to such Investor's satisfaction, on or prior to an applicable Closing Date, of the following conditions, any of which may be waived by Investor, it being specifically understood that the obligation of Company to take any of the actions described in items 2 -5 of Exhibit A remain in the sole discretion of the Company:

- (a) The representations and warranties made by the Company in Section 4 hereof qualified as to materiality shall be true and correct at all times prior to and on the applicable Closing Date as so qualified, except to the extent any such representation or warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct as of such earlier date as so qualified, and, the representations and warranties made by the Company in Section 4 hereof not qualified as to materiality shall be true and correct in all material respects at all times prior to and on the Closing Date, except to the extent any such representation or warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date. The Company shall have performed in all material respects all obligations and covenants herein required to be performed by it on or prior to the Closing Date.
- (b) The Company shall have obtained any and all consents, permits, approvals, registrations and waivers necessary or appropriate for consummation of the purchase and sale of the Securities and the consummation of the other transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, all of which shall be in full force and effect.
- (c) If applicable, the Company shall have filed with Nasdaq a Notification Form: Listing of Additional Shares for the listing of the Preferred Shares on Nasdaq.
- (d) No judgment, writ, order, injunction, award or decree of or by any court, or judge, justice or magistrate, including any bankruptcy court or judge, or any order of or by any governmental authority, shall have been issued, and no action or proceeding shall have been instituted by any governmental authority, enjoining or preventing the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or in the other Transaction Documents.
- (e) No stop order or suspension of trading shall have been imposed by Nasdaq, the SEC or any other governmental or regulatory body with respect to public trading in the Common Shares.
- 6.2 <u>Conditions to Obligations of the Company</u>. The Company's obligation to sell and issue the Preferred Stock is subject to the fulfillment to the satisfaction of the Company on or prior to the Closing Date of the following conditions, any of which may be waived by the Company:
- (a) The representations and warranties made by the Investor in <u>Section 5</u> hereof and, other than the representations and warranties contained in <u>Sections 5.4</u>, <u>5.5</u>, <u>5.6</u>, <u>5.7</u>, <u>5.8</u>, <u>5.9</u> and <u>5.10</u> (the "<u>Investment Representations</u>"), shall be true and correct in all material respects when made, and shall be true and correct in all material respects on the applicable Closing Date with the same force and effect as if they had been made on and as of said date. The Investment Representations shall be true and correct in all respects when made, and shall be true and correct in all respects on the applicable Closing Date with the same force and effect as if they had been made on and as of said date. The Investor shall have performed in all material respects all obligations and covenants herein required to be performed by them on or prior to the applicable Closing Date.
- (b) The Investor shall have delivered the Purchase Price to the Company.
- 6.3 <u>Termination of Obligations to Effect Closings: Effects.</u>
- (a) The obligations of the Company, on the one hand, and the Investor, on the other hand, to effect any Closing after the initial Closing shall terminate as follows:
- (i) Upon the mutual written consent of the Company and the Investor;
- (ii) By the Company if any of the conditions set forth in <u>Section 6.2</u> shall have become incapable of fulfillment, and shall not have been waived by the Investor, or
- (iii) By Investor if any of the conditions set forth in Section 6.1 shall have become incapable of fulfillment, and shall not have been waived by the Investor,

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, except in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> above, the party seeking to terminate its obligation to effect such Closing shall not then be in breach of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents if such breach has resulted in the circumstances giving rise to such party's seeking to terminate its obligation to effect the applicable Closing.

7. Covenants and Agreements.

- 7.1 Reports. The Company will furnish to the Investor and/or its assignees such information relating to the Company and its Subsidiaries as from time to time may reasonably be requested by the Investor and/or their assignees; provided, however, that the Company shall not disclose material nonpublic information to the Investor, or to advisors to or representatives of the Investor, in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement unless prior to disclosure of such information the Company identifies such information as being material nonpublic information and provides the Investor, such advisors and representatives with the opportunity to accept or refuse to accept such material nonpublic information for review and any Investor wishing to obtain such information enters into an appropriate confidentiality agreement with the Company with respect thereto.
- 7.2 <u>No Conflicting Agreements</u>. The Company will not take any action, enter into any agreement, or make any commitment that would conflict or interfere in any material respect with the Company's obligations to the Investor under the Transaction Documents.
- 7.3 <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Company will comply in all material respects with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees of all governmental authorities.
- 7.4 <u>Listing of Preferred Shares and Related Matters</u>. Promptly following the date hereof, the Company shall take all necessary action to cause the Preferred Shares to be listed on Nasdaq no later than the Closing Date. Further, if the Company applies to have its Common Shares or other securities traded on any other principal stock exchange or market, it shall include in such application the Preferred Shares and will take such other action as is necessary to cause such Common Shares to be so listed. The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to continue the listing and trading of its Common Shares on Nasdaq and, in accordance, therewith, will use commercially reasonable efforts to comply in all respects with the Company's reporting, filing and other obligations under the bylaws or rules of such market or exchange, as applicable.
- 7.5 <u>Termination of Covenants</u>. The provisions of <u>Sections 7.2</u> through <u>7.4</u> shall terminate and be of no further force and effect on the earlier of (i) the sale or disposition of any Securities by an Investor pursuant to Rule 144 or pursuant to any other exemption under the 1933 Act such that the purchaser acquires freely tradable securities or (ii) any Securities of the Investor becoming eligible to be sold without restriction pursuant to Rule 144.
- 7.6 Removal of Legends. Upon the earlier of (i) the sale or disposition of any Securities by an Investor pursuant to Rule 144 or pursuant to any other exemption under the 1933 Act such that the purchaser acquires freely tradable securities or (ii) any Securities of the Investor becoming eligible to be sold without restriction pursuant to Rule 144, upon the written request of such Investor or, in the case of Common Shares, shall cause the transfer agent for the Common Shares (the "Transfer Agent") to issue replacement certificates representing such Securities or updated or replacement records of book entries or electronic issuances evidencing such Securities. From and after the earlier of such dates, upon an Investor's written request, the Company shall promptly cause certificates or records of book-entries or electronic issuances evidencing the Investor's Securities to be replaced with certificates or records of book-entries or electronic issuances, respectively, which do not bear such restrictive legends. In addition, upon the Preferred Shares becoming eligible to be sold without restriction pursuant to Rule 144, the Company shall (1) deliver to the Transfer Agent irrevocable instructions that the Transfer Agent shall reissue a certificate or a record of book entry or electronic issuance representing Common Shares without legends upon receipt by such Transfer Agent of the legended certificates or the appropriate ownership records of book-entry or electronically issued Common Shares bearing legends, as applicable, for such Common Shares, together with either (A) a customary representation by the Investor that Rule 144 applies to the Common Shares represented thereby or (B) a statement by the Investor that such Investor has sold the Common Shares represented thereby in accordance with the Plan of Distribution contained in the Registration Statement, and (2) cause its counsel to deliver to the Transfer Agent one or more blanket opinions to the effect that the removal of such legends in such circumstances may be effected under the 1933 Act.

7.7 <u>Short Sales</u>. Investor represents and warrants and covenants that neither it, nor any affiliate acting on its behalf or pursuant to any understanding with it, has in the past executed, currently holds, or will execute, any Short Sales of any of the Company's securities prior to the one-year anniversary of the initial Closing pursuant to this Agreement.

7.8 <u>Leak-out</u>. Investor agrees that except as set forth below, they will not, (1) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, or file (or participate in the filing of) a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission in respect of, any of the Company's Common Shares or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Shares (including, without limitation, Common Shares which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the undersigned in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and securities which may be issued upon exercise of a stock option or warrant), (2) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of Common Shares, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Shares or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, (3) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any Common Shares or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Shares, or (4) publicly announce an intention to effect any transaction specific in clause (1), (2), or (3) above, except that:

-beginning with the six-month anniversary of the date hereof until the 18-month anniversary of the date hereof, during any particular quarter, an Investor may sell up to 10% of the Company's securities beneficially owned by such Investor;

-beginning with the 18-month anniversary of the date hereof until the 24-month anniversary of the date hereof, during any particular quarter, an Investor may sell up to 30% of the Company's securities beneficially owned by such Investor.

7.9 <u>Board Seat</u>. Upon the closing of the Company's pending merger with Gryphon Digital Mining, Inc., and so long as the Investor beneficially owns at least 10% of the outstanding Common Shares of the Company or a combination of Preferred Stock and Common Shares which after conversion amount to at least 10% of the outstanding Common Shares of the Company after such conversion, Investor shall have the right to nominate, subject to the Company's approval, not to be unreasonably withheld of such candidate, one member of the Board of Directors of the Company, with such director's term, if elected, commencing following the Company's next annual meeting where directors are ordinarily elected. In furtherance of the following, (a) Company shall include any such nominee as part of the slate supported by the Company at such meeting and (b) where there is a vacancy on the Board of Directors occurring at any time after the initial Closing and the next annual meeting where directors are ordinarily elected, the Company shall take all such proper action needed to appoint a nominee of Investor to such vacancy.

8. Indemnification.

8.1 <u>Indemnification</u>. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Investor and its Affiliates and their respective directors, officers, trustees, members, managers, employees and agents, and their respective successors and assigns, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees and disbursements (subject to <u>Section 8.2</u> below) and other expenses incurred in connection with investigating, preparing or defending any action, claim or proceeding, pending or threatened and the costs of enforcement thereof) (collectively, "<u>Losses</u>") to which such Person may become subject as a result of any breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement made by or to be performed on the part of the Company under the Transaction Documents, and will reimburse any such Person for all such amounts as they are incurred by such Person.

8.2 <u>Conduct of Indemnification Proceedings</u>. Any person entitled to indemnification hereunder shall (i) give prompt notice to the indemnifying party of any claim with respect to which it seeks indemnification and (ii) permit such indemnifying party to assume the defense of such claim with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party; provided that any person entitled to indemnification hereunder shall have the right to employ separate counsel and to participate in the defense of such claim, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such person unless (a) the indemnifying party has agreed to pay such fees or expenses, (b) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim and employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such person or (c) in the reasonable judgment of any such person, based upon written advice of its counsel, a conflict of interest exists between such person and the indemnifying party with respect to such claims (in which case, if the person notifies the indemnifying party in writing that such person elects to employ separate counsel at the expense of the indemnifying party, the indemnifying party shall not have the right to assume the defense of such claim on behalf of such person); and provided, further, that the failure of any indemnified party to give notice as provided herein shall not relieve the indemnifying party of its obligations hereunder, except to the extent that such failure to give notice shall materially adversely affect the indemnifying party in the defense of any such claim or litigation. It is understood that the indemnifying party shall not, in connection with any proceeding in the same jurisdiction, be liable for fees or expenses of more than one separate firm of attorneys at any time for all such indemnified parties. No indemnifying party will, except with the consent of the indemnified party, consent to entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement that does not include as an unconditional term thereof the giving by the claimant or plaintiff to such indemnified party of a release from all liability in respect of such claim or litigation. The Company will not be liable to any indemnified party under this Agreement (x) for any settlement by such indemnified party effected without the Company's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, or (y) for any Losses incurred by such indemnified party which a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final judgment which is not subject to further appeal are solely attributable to (A) a breach of any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made by such indemnified party under this Agreement or in any other Transaction Document or (B) the fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct of such indemnified party.

9. Miscellaneous.

- 9.1 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement may not be assigned by a party hereto without the prior written consent of the Company or the Investor, as applicable, provided, however, that Investor may assign its rights and delegate its duties hereunder in whole or in part to an Affiliate or to a third party acquiring some or all of its Securities in a transaction complying with applicable securities laws without the prior written consent of the Company. The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective permitted successors and assigns of the parties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Company is a party to a merger, amalgamation, consolidation, share exchange or similar business combination transaction in which the Common Shares is converted into the equity securities of another Person, from and after the effective time of such transaction, such Person shall, by virtue of such transaction, be deemed to have assumed the obligations of the Company hereunder, the term "Company" shall be deemed to refer to such Person and the term "Common Shares" shall be deemed to refer to the securities received by the Investor in connection with such transaction. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.
- 9.2 <u>Counterparts; Faxes</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, all of which when taken together shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each party and delivered to each other party, it being understood that the parties need not sign the same counterpart. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or ".pdf" signature page were an original thereof.
- 9.3 <u>Titles and Subtitles</u>. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement.
- 9.4 <u>Notices</u>. Unless otherwise provided, any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be given in writing and shall be deemed effectively given as hereinafter described (i) if given by personal delivery, then such notice shall be deemed given upon such delivery, (ii) if given by electronic mail, telex or telecopier, then such notice shall be deemed given upon receipt of confirmation of complete transmittal, (iii) if given by mail, then such notice shall be deemed given upon the earlier of (a) receipt of such notice by the recipient or (b) three days after such notice is deposited in first class mail, postage prepaid, and (iv) if given by an internationally recognized overnight air courier, then such notice shall be deemed given one Business Day after delivery to such carrier. All notices shall be addressed to the party to be notified at the address as follows, or at such other address as such party may designate by ten days' advance written notice to the other party:

If to the Company:

Sphere 3D Corp.

895 Don Mills Road, Building 2, Suite 900

Toronto, Ontario, Canada M3C 1W3

Attention: Peter Tassiopoulos, Chief Executive Officer

Fax: (858) 495-4267

With a copy to:

Pryor Cashman LLP 7 Times Square

New York, New York 10036 Attention: M. Ali Panjwani, Esq.

Fax: (212) 326-0806

If to the Investor: Hertford Advisors Ltd.

Office #122

Windward 3 Building, Regatta Office Park West Bay Road

Grand Cayman E9 KY 1-9006

Fax:

to the addresses set forth on the signature pages hereto.

9.5 <u>Expenses</u>. The parties hereto shall pay their own costs and expenses in connection herewith, regardless of whether the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated. In the event that legal proceedings are commenced by any party to this Agreement against another party to this Agreement in connection with this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents, the party or parties which do not prevail in such proceedings shall severally, but not jointly, pay their pro rata share of the reasonable attorneys' fees and other reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the prevailing party in such proceedings.

9.6 <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the written consent of the Company and the Investor. Any amendment or waiver effected in accordance with this paragraph shall be binding upon each holder of any Securities purchased under this Agreement at the time outstanding, each future holder of all such Securities, and the Company.

9.7 <u>Publicity</u>. Except as set forth below, no public release or announcement concerning the transactions contemplated hereby shall be issued by the Company or the Investor without the prior consent of the Company (in the case of a release or announcement by the Investor) or the Investor (in the case of a release or announcement by the Company) (which consents shall not be unreasonably withheld), except as such release or announcement may be required by law or the applicable rules or regulations of any securities exchange or securities market, in which case the Company or the Investor, as the case may be, shall allow the Investor or the Company, as applicable, to the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances, reasonable time to comment on the portion of such release or announcement concerning the transactions contemplated hereby in advance of such issuance. The Company will make such filings and notices in the manner and time required by the SEC or Nasdaq. The Company will disclose the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement no later than its next quarterly earnings release issued after the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

- 9.8 <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof but shall be interpreted as if it were written so as to be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the parties hereby waive any provision of law which renders any provision hereof prohibited or unenforceable in any respect.
- 9.9 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, including the Exhibits and the Schedules, and the other Transaction Documents constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereof with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, both oral and written, between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof.
- 9.10 <u>Further Assurances</u>. The parties shall execute and deliver all such further instruments and documents and take all such other actions as may reasonably be required to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby and to evidence the fulfillment of the agreements herein contained.
- 9.11 Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Jury Trial. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed entirely within the State of New York (except to the extent the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (Ontario). Each of the parties hereto irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York located in New York County and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for the purpose of any suit, action, proceeding or judgment relating to or arising out of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. Service of process in connection with any such suit, action or proceeding may be served on each party hereto anywhere in the world by the same methods as are specified for the giving of notices under this Agreement. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of any such court in any such suit, action or proceeding and to the laying of venue in such court. Each party hereto irrevocably waives any objection to the laying of venue of any such suit, action or proceeding brought in such courts and irrevocably waives any claim that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWABLE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO REQUEST A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LITIGATION WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT AND REPRESENTS THAT COUNSEL HAS BEEN CONSULTED SPECIFICALLY AS TO THIS WAIVER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement or caused their duly authorized officers to execute this Agreement as of the date first above written.

SPHERE 3D CORP.

By: /s/ Peter Tassiopoulos
Name: Peter Tassiopoulos
Title: Chief Executive Officer

The Investor:

Hertford Advisors Ltd.

By: /s/ Eric Strachan
Name: Eric Strachan

Title: Director

EXHIBIT A

- 1. Upon assignment by Hertford Advisors ("Hertford") to the Company of the Hosting Agreement and three Equipment Agreements, the Company will issue to Hertford a number of its Common Shares equal to 19.9% of its outstanding Common Shares on the date hereof.
- 2. Upon the payment by the Company of a deposit for 60,000 Machines pursuant to the first Equipment Agreement, the Company will issue Hertford 96 thousand shares of Series H Preferred Stock.
- 3. Upon the payment by the Company of a deposit for 60,000 Machines pursuant to the second Equipment Agreement, the Company will issue Hertford 75 thousand shares of Series H Preferred Stock.
- 4. Upon the payment by the Company of a deposit for 100,000 Machines pursuant to the three Equipment Agreement, the Company will issue Hertford 75 thousand shares of Series H Preferred Stock.
- 5. Upon entry by the Company into a definitive agreement for energy hosting for such equipment referenced above, the Company will issue Hertford an additional 30 thousand shares of Series H Preferred Stock.
- 6. Upon entry by the Company into a definitive agreement for financing of at least \$250 million, the Company will issue Hertford an additional 20 thousand shares of Series H Preferred Stock.

For the avoidance of doubt, all of the securities referenced in this Exhibit A shall be subject to the entirety of the Agreement of which this Exhibit A is a part, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 7.8.

Exhibit 99.3

SPHERE 3D CORP. CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF PREFERENCES, RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS OF SERIES H CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK

The undersigned, Peter Tassiopoulos, does hereby certify that:

- 1. He is the Chief Executive Officer of SPHERE 3D Corp., an Ontario, Canada corporation (the "Corporation").
- 2. The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of preferred shares, no par value.
- 3. The following resolutions were duly adopted by the board of directors of the Corporation (the "Board of Directors"):

WHEREAS, the certificate of incorporation of the Corporation provides for a class of its authorized stock known as preferred stock, consisting of an unlimited number of shares, without par value, issuable from time to time in one or more series;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is authorized to fix the dividend rights, dividend rate, voting rights, conversion rights, rights and terms of redemption and liquidation preferences of any wholly unissued series of preferred stock and the number of shares constituting any series and the designation thereof, of any of them; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Directors, pursuant to its authority as aforesaid, to fix the rights, preferences, restrictions and other matters relating to a series of the preferred stock, which shall consist of an unlimited number of shares of the preferred stock which the Corporation has the authority to issue, as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby provide for the issuance of a series of preferred stock for cash or exchange of other securities, rights or property and does hereby fix and determine the rights, preferences, restrictions and other matters relating to such series of preferred stock as follows:

The Series H Preferred Shares shall have the following rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions (the "**Series H Preferred Share Provisions**"):

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 In these Series H Preferred Share Provisions, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:
 - (a) "Accrued and Unpaid Dividends" means the aggregate (without duplication) of (i) all unpaid dividends on the Series H Preferred Shares for any dividend period; and (ii) the amount calculated as though dividends on each Series H Preferred Share had been accruing on a day to day basis from and including the end of the most recent fiscal quarter of the Corporation up to and including the date to which the computation of accrued dividends is to be made;
 - (b) "Act" means the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario), as now enacted or as it may from time to time be amended, re-enacted or replaced (and in the case of such amendment, re-enactment or replacement, any references herein to specific provisions thereof shall be read as referring to such amended, re-enacted or replaced provisions);
 - (c) "**Aggregate Consideration**" has the meaning given thereto in Section 6(b);
 - (d) "**As Adjusted**" with respect to any share or per share amount, means subject to appropriate adjustment from the date hereof in the event of any stock dividend, stock split, consolidation, combination, conversion, exchange, reclassification, substitution or other similar recapitalization with respect to the applicable shares;
 - (e) "**Business Day**" means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or any other statutory holiday in the City of New York, New York or in the City of Toronto, Ontario;
 - (f) "**Common Shares**" means the common shares of the Corporation;
 - (g) "Corporation" means Sphere 3D Corp.;
 - (h) "**Deemed Liquidation**" has the meaning given thereto in Section 6;
 - (i) "Holder" in respect of any Series H Preferred Share, means the registered holder thereof;
 - (j) "**Initial Issue Date**" means the date of initial issuance of Series H Preferred Shares;
 - (k) "Series H Conversion Rate" at any time means the number of Common Shares into which one Series H Preferred Share may be converted, as may be equitably adjusted from time to time pursuant to these Series H Preferred Share Provisions for stock splits, dividends and similar combinations or subdivisions applicable to all Common Shares:
 - (l) "Series H Subscription Price" of each Series H Preferred Share means US\$1,000, as adjusted;

- (m) "Series H Preferred Holder Approval" means the approval of the Holders of the Series H Preferred Shares given in writing by the Holders of a majority of the outstanding Series H Preferred Shares (or such greater percentage as may be required by applicable law) or by a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast by the Holders of Series H Preferred Shares who voted in respect of that resolution (or such greater percentage as may be required by applicable law);
- (n) "Series H Preferred Shares" means the Series H Preferred Shares of the Corporation; and
- (o) "Stock Option Plan" means (i) any performance incentive plan, stock option plan or stock purchase plan of the Corporation that either (x) has been approved by the board of directors and the shareholders of the Corporation prior to the Initial Issue Date of first issuance of a Preferred Share or (y) is approved by the board of directors and the Holders by way of Preferred Holder Approval and, in either of (x) or (y) above, as such plan or plans may be amended, replaced or substituted from time to time with approval of the board of directors and the Holders by way of Preferred Holder Approval; and (ii) the Company's 2015 performance incentive plan, as it may be amended as described in the definitive proxy statement and information circular filed with the Securities Exchange Commission on September 27, 2018.

2. DIVIDENDS

The Holders of the Series H Preferred Shares shall not be entitled to receive a dividend.

3. CANCELLATION OF SHARES

Series H Preferred Shares that are redeemed by the Corporation pursuant to any of the provisions hereof shall be cancelled on and as of the date of such redemption.

4. VOTING RIGHTS

The Holders of the Series H Preferred Shares shall be entitled to receive notice of, to attend (in a non-voting capacity) all meetings of the shareholders of the Corporation, other than at meetings of the Holders of any other class of shares meeting separately as a class. Other than with respect to the matters contained herein which specifically provide the Holders with certain limited voting rights, no Holder shall have any right to any vote with respect to the Series H Preferred Shares.

5. CONVERSION

5.1 CONVERSIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS

Upon and subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Section 5.1, the Holder or any affiliate thereof shall have the right, provided (and only if and to the extent) that prior shareholder approval of the issuance of all Common Shares issuable upon conversion of the Series H Preferred Shares has been obtained in accordance with the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market and/or any other exchange on which the Common Shares are then traded, to convert all or any part of its Series H Preferred Shares into the number of fully paid and non-assessable Common Shares that is equal to the number of Series H Preferred Shares to be converted multiplied by the Series H Conversion Rate in effect on the date of conversion. Unless and until adjusted in accordance with these Series H Preferred Share Provisions, the Series H Conversion Rate shall be equal to 1:1,000, meaning, for the avoidance of doubt, that each Series H Preferred Share shall be convertible into 1,000 Common Shares.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 5.1, the Corporation shall not effect the conversion by the Holder, any of its affiliates or any member of a Section 13(d) "group" with the Holder of any Series H Preferred Shares, and each of the Holder, its affiliates and any member of a Section 13(d) group with the Holder shall not have the right to convert any Series H Preferred Shares, to the extent that after giving effect to such conversion, the Holder, together with any of the Holder's affiliates and any other member of a Section 13(d) group with the Holder, would beneficially own in excess of 9.99% (the "Maximum Percentage") of the Common Shares outstanding immediately after giving effect to such conversion; provided, however, that the Holder may upon providing the Corporation with at least 61 days' prior written notice, increase or decrease the Maximum Percentage. For purposes of the foregoing sentence, the aggregate number of Common Shares beneficially owned by the Holder, its affiliates and any member of a Section 13(d) group with the Holder shall include the number of Common Shares issuable upon conversion of the Series H Preferred Shares with respect to which the determination of such sentence is being made, but shall exclude Common Shares which would be issuable upon (i) conversion of the remaining, unconverted Series H Preferred Shares held by the Holder, its affiliates or a member of a Section 13(d) group with the Holder and (ii) exercise or conversion of the unexercised or unconverted portion of any other securities of the Corporation beneficially owned by the Holder, its affiliates or members of a Section 13(d) group with the Holder (including, without limitation, any convertible notes or convertible preferred stock or warrants) subject to a limitation on conversion or exercise analogous to the limitation contained herein. For purposes of this paragraph, beneficial ownership and whether the Holder is a member of a Section 13(d) group shall be calculated and determined in accordance with Section 13(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules promulgated thereunder. For purposes of this paragraph, in determining the number of outstanding Common Shares, the Holder may rely on the number of outstanding Common Shares as reflected in (1) the Corporation's most recent Form 10-K, Form 10-Q, Form 8-K or other public filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, as the case may be, (2) a more recent public announcement by the Corporation or (3) any other notice by the Corporation setting forth the number of Common Shares outstanding. For any reason at any time, upon the written or oral request of the Holder, the Corporation shall within two (2) business days confirm to the Holder the number of Common Shares then outstanding. The Holder shall disclose to the Corporation the number of Common Shares that it, its affiliates or any member of a Section 13(d) group with the Holder owns and has the right to acquire through the exercise or conversion of derivative securities and any limitations on exercise or conversion analogous to the limitation contained herein contemporaneously or immediately prior to a proposed conversion of any Series H Preferred Shares.

A third party transferee unaffiliated with the Holder or any of its affiliates may, at any time, convert all or any part of the Series H Preferred Shares held by such third party transferee into the number of fully paid and non-assessable Common Shares that is equal to the number of Series H Preferred Shares to be converted multiplied by the Series H Conversion Rate in effect on the date of conversion; provided that, (x) after such conversion, the Common Shares issuable upon such conversion, together with all Common Shares held by such third party transferee that are or would be deemed to be aggregate under the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, in the aggregate would not exceed 19.9% of the total number of Common Shares of the corporation then outstanding and (y) such conversion and issuance would not otherwise violate or cause the Corporation to violate the Corporation's obligations under the rules or regulations of the Nasdaq Capital Market.

5.2 AVOIDANCE OF FRACTIONAL SHARES

In any case where a fraction of a Common Share would otherwise be issuable on conversion of one or more Series H Preferred Shares, the Corporation shall adjust such fractional interest by the payment to the Holder of an amount in cash equal to the then current market value of such fractional interest, as determined by the board of directors.

5.3 RESERVATION OF COMMON SHARES

So long as any of the Series H Preferred Shares are outstanding and entitled to the right of conversion herein provided, the Corporation shall at all times reserve a sufficient number of unissued Common Shares to enable all of the Series H Preferred Shares outstanding to be converted upon the basis and upon the terms and conditions herein provided in this Section 5.

6. LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION OR WINDING-UP

- (a) In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, or any other distribution of the assets of the Corporation among its shareholders for the purpose of winding-up its affairs, the Series H Preferred Shares shall entitle each of the Holders thereof to receive an amount equal to the Series H Subscription Price per Series H Preferred Share plus the amount of the Accrued and Unpaid Dividends, the whole to be paid before any amount is paid or any assets of the Corporation are distributed to the holders of Common Shares or any other shares ranking junior to the Series H Preferred Shares on any such liquidation, dissolution, winding-up or distribution. Upon payment of the amounts so payable to them, the Holders of Series H Preferred Shares shall not be entitled to share in any further distribution of assets of the Corporation.
- (b) For the purposes of Section 6(a) above, a liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation shall be deemed to occur (each a "Deemed Liquidation") upon: (i) a sale, conveyance, exclusive license or other disposition of all or substantially all of the undertaking, property or assets (including, without limitation, the material intellectual property) of the Corporation, where the shareholders of the Corporation immediately prior to the transaction do not collectively own, directly or indirectly, a majority interest in any purchasing or acquiring entity following the transaction; (ii) a merger or amalgamation of the Corporation with or into, or consolidation of the Corporation with, any other corporation in which the shareholders of the Corporation immediately prior to the transaction do not collectively own, directly or indirectly, a majority of the voting power of the surviving corporation following the transaction; or (iii) the sale, exchange or other disposition of the outstanding Common Shares of the Corporation or any reorganization or other transaction in which the shareholders of the Corporation immediately prior to the transaction do not own, directly or indirectly, a majority of the voting power of the surviving corporation following the transaction. In the event of a Deemed Liquidation where the nature of the transaction is such that the consideration (whether in the form of cash, securities or other property) in connection with such Deemed Liquidation would be receivable by the shareholders of the Corporation, then the Holders of the Series H Preferred Shares shall be entitled to receive at the closing of such Deemed Liquidation such portion of the aggregate consideration (whether in the form of cash, securities or other property) receivable by the shareholders of the Corporation in connection with such Deemed Liquidation (the "Aggregate Consideration") as is required by applying Section 6(a) to the distribution and payment of the Aggregate Consideration in the same manner as the assets of the Corporation are required to be distributed among its shareholders in the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up in accordance with such section.

The Corporation shall provide the Holders with at least ten (10) Business Days' prior written notice of the consummation of any Deemed Liquidation.

7. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

The Common Shares shall rank junior to the Series H Preferred Shares and shall be subject in all respects to the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the Series H Preferred Shares.

So long as any of the Series H Preferred Shares are outstanding, except as specifically contemplated in the Series H Preferred Share Provisions, the Corporation shall not, without the approval of a majority of the Holders (with each such share having one vote):

- (a) redeem or call for redemption, purchase or otherwise pay off, retire or make any return of capital in respect of any shares of the Corporation ranking as to capital junior to the Series H Preferred Shares (other than with respect to Common Shares issued pursuant to a Stock Option Plan in connection with the cessation of service of the holder of such shares);
- (b) redeem or call for redemption, purchase or otherwise pay off, retire or make any return of capital in respect of any shares, ranking as to the payment of dividends or return of capital on a parity with the Series H Preferred Shares; or
- (c) issue any additional Series H Preferred Shares in excess of the number of Series H Preferred Shares authorized for issuance as of the Initial Issue Date, or securities convertible or exchangeable for Series H Preferred Shares, or any shares or securities convertible or exchangeable therefor ranking as to the payment of dividends or the return of capital prior to or on a parity with the Series H Preferred Shares.

8. MODIFICATION

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the Series H Preferred Shares may be deleted, varied, modified, amended or amplified with prior Series H Preferred Holder Approval.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 NOTICES

Any notice required or permitted to be given to any Holder shall be delivered by courier to such Holder at its address as it appears on the records of the Corporation or in the event of the address of any such Holder not so appearing, then to the last address of such Holder known to the Corporation.

9.2 GENDER, ETC.

Words importing only the singular number include the plural and vice versa and words importing any gender include all genders.

9.3 CURRENCY

All monetary amounts referred to herein shall be in lawful money of the United States unless otherwise indicated.

9.4 HEADINGS

The division of these Series H Preferred Share Provisions into sections, paragraphs or other subdivisions and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

9.5 BUSINESS DAY

In the event that any date upon which any dividends on the Series H Preferred Shares are payable by the Corporation, or upon or by which any other action is required to be taken by the Corporation or any Holder hereunder, is not on a Business Day or during a Business Day, then such dividend shall be payable or such other action shall be required to be taken on or by the next succeeding day which is a Business Day.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file this Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations in accordance with the foregoing resolution and the provisions of Ontario, Canada law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate this 30 day of July 2021.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Name: & $\frac{\slashed{s'} \end{tabular} Peter Tassiopoulos} \\ \end{tabular}$ Chief Executive Officer

ANNEX A

NOTICE OF CONVERSION (TO BE EXECUTED BY THE REGISTERED HOLDER IN ORDER TO CONVERT SHARES OF PREFERRED STOCK)

The undersigned hereby elects to convert the number of shares of Series H Convertible Preferred Stock indicated below into shares of common stock, without par value (the "Common Stock"), of SPHERE 3D CORP., an Ontario, Canada corporation (the "Corporation"), according to the conditions hereof, as of the date written below. If shares of Common Stock are to be issued in the name of a Person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay all transfer taxes payable with respect thereto and is delivering herewith such certificates and opinions as may be required by the Corporation in accordance with the Purchase Agreement. No fee will be charged to the Holders for any conversion, except for any such transfer taxes.

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Date to Effect Conversion:
Number of shares of Preferred Stock owned prior to Conversion:
Number of shares of Preferred Stock to be Converted:
Stated Value of shares of Preferred Stock to be Converted:
Number of Common Shares to be Issued:
Number of shares of Preferred Stock subsequent to Conversion:
Address for Delivery:
<u>or</u>
DWAC Instructions:
Broker no:
Account no:

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

among

SPHERE 3D CORP.

and

GRYPHON DIGITAL MINING, INC.

and

SPHERE GDM CORP.

dated as of

June 3, 2021

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

This Agreement and Plan of Merger (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of June 3, 2021, is entered into by and among Sphere 3D Corp., an Ontario corporation ("<u>Parent</u>") ("<u>Public Company</u>"); Sphere GDM Corp., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Public Company (the "<u>Merger Sub</u>"); and Gryphon Digital Mining, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Merger Partner</u>").

RECITALS

- A. The Board of Directors of Public Company (the "Public Company Board") and the Board of Directors of Merger Partner (the "Merger Partner Board") have each (i) determined that the Merger is fair to, and in the best interests of, their respective corporations and Shareholders, (ii) approved and declared advisable this Agreement, the Merger and the actions contemplated by this Agreement and (iii) determined to recommend that the Shareholders of their respective corporations vote to approve such matters as are contemplated by this Agreement, including, in the case of Merger Partner, the adoption of this Agreement and, in the case of Public Company, the approval of the issuance of Public Company Common Shares pursuant to this Agreement (the "Share Issuance").
- B. The combination of Public Company and Merger Partner shall be effected through a merger (the "Merger") of Merger Sub with and into Merger Partner in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), as a result of which Merger Partner will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Public Company.
- C. For United States federal income tax purposes, it is intended that (i) the Merger shall qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) this Agreement shall constitute a "plan of reorganization" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.368-2(g).

Annex NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I THE MERGER

Section 1.01 Effective Time of the Merger. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, on the Closing Date the parties hereto will cause the Merger to be consummated by executing and filing a certificate of merger (the "Certificate of Merger") in accordance with the relevant provisions of the DGCL. The Merger shall become effective upon the due filing of the Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware or at such subsequent time or date as Public Company and Merger Partner shall agree and specify in the Certificate of Merger (the "Effective Time").

Section 1.02 Closing. Subject to the satisfaction or (to the extent permitted by Law) waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VII, the closing of the Merger (the "Closing") will take place at 10:00 a.m., Eastern time, on a date to be specified by Public Company and Merger Partner (the "Closing Date"), which shall be no later than the second Business Day after satisfaction or (to the extent permitted by Law) waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VII (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or (to the extent permitted by law) waiver of such conditions), at the offices of Bevilacqua PLLC, 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20039 (or by remote exchange of electronic documents), unless another date, place or time is agreed to in writing by Public Company and Merger Partner. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banking institutions in New York, New York, are required or permitted by Law to be closed.

Section 1.03 Effects of the Merger.

- (a) At the Effective Time, (i) the separate existence of Merger Sub shall cease and Merger Sub shall be merged with and into Merger Partner (Merger Partner as the surviving corporation following the Merger is sometimes referred to herein as the "Surviving Corporation") and (ii) the certificate of incorporation of Merger Partner as in effect as of immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be amended and restated as mutually agreed upon by Merger Partner and Public Company and as so amended and restated shall be the certificate of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation. In addition, the bylaws of Merger Partner, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be amended and restated as mutually agreed upon by Merger Partner and Public Company, and, as so amended, shall be the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation. The Merger shall have the effects set forth in Section 259 of the DGCL.
- (b) At and after the Effective Time, the officers and directors of the Surviving Corporation shall be authorized to execute and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the Surviving Corporation, Merger Sub or Merger Partner, any deeds, bills of sale, assignments or assurances and to take and do, in the name and on behalf of the Surviving Corporation, Merger Sub or Merger Partner, any other actions and things necessary to vest, perfect or confirm of record or otherwise in the Surviving Corporation any and all right, title and interest in, to and under any of the rights, properties or assets acquired or to be acquired by the Surviving Corporation as a result of, or in connection with, the Merger.

Section 1.04 Directors and Officers of the Surviving Company.

- (a) The individuals named on Section 1.04(a) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule shall be the initial directors of the Surviving Corporation as of the Effective Time, each to hold office in accordance with the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation.
- (b) The individuals named on Section 1.04(b) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule shall be the initial officers of the Surviving Corporation as of the Effective Time, each to hold office in accordance with the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation.

Section 1.05 Public Company Matters.

- (a) <u>Board of Directors</u>. The parties shall take all action necessary (including, to the extent necessary, procuring the resignation or removal of any directors on the Public Company Board as of the Effective Time) so that, as of immediately after the Effective Time, the number of directors that comprise the full Public Company Board shall be seven (7), of which, five (5) directors shall be designated by Merger Partner and reasonably acceptable to Public Company and two (2) directors shall be designated by Public Company and reasonably acceptable to Merger Partner.
- (b) Officers. The parties shall take all action necessary (including, to the extent necessary, procuring the resignation or removal of any executive officer as of the Effective Time) to cause the individuals identified in Section 1.05(b) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule (as defined below) to be appointed to the offices of Public Company indicated next to such individual's name thereon as of immediately after the Effective Time
- (c) <u>Replacement of Designees</u>. In the event that, prior to the Effective Time, any individual initially designated pursuant to Section 1.05(a) is unable or unwilling to serve in the capacity so designated, the party that designated such designee shall select a replacement for such initial designee to serve in such initial designee's place; provided that such replacement shall be reasonably acceptable to the other party. In the event that, prior to the Effective Time, any individual initially designated pursuant to Section 1.05(b) is unable to unwilling to serve in the capacity as designated, the parties shall jointly select a replacement for such designee to serve in such initial designee's place. The parties shall take all actions necessary to ensure that any such replacement is duly appointed to serve as a director or officer of Public Company, as applicable, as of immediately after the Effective Time.

ARTICLE II CONVERSION OF SECURITIES

Section 2.01 Effect of the Merger on Capital Stock. As of the Effective Time (and after giving effect to the Merger Partner Preferred Stock Conversion), by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder of any shares of Merger Partner Capital Stock or any shares of capital stock of Merger Sub:

- (a) <u>Capital Stock of Merger Sub</u>. Each share of the common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Merger Sub issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be converted into and become one fully paid and nonassessable share of common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, of the Surviving Corporation.
- (b) <u>Cancellation of Treasury Stock</u>. All shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share of Merger Partner ("<u>Merger Partner Common Stock</u>") that are held in treasury or by any Subsidiary of Merger Partner and any shares of Merger Partner Common Stock owned Merger Sub immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be cancelled and shall cease to exist and no stock of Public Company or other consideration shall be delivered in exchange therefor.
- (c) <u>Conversion of Merger Partner Common Stock.</u> Subject to Section 2.02, each share of Merger Partner Common Stock (other than any Dissenting Shares) shall be automatically converted into the right to receive a number of common shares of Public Company ("<u>Public Company Common Shares</u>") equal to the Exchange Ratio. As of the Effective Time, all such shares of Merger Partner Common Stock shall cease to be outstanding and shall automatically be cancelled and shall cease to exist, and each holder of a certificate representing any such shares of Merger Partner Common Stock shall cease to have any rights with respect thereto, except the right to receive Public Company Common Shares pursuant to this Section 2.01(c) and any cash in lieu of fractional Public Company Common Shares to be issued or paid in consideration therefor and any amounts payable pursuant to Section 2.02(d) upon the surrender of such certificate in accordance with Section 2.02, without interest. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them below:

"Exchange Ratio" means, subject to Section 2.01(d), a fraction, expressed as a decimal rounded to the nearest one-thousandth, equal to the result of (i) the Merger Consideration divided by (ii) Fully Diluted Merger Partner Share Number.

"Fully Diluted Merger Partner Share Number" means the total number of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (after giving effect to the Merger Partner Preferred Stock Conversion) expressed on a fully-diluted and as-converted to Merger Partner Common Stock basis and assuming, without limitation or duplication, (i) the exercise of all Merger Partner Stock Options and Merger Partner Warrants outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time and (ii) the issuance of Public Company Common Shares in respect of all other options, warrants or rights to receive such shares that will be outstanding immediately after the Effective Time (but excluding any shares of Merger Partner Common Stock reserved for issuance other than with respect to outstanding Merger Partner Stock Options under the Merger Partner Plans as of immediately prior to the Effective Time).

"<u>Merger Consideration</u>" means a total number of Public Company Common Shares equal to the sum of (i) the Merger Partner Business Consideration plus (ii) the Merger Partner Financing Consideration.

"Merger Partner Business Consideration" means 111,000,000 Public Company Common Shares, subject to an equitable adjustment for stock splits, stock combinations, recapitalizations or similar transactions.

"Merger Partner Financing Consideration" means the quotient of (a) the net proceeds received by Merger Partner from and after the date of this Agreement until the Closing Date through the sale of equity or equity linked securities, up to a maximum \$18,000,000 divided by (b) the volume-weighted average trading price of the Public Company Common Shares for the consecutive ten (10) trading days as of 4:00pm ET on the date of the Public Company Meeting for vote Shareholders.

(d) <u>Unvested Stock</u>. At the Effective Time, any Public Company Common Shares issued in accordance with <u>Section 2.01(c)</u> with respect to any unvested shares of Merger Partner Common Stock awarded to employees, directors or consultants pursuant to any of Merger Partner's plans or arrangements and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain subject to the same terms, restrictions and vesting schedule as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, except to the extent by their terms such unvested shares of Merger Partner Common Stock vest at the Effective Time. Merger Partner shall not take or permit any action which would accelerate vesting of any unvested shares, except to the extent required by their terms as in effect on the date hereof. Copies of the relevant agreements governing such shares and the vesting thereof have been made available to Public Company. All outstanding rights that Merger Partner may hold immediately prior to the Effective Time to repurchase unvested shares of Merger Partner Common Stock shall be assigned to Public Company in the Merger and shall thereafter be exercisable by Public Company upon the same terms and conditions in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, except that the shares purchasable pursuant to such rights and the purchase price payable per share shall be appropriately adjusted to reflect the Exchange Ratio. Merger Partner shall, prior to the Closing, take all steps necessary to cause the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.01(d) to occur.

Section 2.02 Exchange of Certificates. The procedures for exchanging outstanding shares of Merger Partner Common Stock for Public Company Common Shares pursuant to the Merger are as follows:

(a) Exchange Agent. At or immediately prior to the Effective Time, Public Company shall deposit with TSX Trust Company or another bank or trust company designated by Public Company and reasonably acceptable to Merger Partner (the "Exchange Agent"), for the benefit of the holders of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock, for exchange in accordance with this Section 2.02, through the Exchange Agent, (i) certificates representing the Public Company Common Shares (such Public Company Common Shares, together with any dividends or distributions with respect thereto with a record date after the Effective Time, being hereinafter referred to as the "Exchange Fund") issuable pursuant to Section 2.01 in exchange for outstanding shares of Merger Partner Common Stock, (ii) cash in an amount sufficient to make payments for fractional shares required pursuant to Section 2.02(c) and (iii) any dividends or distributions to which holders of certificates that, as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, represented outstanding shares of Merger Partner Common Stock (the "Certificates") that, as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, represented outstanding shares of Merger Partner Common Stock, whose shares were converted pursuant to Section 2.01 into the right to receive Public Company Common Shares, may be entitled pursuant to Section 2.02(d).

- (b) Exchange Procedures. As soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Time, the Exchange Agent shall mail to each holder of record of a Certificate (i) a letter of transmittal in customary form specifying that delivery shall be effected, and risk of loss and title to the Certificates shall pass, only upon delivery of the Certificates to the Exchange Agent, and (ii) instructions for use in effecting the surrender of the Certificates in exchange for certificates representing Public Company Common Shares (plus cash in lieu of fractional Public Company Common Shares, if any, and any dividends or distributions as provided below). Upon surrender of the Certificate for cancellation to the Exchange Agent or to such other agent or agents as may be appointed by Public Company, together with such letter of transmittal, duly executed, and such other documents as may reasonably be required by the Exchange Agent and Public Company, the holder of such Certificate shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor a certificate or book entry account representing that number of whole Public Company Common Shares which such holder has the right to receive pursuant to the provisions of this Article II plus cash in lieu of fractional shares pursuant to Section 2.02(c) and any dividends or distributions then payable pursuant to Section 2.02(d), and the Certificate so surrendered shall immediately be cancelled. Until transferred as contemplated by this Section 2.02, each Certificate shall be deemed at any time after the Effective Time to represent only the right to receive Public Company Common Shares pursuant to the provisions of this Article II plus cash in lieu of fractional shares pursuant to Section 2.02(c) and any dividends or distributions then payable pursuant to Section 2.02(d) as contemplated by this Section 2.02.
- (c) <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. No certificate or scrip representing fractional Public Company Common Shares shall be issued upon the surrender for cancellation the Certificate, and such fractional share interests shall not entitle the owner thereof to vote or to any other rights of a Shareholder of Public Company. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, each holder of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock converted pursuant to the Merger who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fraction of a Public Company Common Share (after taking into account all Certificates surrendered by such holder and the aggregate number of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock represented thereby) shall receive, in lieu thereof, one (1) additional Public Company Common Share.

- (d) <u>Distributions with Respect to Unexchanged Shares</u>. No dividends or other distributions declared or made after the Effective Time with respect to Public Company Common Shares with a record date after the Effective Time shall be paid to the holder of any unsurrendered Certificates until the holder of record of such Certificates shall transfer such Certificates in accordance with this Section 2.02. Subject to the effect of applicable laws, following surrender of any such Certificates, there shall be issued and paid to the record holder of the Certificates, at the time of such surrender the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the Effective Time previously paid with respect to such whole Public Company Common Shares, without interest, and at the appropriate payment date, the amount of dividends or other distributions having a record date after the Effective Time but prior to surrender and a payment date subsequent to surrender that are payable with respect to such whole Public Company Common Shares.
- (e) No Further Ownership Rights in Merger Partner Common Stock. All Public Company Common Shares issued upon the surrender for exchange of Certificates in accordance with the terms hereof (including any cash or dividends or other distributions paid pursuant to Section 2.02(c) or 2.02(d)) shall be deemed to have been issued (and paid) in full satisfaction of all rights pertaining to such shares of Merger Partner Common Stock, and from and after the Effective Time there shall be no further registration of transfers on the stock transfer books of the Surviving Corporation of the shares of Merger Partner Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time. If, after the Effective Time, Certificates are presented to the Surviving Corporation or the Exchange Agent for any reason, they shall be cancelled and exchanged as provided in this Article II, subject to applicable Law in the case of Dissenting Shares.
- (f) <u>Termination of Exchange Fund</u>. Any portion of the Exchange Fund that remains undistributed to the holders of Merger Partner Common Stock for one year after the Effective Time shall be delivered to Public Company, upon demand, and any holder of Merger Partner Common Stock immediately prior to the Effective Time who has not previously complied with this Section 2.02 shall thereafter look only to Public Company, as a general unsecured creditor, for payment of its claim for Public Company Common Shares, any cash in lieu of fractional Public Company Common Shares and any dividends or distributions with respect to Public Company Common Shares.
- (g) No Liability. To the extent permitted by applicable law, none of Public Company, Merger Sub, Merger Partner, the Surviving Corporation or the Exchange Agent shall be liable to any holder of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock or Public Company Common Shares, as the case may be, for such shares or any cash amounts required to be delivered to a public official pursuant to any applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar law. If any Certificates shall not have been properly transferred immediately prior to such date on which any Public Company Common Shares, and any cash payable to the holder of such Certificates or any dividends or distributions payable to the holder of such Certificates pursuant to this Article II would otherwise escheat to or become the property of any Governmental Entity, such Certificates and any such Public Company Common Shares or cash, dividends or distributions in respect of such Certificate shall, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, become the property of the Surviving Corporation, free and clear of all claims or interest of any person previously entitled thereto.

- (h) <u>Withholding Rights</u>. Each of the Exchange Agent, Public Company and the Surviving Corporation shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from the amounts otherwise payable pursuant to this Agreement to any holder of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock and any other recipient of payments hereunder such amounts as it reasonably determines that it is required to deduct and withhold with respect to the making of such payment under the Code, or any other applicable provision of law. To the extent that amounts are so withheld and paid to the appropriate taxing authority by the Surviving Corporation or Public Company, as the case may be, such withheld amounts shall be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid to the holder of the shares of Merger Partner Common Stock or other recipient of payments hereunder in respect of which such deduction and withholding was made by the Surviving Corporation or Public Company, as the case may be.
- (i) <u>Lost Certificates</u>. If any Certificate shall have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact and an indemnity (without the requirement of posting a bond) by the person claiming such Certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed, the Exchange Agent shall issue in exchange for such lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate the Public Company Common Shares and any cash in lieu of fractional shares, and unpaid dividends and distributions on Public Company Common Shares deliverable in respect thereof pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 2.03 Merger Partner Stock Plans and Merger Partner Warrants.

(a) At the Effective Time, each outstanding option to purchase Merger Partner Common Stock (each, a "Merger Partner Stock Option" and collectively, the "Merger Partner Stock Options"), whether vested or unvested, and all stock option plans or other stock or equity-related plans of Merger Partner (the "Merger Partner Stock Plans") themselves, insofar as they relate to outstanding Merger Partner Stock Options, shall be assumed by Public Company and shall become an option to acquire, on the same terms and conditions as were applicable under such Merger Partner Stock Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, such number of Public Company Common Shares as is equal to the number of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock subject to the unexercised portion of such Merger Partner Stock Option immediately prior to the Effective Time multiplied by the Exchange Ratio (rounded down to the nearest whole share number), at an exercise price per share equal to the exercise price per share of such Merger Partner Stock Option immediately prior to the Effective Time divided by the Exchange Ratio (rounded up to the nearest whole cent); provided that the assumption of each Merger Partner Stock Option pursuant to this Section 2.03(a) shall comply with all requirements of Sections 424 and 409A of the Code and the Treasury regulations issued thereunder, as applicable. Such Merger Partner Stock Options shall continue in effect on the same terms and conditions to which they are currently subject (subject to the adjustments required by this Section 2.03 after giving effect to the Merger). Merger Partner shall, prior to the Effective Time, take all actions necessary or desirable in connection with the treatment of Merger Partner Stock Options contemplated by this Section 2.03(a), including obtaining the consent from each holder of any Merger Partner Stock Options (unless such consent is not required under the terms of the applicable agreement, instrument or plan).

- (b) As soon as practicable after the Effective Time, Public Company shall deliver to the participants in the Merger Partner Stock Plans an appropriate notice setting forth such participants' rights pursuant to Merger Partner Stock Options, as provided in this Section 2.03.
- As of the Effective Time, Public Company shall, if permitted by applicable Law, assume each of the Merger Partner Stock Plans, and Public Company thereafter shall be entitled to grant equity-based compensation awards, to the extent permissible under applicable Law, using the share reserves of such Merger Partner Stock Plans as of the Effective Time (including any shares returned to such share reserves as a result of the termination of Merger Partner Stock Options that are assumed by Public Company pursuant to Section 2.03(a)), except that: (i) the stock subject to such awards shall be Public Company Common Shares; (ii) all references in such Merger Partner Stock Plans to a number of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock shall be deemed amended to refer instead to a number of Public Company Common Shares determined by multiplying the number of referenced shares of Merger Partner Common Stock by the Exchange Ratio, and rounding the resulting number down to the nearest whole number of Public Company Common Shares; and (iii) the Public Company Board or a committee thereof shall succeed to the authority and responsibility of the Merger Partner Board or any committee thereof with respect to the administration of such Merger Partner Stock Plans.
- (d) Public Company shall take all corporate action necessary to reserve for issuance a sufficient number of Public Company Common Shares for delivery upon exercise of Merger Partner Stock Options assumed in accordance with Section 2.03(a) and the Public Company Common Shares reserved for future grant under the Merger Partner Stock Plans assumed by Public Company pursuant to Section 2.03(c). As promptly as practicable after the Effective Time, Public Company shall file a registration statement on Form S-8 (or any successor form) with respect to the Public Company Common Shares subject to such options and reserved for future grants under the Merger Partner Stock Plans, to the extent so registrable, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain the effectiveness of such registration statement or registration statements (and maintain the current status of the prospectus or prospectuses contained therein) for so long as any awards granted under the Merger Partner Stock Plans remain outstanding.

(e) At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger, each Merger Partner Warrant outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be automatically assumed by Public Company and shall become a warrant to acquire, on the same terms and conditions as were applicable under such Merger Partner Warrant, such number of Public Company Common Shares as is equal to the number of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock subject to the unexercised portion of such Merger Partner Warrant immediately prior to the Effective Time multiplied by the Exchange Ratio (rounded down to the nearest whole share number), at an exercise price per share equal to the exercise price per share of such Merger Partner Warrant immediately prior to the Effective Time divided by the Exchange Ratio (rounded up to the nearest whole cent) (each, as so adjusted, an "Adjusted Warrant"). Merger Partner shall, prior to the Effective Time, take all actions necessary or desirable in connection with the treatment of Merger Partner Stock Warrants contemplated by this Section 2.03(e). Public Company shall take all corporate actions necessary to reserve for issuance of Public Company Common Shares that will be subject to the Adjusted Warrants.

Section 2.04 Dissenting Shares.

- For purposes of this Agreement, "Dissenting Shares" shall mean shares of Merger Partner Common Stock issued (a) and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time that are held as of the Effective Time by a holder who has not voted in favor of the Merger or consented thereto in writing and who has made a proper demand for appraisal of such shares in accordance with Section 262 of the DGCL (until such time as such holder fails to perfect or otherwise loses such holder's appraisal rights under the DGCL with respect to such shares, at which time such shares shall cease to be Dissenting Shares). Dissenting Shares will only entitle the holder thereof to such rights as are granted by the DGCL to a holder thereof and shall not be converted into or represent the right to receive Public Company Common Shares unless the Shareholder holding such Dissenting Shares shall have forfeited his, her or its right to appraisal under the DGCL or properly withdrawn his, her or its demand for appraisal. If such Shareholder has so forfeited or withdrawn his, her or its right to appraisal of Dissenting Shares, then (i) as of the occurrence of such event, such holder's Dissenting Shares shall cease to be Dissenting Shares and shall be deemed to have been converted, as of the Effective Time, into and represent the right to receive Public Company Common Shares issuable in respect of such Merger Partner Common Stock pursuant to Section 2.01(c) or Section 2.01(d), as the case may be, without interest, and (ii) promptly following the occurrence of such event, Public Company shall deliver to the Exchange Agent a certificate representing Public Company Common Shares to which such Shareholder is entitled pursuant to Section 2.01(c) or Section 2.01(d), as well as any cash or other distributions to which such holder of Merger Partner Common Stock may be entitled under this Article II if not previously delivered to the Exchange Agent.
- (b) Merger Partner shall give Public Company prompt notice of any written demands for appraisal of any Merger Partner Common Stock, withdrawals of such demands and any other instruments that relate to such demands received by Merger Partner. Merger Partner shall have the right to direct all negotiations and proceedings with respect to demands for appraisal under the DGCL. Merger Partner shall not, except with the prior written consent of Public Company (not to be unreasonably withheld), make any payment with respect to any demands for appraisal of Merger Partner Common Stock or settle or offer to settle any such demands.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF MERGER PARTNER

Merger Partner represents and warrants to Public Company and Merger Sub that the statements contained in this Article III are true and correct, except as expressly set forth herein or in the disclosure schedule delivered or made available by Merger Partner to Public Company and Merger Sub on the date of this Agreement (the "Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule"). For purposes hereof, the phrase "to the knowledge of Merger Partner" and similar expressions mean the actual knowledge of the persons identified on Section K of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule for this purpose, and such knowledge as such persons would reasonably be expected to have obtained in the course of their performance of their duties to Merger Partner (after due inquiry).

Section 3.01 Organization, Standing and Power. Merger Partner is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has all requisite corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets and to carry on its business as currently conducted, and is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing as a foreign corporation in each jurisdiction listed on Section 3.01 of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule, which jurisdictions constitute the only jurisdictions in which the character of the properties it owns, operates or leases or the nature of its activities makes such qualification necessary, except for such failures to be so qualified or in good standing, individually or in the aggregate, that have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect" means any change, effect, event, circumstance or development (an "Effect") that, individually or in the aggregate with all other Effects that have occurred through the date of determination, has had, or is reasonably likely to have, a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole; provided, however, that no Effect, to the extent resulting from or arising out of any of the following, shall be deemed to be a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect or be taken into account for purposes of determining whether a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur: (A) changes after the date of this Agreement in prevailing economic or market conditions in the United States or any other jurisdiction in which such entity has substantial business operations (except to the extent those changes have a disproportionate effect on Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries relative to the other participants in the industry or industries in which Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries operate), (B) changes or events after the date of this Agreement affecting the industry or industries in which Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries operate generally (except to the extent those changes or events have a disproportionate effect on Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries relative to the other participants in the industry or industries in which Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries operate), (C) changes after the date of this Agreement in generally accepted accounting principles or requirements (except to the extent those changes have a disproportionate effect on Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries relative to the other participants in the industry or industries in which Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries operate), (D) changes after the date of this Agreement in laws, rules or regulations of general applicability or interpretations thereof by any Governmental Entity (except to the extent those changes have a disproportionate effect on Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries relative to the other participants in the industry or industries in which Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries operate), (E) any natural disaster, epidemic, pandemic or other disease outbreak (including the COVID-19 pandemic) or any outbreak of major hostilities in which the United States is involved or any act of terrorism within the United States or directed against its facilities or citizens wherever located (except to the extent those changes or events have a disproportionate effect on Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries relative to the other participants in the industry or industries in which Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries operate), (F) the announcement of this Agreement or the pendency of the transactions contemplated hereby or (G) any failure by Merger Partner to meet any internal guidance, budgets, plans or forecasts of its revenues, earnings or other financial performance or results of operations (but not, in the case of this clause (G), the underlying cause of such changes or failures, unless such changes or failures would otherwise be excepted from this definition). For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that the terms "material," "materially" and "materiality" as used in this Agreement with an initial lower case "m" shall have their respective customary and ordinary meanings, without regard to the meanings ascribed to Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect or Public Company Material Adverse Effect, in each case as defined in this Agreement. Merger Partner has made available to Public Company complete and accurate copies of its certificate of incorporation and bylaws and is not in material default under or in material violation of any provision of either such document.

Section 3.02 Capitalization.

(a) The authorized capital stock of Merger Partner consists of 100,000,000 shares of Merger Partner Common Stock and 20,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Merger Partner ("Merger Partner Preferred Stock" and, collectively with Merger Partner Common Stock, "Merger Partner Capital Stock"), of which 6,000,000 shares of Merger Partner Preferred Stock are designated as Series Seed Preferred Stock and 1,000,000 shares of Merger Partner Preferred Stock are designated as Series Seed II Preferred Stock. The rights and privileges of each class of Merger Partner's capital stock are as set forth in Merger Partner's certificate of incorporation, as amended, including any certificates of designation. As of the close of business on June 2, 2021 for Merger Partner and May 27, 2021 for Public Company (such applicable date, the "Capitalization Reference Time"), (i) 13,331,388 shares of Merger Partner Common Stock were issued and outstanding, (ii) no shares of Merger Partner Common Stock were held in the treasury of Merger Partner or by Subsidiaries of Merger Partner, (iii) 5,120,171shares of Series Seed Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding, and (iv) 142,776 shares of Series Seed II Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding.

- (b) Section 3.02(b) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete and accurate list, as of the Capitalization Reference Time, of the holders of Merger Partner Capital Stock, showing the number of shares of capital stock, and the class or series of such shares, held by each Shareholder and (for shares other than Merger Partner Common Stock) the number of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock (if any) into which such shares are convertible. Section 3.02(b) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule also sets forth a complete and accurate list of all issued and outstanding shares of Merger Partner Common Stock that constitute restricted stock or that are otherwise subject to a repurchase or redemption right or right of first refusal in favor of Merger Partner, indicating the name of the applicable Shareholder, the vesting schedule for any such shares, including the extent to which any such repurchase or redemption right or right of first refusal has lapsed as of the date of this Agreement, whether (and to what extent) the vesting will be accelerated in any way by the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or by termination of employment or change in position following consummation of the Merger, and whether such holder has the sole power to vote and dispose of such shares.
- Section 3.02(c) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete and accurate list, as of the Capitalization Reference Time, of: (i) all Merger Partner Stock Plans, indicating for each Merger Partner Stock Plan, the number of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock subject to outstanding options under such Plan and the number of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock available for future issuance under such Plan: and (ii) all outstanding Merger Partner Stock Options. indicating with respect to each such Merger Partner Stock Option the name of the holder thereof, the Merger Partner Stock Plan under which it was granted, the number of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock subject to such Merger Partner Stock Option, the exercise price, the date of grant and the vesting schedule, including whether (and to what extent) the vesting will be accelerated in any way by the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or by termination of employment or change in position following consummation of the Merger, and whether such Merger Partner Stock Option is intended to be an incentive stock option. Merger Partner has made available to Public Company complete and accurate copies of all Merger Partner Stock Plans and the forms of all stock option agreements evidencing Merger Partner Stock Options. With respect to each Merger Partner Stock Option (whether outstanding or previously exercised), (i) each such Merger Partner Stock Option intended to qualify as an "incentive stock option" under Section 422 of the Code so qualifies, (ii) each grant of a Merger Partner Stock Option was duly authorized no later than the date on which the grant of such Merger Partner Stock Option was by its terms to be effective by all necessary corporate action, including, as applicable, approval by the Merger Partner's Board of Directors (or a duly constituted and authorized committee thereof), or a duly authorized delegate thereof, and any required Shareholder approval by the necessary number of votes or written consents, (iii) each such grant was made in material compliance with the terms of the applicable Merger Partner Stock Plan, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, to the extent applicable, and all other applicable Laws and are not and have not been the subject of any internal investigation, review or inquiry, and (iv) each such grant was properly accounted for in all material respects in accordance with GAAP in the financial statements (including the related notes) of the Merger Partner.

- (d) Section 3.02(d) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule sets forth the number of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock and Merger Partner Preferred Stock reserved for future issuance pursuant to warrants or other outstanding rights (other than Merger Partner Stock Options) to purchase shares of Merger Partner Common Stock and Merger Partner Preferred Stock outstanding as of the Capitalization Reference Time (such outstanding warrants or other rights, the "Merger Partner Warrants") and the agreement or other document under which such Merger Partner Warrants were granted and sets forth a complete and accurate list of all holders of Merger Partner Warrants indicating the number and type of shares of Merger Partner Capital Stock subject to each Merger Partner Warrant, and the exercise price, the date of grant and the expiration date thereof. Merger Partner has made available to Public Company complete and accurate copies of the forms of agreements evidencing all Merger Partner Warrants.
- Except (i) as set forth in this Section 3.02 and (ii) as reserved for future grants under Merger Partner Stock Plans, (A) there are no equity securities of any class of Merger Partner, or any security exchangeable into or exercisable for such equity securities, issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding and (B) there are no options, warrants, equity securities, calls, rights, commitments or agreements of any character to which Merger Partner is a party or by which Merger Partner or any of its Subsidiaries is bound obligating Merger Partner or any of its Subsidiaries to issue, exchange, transfer, deliver or sell, or cause to be issued, exchanged, transferred, delivered or sold, additional shares of capital stock or other equity interests of Merger Partner or any security or rights convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any such shares or other equity interests, or obligating Merger Partner or any of its Subsidiaries to grant, extend, accelerate the vesting of, otherwise modify or amend or enter into any such option, warrant, equity security, call, right, commitment or agreement. Merger Partner does not have any outstanding stock appreciation rights, phantom stock, performance based rights or similar rights or obligations. Neither Merger Partner nor any of its Affiliates is a party to or is bound by any, and to the knowledge of Merger Partner, there are no, agreements or understandings with respect to the voting (including voting trusts and proxies) or sale or transfer (including agreements imposing transfer restrictions) of any shares of capital stock or other equity interests of Merger Partner. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Affiliate" when used with respect to any party shall mean any person who is an "affiliate" of that party within the meaning of Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Except as contemplated by this Agreement or described in this Section 3.02(e), there are no registration rights to which Merger Partner or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or they are bound with respect to any equity security of any class of Merger Partner.

- (f) All outstanding shares of Merger Partner Capital Stock are, and all shares of Merger Partner Common Stock subject to issuance as specified in Sections 3.02(c), 3.2(d), and 3.2(e) upon issuance on the terms and conditions specified in the instruments pursuant to which they are issuable, will be, duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and not subject to or issued in violation of any purchase option, call option, right of first refusal, preemptive right, subscription right or any similar right under any provision of the DGCL, Merger Partner's certificate of incorporation or bylaws or any agreement to which Merger Partner is a party or is otherwise bound. There are no obligations, contingent or otherwise, of Merger Partner or any of its Subsidiaries to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of Merger Partner Capital Stock. All outstanding shares of Merger Partner Capital Stock have been offered, issued and sold by Merger Partner in compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws.
- (g) No consent of the holders of Merger Partner Stock Options or Merger Partner Warrants is required in connection with the actions contemplated by <u>Section 2.03</u>.

Section 3.03 Subsidiaries.

- (a) Merger Partner does not have, and has not had since its formation, any Subsidiaries.
- (b) Merger Partner does not control directly or indirectly or have any direct or indirect equity participation or similar interest in any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other business association or entity. There are no obligations, contingent or otherwise, of Merger Partner to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of capital stock of any Person or to provide funds to or make any investment (in the form of a loan, capital contribution or otherwise) in any Person, other than guarantees of bank obligations of Persons entered into in the ordinary course of business consistent in all material respects with past practice taking into account any acts or omissions that have been taken to comply with any quarantine, "shelter in place", "stay at home", workforce reduction, social distancing, shutdown, closure, sequester or any other Law, order, guideline or recommendation by any Governmental Authority in connection with or in response to the COVID-19 pandemic ("COVID-19 Measures") (as applicable to a party, the "Ordinary Course of Business").

Section 3.04 Authority; No Conflict; Required Filings and Consents.

- (a) Merger Partner has all requisite corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement and, subject only to the adoption of this Agreement (the "Merger Partner Voting Proposal") by Merger Partner's Shareholders under the DGCL and the certificate of incorporation of Merger Partner (the "Merger Partner Shareholder Approval"), to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Merger Partner Board, at a meeting duly called and held, by the unanimous vote of all directors (i) determined that the Merger is fair to, and in the best interests of, Merger Partner and its Shareholders, (ii) approved this Agreement, the Merger and the actions contemplated by this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the DGCL, (iii) declared this Agreement advisable, and (iv) determined to recommend that the Shareholders of Merger Partner vote to adopt this Agreement and thereby approve the Merger and such other actions as contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement by Merger Partner have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of Merger Partner, subject only to the required receipt of the Merger Partner Shareholder Approval. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Merger Partner and, assuming the due execution and delivery of this Agreement by Public Company, constitutes the valid and binding obligation of Merger Partner, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles (the "Bankruptcy and Equity Exception").
- (b) The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Merger Partner does not, and the consummation by Merger Partner of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall not, (i) conflict with, or result in any violation or breach of, any provision of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of Merger Partner, (ii) conflict with, or result in any violation or breach of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) a default (or give rise to a right of termination, cancellation or acceleration of any obligation or loss of any material benefit) under, or require a consent or waiver under, constitute a change in control under, require the payment of a penalty under or result in the imposition of any mortgage, security interest, pledge, lien, charge or encumbrance of any nature ("Liens") on Merger Partner's assets under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any Contract required to be disclosed in Section 3.11(d) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedules, or (iii) subject to obtaining the Merger Partner Shareholder Approval and compliance with the requirements specified in clauses (i) through (iv) of Section 3.04(c), conflict with or violate any permit, concession, franchise, license, judgment, injunction, order, decree, statute, law, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to Merger Partner or any of its properties or assets, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) of this Section 3.04(b) for any such conflicts, violations, breaches, defaults, terminations, cancellations, accelerations or losses that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had, and are not reasonably likely to result in, the loss of a material benefit to, or in the creation of any material liability for, Merger Partner.

- (c) No consent, approval, license, permit, order or authorization of, or registration, declaration, notice or filing with, any court, arbitrational tribunal, administrative agency or commission or other governmental or regulatory authority or Regulating Authority, agency or instrumentality (a "Governmental Entity") is required by or with respect to Merger Partner in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Merger Partner or the consummation by Merger Partner of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except for (i) the filing of the Certificate of Merger with the Delaware Secretary of State and appropriate corresponding documents with the appropriate authorities of other states in which Merger Partner is qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business, (ii) the filing of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), (iii) such consents, approvals, orders, authorizations, registrations, declarations and filings as may be required under applicable state securities laws and the laws of any foreign country and (iv) such other consents, authorizations, orders, filings, approvals and registrations that, individually or in the aggregate, if not obtained or made, would not result in a loss of a material benefit to, or the creation of any material liability for, Merger Partner, Public Company or the Surviving Corporation as a result of the Merger.
- (d) The affirmative vote in favor of the Merger Partner Voting Proposal by the holders of a majority of the votes represented by the outstanding shares of Merger Partner Capital Stock with the Merger Partner Preferred Stock voting on an asconverted-to Merger Partner Common Stock basis, which is to be delivered pursuant to written consents of Shareholders in lieu of a meeting (collectively, the "Written Consents"), is the only vote of the holders of any class or series of Merger Partner's capital stock or other securities necessary to adopt this Agreement and for consummation by Merger Partner of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement. There are no bonds, debentures, notes or other indebtedness of Merger Partner having the right to vote (or convertible into, or exchangeable for, securities having the right to vote) on any matters on which Shareholders of Merger Partner may vote.

Section 3.05 Financial Statements; Information Provided.

(a) Merger Partner has made available to Public Company correct and complete copies of the Financial Statements. The Financial Statements (i) comply as to form in all material respects with all applicable accounting requirements, (ii) were prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods covered thereby (except as may be indicated in the notes to such financial statements) and (iii) fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of Merger Partner as of the dates thereof and the consolidated assets, liabilities, business, financial condition, results of its operations and cash flows for the periods indicated, consistent with the books and records of Merger Partner, except that the unaudited interim financial statements are subject to normal and recurring year-end adjustments which will not be material in amount or effect. For purposes of this Agreement, "Financial Statements" means (i) the audited consolidated balance sheets and statements of income, changes in Shareholders' equity and cash flows of Merger Partner as of the end of and for the period from inception (October 22, 2020) through December 31, 2020, and (ii) the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Merger Partner (the "Merger Partner Balance Sheet") as of March 31, 2021 (the "Most Recent Balance Sheet Date") and the unaudited consolidated statements of income, changes in Shareholders' equity and cash flows for the three-month period ending as of the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date.

- (b) RBSM LLP, the auditor of Merger Partner from March 17, 2021 to the date of this Agreement, is and has been at all times during its engagement by Merger Partner (i) "independent" with respect to Merger Partner within the meaning of Regulation S-X and (ii) in compliance with subsections (g) through (l) of Section 10A of the Exchange Act (to the extent applicable) and the related rules of the SEC. RBSM LLP, Merger Partner's current auditor, is and has been at all times since its engagement by the Merger Partner (x) "independent" with respect to Merger Partner within the meaning of Regulation S-X and (y) in compliance with subsections (g) through (l) of Section 10A of the Exchange Act (to the extent applicable) and the related rules of the SEC and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.
- The information to be supplied by or on behalf of Merger Partner for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the registration statement on Form F-4 to be filed by Public Company pursuant to which Public Company Common Shares issued in connection with the Merger shall be registered under the Securities Act (the "Registration Statement"), or to be included or supplied by or on behalf of Merger Partner for inclusion in any filing pursuant to Rule 165 and Rule 425 under the Securities Act or Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (each a "Regulation M-A Filing"), shall not at the time the Registration Statement or any such Regulation M-A Filing is filed with the SEC, at any time it is amended or supplemented or at the time the Registration Statement is declared effective by the SEC, as applicable, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading. The information to be supplied by or on behalf of Merger Partner for inclusion in the proxy statement/prospectus/information statement (the "Proxy Statement/Prospectus") to be sent to the Shareholders of Public Company in connection with the meeting of Public Company's Shareholders (the "Public Company Meeting") to consider the Share Issuance proposal and such other proposals as Merger Partner and Public Company may mutually agree upon (the "Public Company Voting Proposals") under The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdag") rules (the "Public Company Shareholder Approval"), which information shall be deemed to include all information about or relating to Merger Partner and/or the Merger Partner Voting Proposal, shall not, on the date the Proxy Statement/Prospectus is first mailed to Shareholders of Public Company, or at the time of the Public Company Meeting or as of the Effective Time, contain any statement that, at such time and in light of the circumstances under which it shall be made, is false or misleading with respect to any material fact, or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements made in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus not false or misleading; or omit to state any material fact necessary to correct any statement in any earlier communication with respect to the solicitation of proxies for the Public Company Meeting that has become false or misleading.

Section 3.06 No Undisclosed Liabilities. Merger Partner does not have any material liability, except for (a) liabilities shown on the Most Recent Balance Sheet, (b) liabilities of a type shown on the Most Recent Balance Sheet that have arisen since the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date in the Ordinary Course of Business, (c) liabilities for transaction expenses incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and (d) contractual and other liabilities incurred in the Ordinary Course of Business that are not required by GAAP to be reflected on a balance sheet (and which have not resulted from a breach of contract, breach of warranty, tort, infringement or violation of Law).

Section 3.07 Absence of Certain Changes or Events. During the period beginning on the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date and ending on the date hereof, Merger Partner has conducted its businesses only in the Ordinary Course of Business and, since such date, there has not been (i) any change, event, circumstance, development or effect that, individually or in the aggregate, has had, or is reasonably likely to have, a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect; or (ii) any other action or event that would have required the consent of Public Company pursuant to Section 5.01 (other than clause (A) of paragraph (j) or paragraphs (k) or (l) thereof) had such action or event occurred after the date of this Agreement.

Section 3.08 Taxes.

- (a) Merger Partner has properly filed on a timely basis all income and other material Tax Returns that it was required to file, and all such Tax Returns were true, correct and complete in all material respects. Merger Partner has paid on a timely basis all material Taxes, whether or not shown on any Tax Return, that were due and payable. The unpaid Taxes of Merger Partner for Tax periods (or portions thereof) through the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date do not materially exceed the accruals and reserves for Taxes (excluding accruals and reserves for deferred Taxes established to reflect timing differences between book and Tax income) set forth on the Merger Partner Balance Sheet and all unpaid Taxes of Merger Partner for all Tax periods commencing after the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date arose in the Ordinary Course of Business.
- (b) Merger Partner is not nor has it ever been a member of an affiliated group with which it has filed (or been required to file) consolidated, combined, unitary or similar Tax Returns, other than a group of which the common parent is Merger Partner. With the exception of customary commercial leases or contracts that are not primarily related to Taxes entered into in the Ordinary Course of Business and liabilities thereunder, Merger Partner (i) does not have any actual or potential liability under Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502-6 (or any comparable or similar provision of federal, state, local or foreign law), as a transferee or successor, pursuant to any contractual obligation, or otherwise for any Taxes of any person other than Merger Partner, and (ii) is not a party to or bound by any Tax indemnity, Tax sharing, Tax allocation or similar agreement.

- (c) All material Taxes that Merger Partner was required by Law to withhold or collect have been duly withheld or collected and, to the extent required, have been properly paid to the appropriate Governmental Entity, and Merger Partner has complied with all information reporting and backup withholding requirements, including the maintenance of required records with respect thereto, in connection with amounts paid to any employee, independent contractor, creditor, or other third party.
- (d) For purposes of this Agreement, (i) "Taxes" shall mean any and all taxes, charges, fees, duties, contributions, levies or other similar assessments or liabilities in the nature of a tax, including, without limitation, income, gross receipts, corporation, ad valorem, premium, value-added, net worth, capital stock, capital gains, documentary, recapture, alternative or add-on minimum, disability, estimated, registration, recording, excise, real property, personal property, sales, use, license, lease, service use, transfer, withholding, employment, unemployment, insurance, social security, national insurance, business license, business organization, environmental, workers compensation, payroll, profits, severance, stamp, occupation, windfall profits, customs duties, franchise and other taxes of any kind whatsoever imposed by the United States of America or any state, local or foreign government, or any agency or political subdivision thereof, and any interest, fines, penalties, assessments or additions to tax imposed with respect to such items, and (ii) "Tax Returns" shall mean any and all reports, returns (including information returns), declarations, or statements relating to Taxes, including any schedule or attachment thereto and any amendment thereof, filed with or submitted to, or required to be filed with or submitted to, a Governmental Entity in connection with the determination, assessment, collection or payment of Taxes or in connection with the administration, implementation or enforcement of or compliance with any legal requirement relating to any Tax.

Section 3.09 Owned and Leased Real Properties.

- (a) Merger Partner does not own nor has ever owned any real property.
- (b) <u>Section 3.09(b)</u> of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete and accurate list of all real property leased, subleased or licensed by Merger Partner as of the date of this Agreement (collectively, the "<u>Merger Partner Leases</u>") and the location of the premises of such real property. Neither Merger Partner nor, to the knowledge of Merger Partner, any other party is in breach or default and no event has occurred, is pending or, to the knowledge of Merger Partner, is threatened, which, after the giving of notice, with lapse of time, or otherwise, would constitute any such breach or default under any of Merger Partner Leases, except where the existence of such breaches or defaults, individually or in the aggregate, has not had, and is not reasonably likely to result in, the loss of a material right or in a material liability of Merger Partner. Merger Partner does not lease, sublease or license any real property to any person. Merger Partner has made available to Public Company complete and accurate copies of all Merger Partner Leases.

Section 3.10 Intellectual Property.

- (a) <u>Section 3.10(a)</u> of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule lists all Merger Partner Registrations that have not been abandoned, expired or cancelled, in each case enumerating specifically the applicable filing or registration number, title, jurisdiction in which filing was made or from which registration issued, date of filing or issuance, and names of all current registered owners(s), as applicable. All assignments of Merger Partner Registrations to Merger Partner have been properly executed and recorded, and all issuance, renewal, maintenance and other payments that are or have become due with respect thereto have been timely paid by or on behalf of the Merger Partner. Except as would not be, individually or in the aggregate, material to Merger Partner, to the knowledge of Merger Partner, all Merger Partner Registrations are valid and enforceable.
- (b) There are no inventorship challenges, *inter partes* proceedings, opposition or nullity proceedings or interferences pending, or, to the knowledge of Merger Partner, threatened in writing, with respect to any Patent Rights included in the Merger Partner Registrations. Merger Partner has complied with its duty of candor and disclosure to the United States Patent and Trademark Office and, to the extent required, any relevant foreign patent office with respect to all patent and trademark applications filed by or on behalf of Merger Partner and has made no material misrepresentation in such applications that would be material to Merger Partner. Merger Partner has no actual knowledge of any information that would preclude Merger Partner from having clear title to the Merger Partner Registrations.
- (c) Merger Partner is the sole and exclusive owner of all Merger Partner Owned Intellectual Property, free and clear of any Liens, other than (i) any joint owners of the Merger Partner Owned Intellectual Property that are listed in Section 3.10(c) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule and (ii) any license, covenant or other agreement that is listed in Section 3.10(h) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule.
- (d) To Merger Partner's knowledge, the Merger Partner Intellectual Property constitutes the Intellectual Property necessary to conduct Merger Partner's business in the manner currently conducted by Merger Partner.
- (e) Merger Partner has taken commercially reasonable measures to protect the proprietary nature of each item of Merger Partner Owned Intellectual Property, and to maintain in confidence all trade secrets and confidential information comprising a part thereof. To Merger Partner's knowledge and except as would not be, individually or in the aggregate, material to Merger Partner, there has been no unauthorized disclosure of any third party proprietary or confidential information in the possession, custody or control of Merger Partner.

- (f) To the knowledge of Merger Partner and except as would not be, individually or in the aggregate, material to Merger Partner, the operations of Merger Partner as currently conducted do not and have not in the past three years infringe(d) or misappropriate(d) the Intellectual Property rights of any individual or entity.
 - (g) For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (i) "Intellectual Property" shall mean the following subsisting throughout the world: (i) Patent Rights; (ii) Trademarks and all goodwill in the Trademarks; (iii) copyrights, designs, data and database rights and registrations and applications for registration thereof, including moral rights of authors; (iv) mask works and registrations and applications for registration thereof and any other rights in semiconductor topologies under the Laws of any jurisdiction; (v) inventions, invention disclosures, statutory invention registrations, trade secrets and confidential business information, know-how, scientific and technical information, data and technology, including medical, clinical, toxicological and other scientific data, manufacturing and product processes, algorithms, techniques and analytical methodology, research and development information, financial, marketing and business data, pricing and cost information, business and marketing plans and customer and supplier lists and information, whether patentable or nonpatentable, whether copyrightable or noncopyrightable and whether or not reduced to practice; and (vi) other proprietary rights relating to any of the foregoing (including remedies against infringement thereof and rights of protection of interest therein under the Laws of all jurisdictions).
- (ii) "<u>Intellectual Property Registrations</u>" shall mean Patent Rights, applications and registrations for Trademarks, applications and registrations for copyrights and designs, mask work registrations and applications for each of the foregoing.
- (iii) "Law" shall mean each applicable transnational, domestic or foreign federal, state or local law (statutory, common or otherwise) law, order, judgment, rule, code, statute, regulation, requirement, variance, decree, writ, injunction, award, ruling, Permit or ordinance of any Governmental Entity, including any applicable stock exchange rule or requirement.
- (iv) "Merger Partner Intellectual Property" shall mean the Merger Partner Owned Intellectual Property and the Merger Partner Licensed Intellectual Property.
- (v) "Merger Partner Licensed Intellectual Property" shall mean all Intellectual Property that is licensed to Merger Partner by any individual or entity other than Merger Partner.
- (vi) "Merger Partner Owned Intellectual Property" shall mean all Intellectual Property owned or purported to be owned by Merger Partner, in whole or in part.

- (vii) "Merger Partner Registrations" shall mean Intellectual Property Registrations that are owned or in-licensed by the Merger Partner, alone or jointly with others.
- (viii) "Patent Rights" shall mean all patents, patent applications, utility models, design registrations and certificates of invention and other governmental grants for the protection of inventions or industrial designs (including all related continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, reissues and reexaminations).
- (ix) "<u>Trademarks</u>" shall mean all registered trademarks and service marks, logos, Internet domain names, social media accounts and identifiers, corporate names and doing business designations and all registrations and applications for registration of the foregoing, common Law trademarks and service marks and trade dress.

Section 3.11 Contracts.

- (a) As of the date of this Agreement, there are no Contracts that are material contracts (as defined in Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K) with respect to Merger Partner (assuming Merger Partner was subject to the requirements of the Exchange Act), other than those Contracts identified in <u>Section 3.11(a)</u> of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule.
- (b) With respect to each Contract in Section 3.11(a) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule: (i) the Contract is legal, valid, binding and enforceable and in full force and effect against Merger Partner, as applicable, and, to the knowledge of Merger Partner, against each other party thereto, as applicable, subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception; (ii) the Contract will continue to be legal, valid, binding and enforceable and in full force and effect against Merger Partner and, to the knowledge of Merger Partner, against each other party thereto, immediately following the Closing in accordance with the terms thereof as in effect immediately prior to the Closing (other than any such Contracts that expire or terminate before such time in accordance with their terms and not as a result of a breach or default by Merger Partner), in each such case subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception; and (iii) none of Merger Partner nor, to the knowledge of Merger Partner, any other party, is in breach or violation of, or default under, any such Contract, and no event has occurred, is pending or, to the knowledge of Merger Partner, is threatened, which, with or without notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute a breach or default by Merger Partner or, to the knowledge of Merger Partner, any other party under such Contract, except for such breaches, violations or defaults that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Contract" shall mean, with respect to any person, any written, oral or other agreement, contract, subcontract, lease (whether for real or personal property), mortgage, understanding, arrangement, instrument, note, option, warranty, license, sublicense, insurance policy, benefit plan or commitment or undertaking of any nature to which such person is a party or by which such person or any of its assets are bound under applicable law.

Section 3.12 <u>Litigation</u>. There is no action, suit, proceeding, claim, arbitration or investigation before any Governmental Entity or before any arbitrator that is pending or has been threatened in writing against Merger Partner.

Section 3.13 Environmental Matters.

- (a) Except for such matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect:
 - (i) Merger Partner has complied with all applicable Environmental Laws;
- (ii) the properties currently or formerly owned, leased or operated by Merger Partner (including soils, groundwater, surface water, buildings or other structures) are and were not contaminated with any Hazardous Substances;
- (iii) Merger Partner is not subject to liability for any Hazardous Substance disposal or contamination on the property of any third party; and
 - (iv) Merger Partner has not released any Hazardous Substance into the environment.
- (b) As of the date of this Agreement, Merger Partner has not received any written notice, demand, letter, claim or request for information alleging that Merger Partner may be in violation of, liable under or have obligations under, any Environmental Law.
- (c) Merger Partner is not subject to any orders, decrees, injunctions or other arrangements with any Governmental Entity or is subject to any indemnity or other agreement with any third party relating to liability under any Environmental Law or relating to Hazardous Substances.
- (d) For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Environmental Law" means any law, regulation, order, decree, permit, authorization, opinion, common Law or agency requirement of any jurisdiction relating to: (i) the protection, investigation or restoration of the environment, human health and safety or natural resources, (ii) the handling, use, storage, treatment, presence, disposal, release or threatened release of any Hazardous Substance or (iii) noise, odor, wetlands, pollution, contamination or any injury or threat of injury to persons or property.
- (e) For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Hazardous Substance" means any substance that is: (i) listed, classified, regulated or which falls within the definition of a "hazardous substance," "hazardous waste" or "hazardous material" pursuant to any Environmental Law; (ii) any petroleum product or by-product, asbestos-containing material, lead-containing paint or plumbing, polychlorinated biphenyls, radioactive materials or radon; or (iii) any other substance that is the subject of regulatory action by any Governmental Entity pursuant to any Environmental Law.

Section 3.14 Employee Benefit Plans.

- (a) <u>Section 3.14(a)</u> of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete and accurate list of all material Employee Benefit Plans maintained, or contributed to, by Merger Partner or any of its ERISA Affiliates for the benefit of, or relating to, any current or former employee or other service provider of Merger Partner (collectively, the "<u>Merger Partner Employee Plans</u>").
- (b) Except as set forth in <u>Section 3.14(b)</u> of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule: (i) none of the Merger Partner Employee Plans is subject to Title IV of ERISA; (ii) none of the Merger Partner Employee Plans is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code; and (iii) each Merger Partner Employee Plan is in compliance with all applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code, except for instances of noncompliance that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) Neither the execution or delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement could reasonably be expected to, either alone or in conjunction with any other event (whether contingent or otherwise), (i) result in any payment or benefit becoming due or payable, or required to be provided, to any current or former director, employee or independent contractor of Merger Partner (other than any benefits that would otherwise be paid in the ordinary course of business), (ii) increase the amount or value of any benefit or compensation otherwise payable or required to be provided to any such current or former director, employee or independent contractor, or result in the acceleration of the time of payment, vesting or funding of any such benefit or compensation or (iii) result in any amount failing to be deductible by reason of Section 280G of the Code.
 - (d) For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (i) "Employee Benefit Plan" means any "employee pension benefit plan" (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA), any "employee welfare benefit plan" (as defined in Section 3(1) of ERISA) and any other written or oral plan, agreement or arrangement involving direct or indirect compensation, including insurance coverage, severance benefits, disability benefits, fringe benefits, perquisites, change in control benefits, deferred compensation, bonuses, stock options, stock purchase, phantom stock, stock appreciation or other forms of incentive compensation or post-retirement compensation and all unexpired severance agreements.
 - (ii) "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

- (iii) "ERISA Affiliate" means any entity (whether or not incorporated) that is, or at any applicable time was, treated as a "single employer" with the Merger Partner or the Public Company, as applicable, or with any of such Person's Subsidiaries within the meaning of Section 414 of the Code or Section 4001 of ERISA.
- **Section 3.15** <u>Compliance With Laws</u>. Merger Partner has complied in all material respects with, is not in material violation of, and, as of the date of this Agreement, has not received any notice alleging any material violation with respect to, any applicable provisions of any statute, Law or regulation with respect to the conduct of its business, or the ownership or operation of its properties or assets.

Section 3.16 Permits and Regulatory Matters.

- (a) Merger Partner has all permits, licenses, registrations, authorizations, certificates, orders, approvals, franchises, variances and other similar rights issued by or obtained from any Governmental Entities (collectively, "Permits") that are material to the conduct of its business as currently conducted.
- (b) All Permits that are necessary for the conduct of the business of Merger Partner as currently conducted ("Merger Partner Authorizations") are in full force and effect, and to the knowledge of Merger Partner, no violations or notices of failure to comply have been issued or recorded by any Governmental Entities in respect of any such Merger Partner Authorization. No such Merger Partner Authorization shall cease to be effective as a result of the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Merger Partner is in compliance in all material respects under any of such Merger Partner Authorizations.

Section 3.17 Employees.

- (a) Merger Partner is not and has not been a party to or otherwise bound by any collective bargaining agreement, contract or other agreement or understanding with a labor union or labor organization. Merger Partner is not and has not been the subject of any proceeding asserting that Merger Partner has committed an unfair labor practice or is seeking to compel it to bargain with any labor union or labor organization, nor is there or has there been pending or, to the knowledge of Merger Partner, threatened, any labor strike, dispute, walkout, work stoppage, slow-down or lockout involving Merger Partner.
- (b) Merger Partner is and has been in material compliance with all applicable Laws related to employment (including verification of employment eligibility), employment practices, terms and conditions of employment and wages and hours (including, without limitation, classification of employees) with respect to any employee (as defined by, or determined in accordance with, applicable Laws). To the knowledge of Merger Partner, all employees of Merger Partner are citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States.

Section 3.18 Insurance. Merger Partner maintains insurance policies (the "Merger Partner Insurance Policies"), including insurance covering directors and officers for securities Law and other customary liabilities, with reputable insurance carriers against all risks of a character and in such amounts as are usually insured against by similarly situated companies in the same or similar businesses. Each Merger Partner Insurance Policy is in full force and effect. None of the Merger Partner Insurance Policies shall terminate or lapse (or be affected in any other adverse manner) by reason of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Merger Partner has complied in all material respects with the provisions of each Merger Partner Insurance Policy under which it is the insured party.

Section 3.19 Brokers; Fees and Expenses. No agent, broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other firm or person is or shall be entitled, as a result of any action, agreement or commitment of Merger Partner or any of its Affiliates, to any broker's, finder's, financial advisor's or other similar fee or commission in connection with any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Merger Partner is not a party to any agreements with any agent, broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other similar firm or person which grant to such person rights after the Closing.

Section 3.20 Certain Business Relationships With Affiliates. No Affiliate of Merger Partner (a) owns any property or right, tangible or intangible, which is used in the business of Merger Partner, (b) has any claim or cause of action against Merger Partner or (c) owes any money to, or is owed any money by, Merger Partner. Section 3.20 of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule describes any material Contracts between Merger Partner and any Affiliate thereof which were entered into or have been in effect at any time since January 1, 2020, other than (i) any employment Contracts, invention assignment agreements and other Contracts entered into in the Ordinary Course of Business relating to employment, or (ii) Contracts relating to stock purchases and awards, stock options and other equity arrangements, in each case relating to compensation.

Section 3.21 No Other Representations or Warranties. Merger Partner hereby acknowledges and agrees that, except for the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement, none of Public Company, Merger Sub nor any other person on behalf of Public Company or Merger Sub makes any express or implied representation or warranty with respect to Public Company, Merger Sub or with respect to any other information provided to Merger Partner or any of its Affiliates in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, and (subject to the express representations and warranties of Public Company and Merger Sub set forth in Article IV (in each case as qualified and limited by the Public Company Disclosure Schedule)) none of Merger Partner or any of its Affiliates, Shareholders, directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives or advisors, or any other person, has relied on any such information (including the accuracy or completeness thereof).

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PUBLIC COMPANY AND THE MERGER SUB

Public Company and Merger Sub represent and warrant to Merger Partner that the statements contained in this Article IV are true and correct, except (a) as disclosed in the Public Company SEC Reports filed or furnished prior to the date of this Agreement (but excluding any disclosures under the heading "Risk Factors" and any disclosure of risks included in any "forward looking statements" disclaimers or in any other section to the extent they are forward-looking statements or cautionary, predictive or forward-looking in nature) or (b) as expressly set forth herein or in the disclosure schedule delivered by Public Company and Merger Sub to Merger Partner on the date of this Agreement (the "Public Company Disclosure Schedule"). For purposes hereof, the phrase "to the knowledge of Public Company" and similar expressions mean the actual knowledge of the persons identified on Section K of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule for this purpose, and such knowledge as such persons would reasonably be expected to have obtained in the course of their performance of their duties to the Public Company (after due inquiry).

Section 4.01 Organization, Standing and Power. Each of Public Company and Merger Sub is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has all requisite corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets and to carry on its business as currently conducted, and is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing as a foreign corporation in each jurisdiction listed on Section 4.01 of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule, which jurisdictions constitute the only jurisdictions in which the character of the properties it owns, operates or leases or the nature of its activities makes such qualification necessary, except for such failures to be so qualified or in good standing, individually or in the aggregate, that have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, a Public Company Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Public Company Material Adverse Effect" means any Effect that, individually or in the aggregate with all other Effects that have occurred through the date of determination, has had, or is reasonably likely to have, a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of Public Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole; provided, however, that no Effect, to the extent resulting from or arising out of any of the following, shall be deemed to be a Public Company Material Adverse Effect or be taken into account for purposes of determining whether a Public Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur: (A) changes after the date of this Agreement in prevailing economic or market conditions in the United States or Canada or any other jurisdiction in which such entity has substantial business operations (except to the extent those changes have a disproportionate effect on Public Company and its Subsidiaries relative to the other participants in the industry or industries in which Public Company and its Subsidiaries operate), (B) changes or events after the date of this Agreement affecting the industry or industries in which Public Company and its Subsidiaries operate generally (except to the extent those changes or events have a disproportionate effect on Public Company and its Subsidiaries relative to the other participants in the industry or industries in which Public Company and its Subsidiaries operate), (C) changes after the date of this Agreement in generally accepted accounting principles or requirements (except to the extent those changes have a disproportionate effect on Public Company and its Subsidiaries relative to the other participants in the industry or industries in which Public Company and its Subsidiaries operate), (D) changes after the date of this Agreement in laws, rules or regulations of general applicability or interpretations thereof by any Governmental Entity (except to the extent those changes have a disproportionate effect on Public Company and its Subsidiaries relative to the other participants in the industry or industries in which Public Company and its Subsidiaries operate), (E) any natural disaster, epidemic, pandemic or other disease outbreak (including the COVID-19 pandemic) or any outbreak of major hostilities in which the United States or Canada is involved or any act of terrorism within the United States or Canada or directed against its facilities or citizens wherever located (except to the extent those changes or events have a disproportionate effect on Public Company and its Subsidiaries relative to the other participants in the industry or industries in which Public Company and its Subsidiaries operate), (F) a change in the public trading price of Public Company Common Shares, (G) a change in the trading volume of Public Company Common Shares following the announcement of the Agreement or during the pendency of the transactions contemplated hereby or (H) any failure by Public Company to meet any public estimates or expectations of Public Company's revenue, earnings or other financial performance or results of operations for any period, or (I) any failure by Public Company to meet any internal guidance, budgets, plans or forecasts of its revenues, earnings or other financial performance or results of operations (but not, in the case of clauses (F), (G), (H) or this clause (I), the underlying cause of such changes or failures, unless such changes or failures would otherwise be excepted from this definition). Public Company has made available to Merger Partner complete and accurate copies of its articles of amalgamation, as amended, and bylaws and is not in material default under or in material violation of any provision of any such documents.

Section 4.02 Capitalization.

(a) The authorized capital stock of Public Company consists of unlimited Public Company Common Shares and an unlimited number of Preferred Shares, issuable in series, including unlimited Series A Preferred Shares, unlimited Series B Preferred Shares, unlimited Series C Preferred Shares, unlimited Series D Preferred Shares, unlimited Series E Preferred Shares, and unlimited Series F Preferred Shares (collectively, such series of preferred shares, the "Public Company Preferred Stock"). The rights and privileges of each class of Public Company's capital stock are as set forth in Public Company's articles of amalgamation, as amended. As of the Capitalization Reference Time, (i) 19,750,820 Public Company Common Shares were issued or outstanding, (ii) 6,843,778 Series B Preferred Shares were issued and outstanding, (iii) 14,000 Series D Preferred Shares were issued and outstanding. There are no Series A Preferred Shares, Series C Preferred Shares or Series F Preferred Shares outstanding. No shares of Public Company Common Shares were held in the treasury of Public Company or by Subsidiaries of Public Company.

Section 4.02(b) of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete and accurate list, as of the Capitalization Reference Time, of: (i) all stock option plans or other stock or equity-related plans of Public Company (each, a "Public Company Stock Plan," and collectively, "Public Company Stock Plans"), indicating for each Public Company Stock Plan, the number of Public Company Common Shares subject to outstanding options under such plan (such outstanding options, "Public Company Stock Options") and the number of Public Company Common Shares reserved for future issuance under such plan; and (ii) all outstanding Public Company Stock Options, indicating with respect to each Public Company Stock Option the name of the holder thereof, the Public Company Stock Plan under which it was granted, the number of Public Company Common Shares subject to such Public Company Stock Option, the exercise price, the date of grant and the vesting schedule, including whether (and to what extent) the vesting will be accelerated in any way by the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or by termination of employment or change in position following consummation of the Transaction, and whether such Public Company Stock Option is intended to be an incentive stock option. As of the Capitalization Reference Time, Public Company has reserved 89,000 Public Company Common Shares for issuance to employees pursuant to Public Company's 2015 Performance Incentive Plan (the "Public Company PIP"), all of which shares remain available for issuance thereunder as of the date hereof and no shares are expected to be purchased under the Public Company PIP. Public Company has not granted, issued or authorized the grant or issuance of any Public Company Stock Options on the Business Day prior to the date of this Agreement or on the date of this Agreement. Public Company has made available to Merger Partner accurate and complete copies of all Public Company Stock Plans and the forms of all stock option agreements evidencing Public Company Stock Options. With respect to each Public Company Stock Option (whether outstanding or previously exercised), (i) each such Public Company Stock Option intended to qualify as an "incentive stock option" under Section 422 of the Code so qualifies, (ii) each grant of a Public Company Stock Option was duly authorized no later than the date on which the grant of such Public Company Stock Option was by its terms to be effective by all necessary corporate action, including, as applicable, approval by the Public Company's Board of Directors (or a duly constituted and authorized committee thereof), or a duly authorized delegate thereof, and any required shareholder approval by the necessary number of votes or written consents, (iii) each such grant was made in material compliance with the terms of the applicable Public Company Stock Plan, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, to the extent applicable, and all other applicable Laws and are not and have not been the subject of any internal investigation, review or inquiry, and (iv) each such grant was properly accounted for in all material respects in accordance with GAAP in the financial statements (including the related notes) of the Public Company.

- (c) <u>Section 4.02(c)</u> of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule lists the number of Public Company Common Shares reserved for future issuance pursuant to warrants or other outstanding rights (other than Public Company Stock Options) to purchase Public Company Common Shares outstanding as of the Capitalization Reference Time (such outstanding warrants or other rights, the "<u>Public Company Warrants</u>") and the agreement or other document under which such Public Company Warrants were granted, and the exercise price, the date of grant and the expiration date thereof. Public Company has made available to Merger Partner accurate and complete copies of the forms of agreements evidencing all Public Company Warrants.
- Except (i) as set forth in this Section 4.02 or in Article II, (ii) as reserved for future grants under Public Company (d) Stock Plans, outstanding as of the Capitalization Reference Time and (iii) for the rights to acquire shares pursuant to the Public Company PIP, (A) there are no equity securities of any class of Public Company, or any security exchangeable into or exercisable for such equity securities, issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding and (B) there are no options, warrants, equity securities, calls, rights, commitments or agreements of any character to which Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries is bound obligating Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries to issue, exchange, transfer, deliver or sell, or cause to be issued, exchanged, transferred, delivered or sold, additional shares of capital stock or other equity interests of Public Company or any security or rights convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any such shares or other equity interests, or obligating Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries to grant, extend, accelerate the vesting of, otherwise modify or amend or enter into any such option, warrant, equity security, call, right, commitment or agreement. Public Company does not have any outstanding stock appreciation rights, phantom stock, performance based rights or similar rights or obligations. Neither Public Company nor any of its Affiliates is a party to or is bound by any, and to the knowledge of Public Company, there are no, agreements or understandings with respect to the voting (including voting trusts and proxies) or sale or transfer (including agreements imposing transfer restrictions) of any shares of capital stock or other equity interests of Public Company. Except as contemplated by this Agreement or described in this Section 4.02(d), there are no registration rights to which Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or they are bound with respect to any equity security of any class of Public Company. Shareholders of Public Company are not entitled to dissenters' or appraisal rights under applicable state Law in connection with the Merger.
- (e) All outstanding Public Company Common Shares are, and all Public Company Common Shares subject to issuance as specified in Sections 4.2(b) and 4.2(c) or pursuant to Article II, upon issuance on the terms and conditions specified in the instruments pursuant to which they are issuable, will be, duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and not subject to or issued in violation of any purchase option, call option, right of first refusal, preemptive right, subscription right or any similar right under any provision of the Business Corporation Act (Ontario) ("OBCA"), Public Company's articles of amalgamation, as amended, or bylaws or any agreement to which Public Company is a party or is otherwise bound.

Section 4.03 Subsidiaries.

- (a) <u>Section 4.03(a)</u> of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule sets forth, for each Subsidiary of Public Company: (i) its name; (ii) the number and type of outstanding equity securities and a list of the holders thereof; and (iii) the jurisdiction of organization.
- (b) Each Subsidiary of Public Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has all requisite corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets and to carry on its business as currently conducted, and is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing as a foreign corporation in each jurisdiction where the character of its properties owned, operated or leased or the nature of its activities makes such qualification necessary, except for such failures to be so organized, qualified or in good standing, individually or in the aggregate, that have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, a Public Company Material Adverse Effect. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock and other equity securities or interests of each Subsidiary of Public Company are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid, nonassessable and free of preemptive rights and all such shares (other than directors' qualifying shares in the case of non-U.S. Subsidiaries, all of which Public Company has the power to cause to be transferred for no or nominal consideration to Public Company or Public Company's designee) are owned, of record and beneficially, by Public Company or another of its Subsidiaries free and clear of all Liens, claims, pledges, agreements or limitations in Public Company's voting rights. There are no outstanding or authorized options, warrants, rights, agreements or commitments to which Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or which are binding on any of them providing for the issuance, disposition or acquisition of any capital stock of any Subsidiary of Public Company. There are no outstanding stock appreciation, phantom stock or similar rights with respect to any Subsidiary of Public Company. There are no voting trusts, proxies or other agreements or understandings with respect to the voting of any capital stock of any Subsidiary of Public Company.
- (c) Public Company has made available to Merger Partner complete and accurate copies of the charter, bylaws or other organizational documents of each Subsidiary of Public Company.
- (d) Except as otherwise specified in the Public Company Disclosure Schedule, Public Company does not control directly or indirectly or have any direct or indirect equity participation or similar interest in any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other business association or entity which is not a Subsidiary of Public Company. There are no obligations, contingent or otherwise, of Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of capital stock of any Subsidiary of Public Company or to provide funds to or make any material investment (in the form of a loan, capital contribution or otherwise) in any Subsidiary of Public Company or any other entity, other than guarantees of bank obligations of Subsidiaries of Public Company entered into in the Ordinary Course of Business.

Section 4.04 Authority; No Conflict; Required Filings and Consents.

- (a) Each of Public Company and Merger Sub has all requisite corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement and, subject only to the Public Company Shareholder Approval and the adoption of this Agreement by Public Company in its capacity as the sole Shareholder of Merger Sub, to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Public Company Board, at a meeting duly called and held, by the unanimous vote of all directors, (i) determined that the Merger is fair to, and in the best interests of Public Company and its shareholders and (ii) directed that the Public Company Voting Proposals be submitted to the shareholders of Public Company for their approval and resolved to recommend that the shareholders of Public Company vote in favor of the approval of Public Company Voting Proposals. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement by Public Company and Merger Sub have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of each of Public Company and Merger Sub, subject only to the required receipt of the Public Company Shareholder Approval and the adoption of this Agreement by Public Company in its capacity as the sole Shareholder of Merger Sub. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by each of Public Company and Merger Sub and, assuming the due execution and delivery of this Agreement by Merger Partner, constitutes the valid and binding obligation of each of Public Company and Merger Sub, enforceable against Public Company and Merger Sub in accordance with its terms, subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception.
- The execution and delivery of this Agreement by each of Public Company and Merger Sub do not, and the consummation by Public Company and Merger Sub of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall not, (i) conflict with, or result in any violation or breach of, any provision of the articles of amalgamation, as amended, or certificate of incorporation bylaws of Public Company or Merger Sub or of the charter, bylaws or other organizational document of any other Subsidiary of Public Company, (ii) conflict with, or result in any violation or breach of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) a default (or give rise to a right of termination, cancellation or acceleration of any obligation or loss of any material benefit) under, or require a consent or waiver under, constitute a change in control under, require the payment of a penalty under or result in the imposition of any Lien on Public Company's or any of its Subsidiaries' assets under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any Contract required to be disclosed in Section 4.11(d) of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule, or (iii) subject to obtaining the Public Company Shareholder Approval and compliance with the requirements specified in clauses (i) through (vii) of Section 4.04(c), conflict with or violate any permit, concession, franchise, license, judgment, injunction, order, decree, statute, law, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of its or their properties or assets, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) of this Section 4.04(b), for any such conflicts, violations, breaches, defaults, terminations, cancellations, accelerations or losses that, individually or in the aggregate have not had, and are not reasonably likely to result in, the loss of a material benefit to, or in the creation of a material liability for, Public Company. Section 4.04(b) of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule lists all consents, waivers and approvals under any of Public Company's or any of its Subsidiaries' agreements, licenses or leases required to be obtained in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, which, if individually or in the aggregate were not obtained, would result in a loss of a material benefit to, or the creation of any material liability for, Public Company, Merger Partner or the Surviving Corporation as a result of the Merger.

- No consent, approval, license, permit, order or authorization of, or registration, declaration, notice or filing with, any Governmental Entity or any stock market or stock exchange on which Public Company Common Shares are listed for trading is required by or with respect to Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation by Public Company or Merger Sub of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except for (i) the filing of the Certificate of Merger with the Delaware Secretary of State, (ii) the filing of the Registration Statement with the SEC in accordance with the Securities Act and on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") under applicable Canadian securities laws, (iii) the filing of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus with the SEC in accordance with the Exchange Act, and on SEDAR under applicable securities law, (iv) the filing of such reports, schedules or materials under Section 13 of or Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act and materials under Rule 165 and Rule 425 under the Securities Act or under appliable Canadian securities laws as may be required in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, (v) such consents, approvals, orders, authorizations, registrations, declarations and filings as may be required under applicable state securities laws and the laws of any foreign country, (vi) the filing of an initial listing application for the Public Company Common Shares on Nasdaq with respect to the Public Company Common Shares to be issued pursuant to this Agreement (the "Nasdaq Listing Application") and (vii) such other consents, authorizations, orders, filings, approvals and registrations that, individually or in the aggregate, if not obtained or made, would not result in a loss of a material benefit to, or the creation of any material liability for, Public Company or Merger Partner as a result of the Merger.
- (d) The affirmative vote in favor of Public Company Voting Proposals by the holders of a majority of the Public Company Common Shares present or represented by proxy and voting at the Public Company Meeting is the only vote of the holders of any class or series of Public Company's capital stock or other securities of Public Company necessary to approve the Public Company Voting Proposals. There are no bonds, debentures, notes or other indebtedness of Public Company having the right to vote (or convertible into, or exchangeable for, securities having the right to vote) on any matters on which shareholders of Public Company may vote.

Section 4.05 SEC Filings; Financial Statements; Information Provided.

- (a) Public Company has filed all registration statements, forms, reports, certifications and other documents required to be filed by Public Company with the SEC and under applicable Canadian securities laws for a period of at least twelve calendar months immediately preceding the execution of this Agreement. All registration statements, forms, reports and other documents, as amended prior to the date hereof, which have been filed by Public Company with the SEC since January 1, 2019, and those that Public Company may file after the date hereof until the Closing with the SEC, are referred to herein as the "Public Company SEC Reports." All of the Public Company SEC Reports (A) were or will be filed on a timely basis, (B) at the time filed (or if amended prior to the date hereof, when so amended), complied, or will comply when filed, as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act applicable to such Public Company SEC Reports and (C) did not or will not at the time they were filed (or if amended prior to the date hereof, when so amended) or are filed contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated in such Public Company SEC Reports or necessary in order to make the statements in such Public Company SEC Reports, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in any material respect.
- (b) Each of the consolidated financial statements (including, in each case, any related notes and schedules) contained or to be contained in the Public Company SEC Reports at the time filed (or if amended prior to the date hereof, when so amended) (i) complied or will comply as to form in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto, (ii) were or will be prepared in accordance with GAAP applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved and at the dates involved (except as may be indicated in the notes to such financial statements or, in the case of unaudited interim financial statements, as permitted by the SEC on Form 10-Q under the Exchange Act) and (iii) fairly presented or will fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of Public Company and its Subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the consolidated results of its operations and cash flows for the periods indicated, except that the unaudited interim financial statements were or are subject to normal and recurring year-end adjustments. The consolidated balance sheet of Public Company as of March 31, 2021 is referred to herein as the "Public Company Balance Sheet."
- (c) Smyth LLP, Public Company's current auditors, is and has been at all times since its engagement by Public Company (i) "independent" with respect to Public Company within the meaning of Regulation S-X and (ii) in compliance with subsections (g) through (l) of Section 10A of the Exchange Act (to the extent applicable) and the related rules of the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.
- (d) The information in the Registration Statement to be supplied by or on behalf of Public Company for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement or to be included or supplied by or on behalf of Public Company for inclusion in any Regulation M-A Filing, shall not at the time the Registration Statement or any such Regulation M-A filing is filed with the SEC, at any time it is amended or supplemented or at the time the Registration Statement is declared effective by the SEC, as applicable, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading. The information to be supplied by or on behalf of Public Company for inclusion in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus to be sent to the Shareholders of Public Company and Merger Partner in connection with the Public Company Meeting, which information shall be deemed to include all information about or relating to Public Company, the Public Company Voting Proposals or the Public Company Meeting, shall not, on the date the Proxy Statement/Prospectus is first mailed to Shareholders of Public Company or Merger Partner, or at the time of the Public Company Meeting or at the Effective Time, contain any statement that, at such time and in light of the circumstances under which it shall be made, is false or misleading with respect to any material fact, or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements made in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus not false or misleading; or omit to state any material fact necessary to correct any statement in any earlier communication with respect to the solicitation of proxies for the Public Company Meeting that has become false or misleading.

Section 4.06 No Undisclosed Liabilities. Public Company does not have any material liability, except for (a) liabilities shown on the Public Company Balance Sheet, (b) liabilities of a type shown on the Public Company Balance Sheet that have arisen since the date of the Public Company Balance Sheet in the Ordinary Course of Business, (c) liabilities for transaction expenses incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and (d) contractual and other liabilities incurred in the Ordinary Course of Business that are not required by GAAP to be reflected on a balance sheet (and which have not resulted from a breach of contract, breach of warranty, tort, infringement or violation of Law).

Section 4.07 Absence of Certain Changes or Events. During the period beginning on the date of the Public Company Balance Sheet and ending on the date hereof, Public Company and its Subsidiaries have conducted their respective businesses only in the Ordinary Course of Business and, since such date, there has not been (i) any change, event, circumstance, development or effect that, individually or in the aggregate, has had, or is reasonably likely to have, a Public Company Material Adverse Effect or (ii) any other action or event that would have required the consent of Merger Partner pursuant to Section 5.02 (other than clause (A) of paragraph (j) or paragraphs (k) or (l) thereof) had such action or event occurred after the date of this Agreement.

Section 4.08 Taxes.

- (a) Each of Public Company and its Subsidiaries has properly filed on a timely basis all income and other material Tax Returns that it was required to file, and all such Tax Returns were true, correct and complete in all material respects. Each of Public Company and its Subsidiaries has paid on a timely basis all material Taxes, whether or not shown on any Tax Return, that were due and payable. The unpaid Taxes of Public Company and each of its Subsidiaries for Tax periods (or portions thereof) through the date of the Public Company Balance Sheet do not materially exceed the accruals and reserves for Taxes (excluding accruals and reserves for deferred Taxes established to reflect timing differences between book and Tax income) set forth on the Public Company Balance Sheet, and all unpaid Taxes of Public Company and each of its Subsidiaries for all Tax periods commencing after the date of the Public Company Balance Sheet arose in the Ordinary Course of Business.
- (b) Neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is or has ever been a member of an affiliated group with which it has filed (or been required to file) consolidated, combined, unitary or similar Tax Returns, other than a group of which the common parent is Public Company. With the exception of customary commercial leases or contracts that are not primarily related to Taxes entered into in the Ordinary Course of Business and liabilities thereunder, neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) has any actual or potential liability under Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502-6 (or any comparable or similar provision of federal, state, local or foreign law), as a transferee or successor, pursuant to any contractual obligation, or otherwise for any Taxes of any person other than Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or (ii) is a party to or bound by any Tax indemnity, Tax sharing, Tax allocation or similar agreement.
- (c) All material Taxes that Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries was required by Law to withhold or collect have been duly withheld or collected and, to the extent required, have been properly paid to the appropriate Governmental Entity, and each of Public Company and its Subsidiaries has complied with all information reporting and backup withholding requirements, including the maintenance of required records with respect thereto, in connection with amounts paid to any employee, independent contractor, creditor, or other third party.

Section 4.09 Owned and Leased Real Properties.

- (a) Neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries owns or has ever owned any real property.
- (b) Section 4.09(b) of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete and accurate list of all real property leased, subleased or licensed by Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries as of the date of this Agreement (collectively, the "Public Company Leases") and the location of the premises of such real property. Neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of Public Company, any other party is in breach or default and no event has occurred, is pending or, to the knowledge of Public Company, is threatened, which, after the giving of notice, with lapse of time, or otherwise, would constitute any such breach or default under any of under any of the Public Company Leases, except where the existence of such defaults, individually or in the aggregate, has not had, and is not reasonably likely to result in, the loss of a material right or in a material liability of Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries leases, subleases or licenses any real property to any person other than Public Company and its Subsidiaries. Public Company has made available to Merger Partner complete and accurate copies of all Public Company Leases.

Section 4.10 Intellectual Property.

- (a) Section 4.10(a) of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule lists all Public Company Registrations that have not otherwise been abandoned, expired or cancelled, in each case enumerating specifically the applicable filing or registration number, title, jurisdiction in which filing was made or from which registration issued, date of filing or issuance, and names of all current registered owners(s), as applicable. All assignments of Public Company Registrations to Public Company have been properly executed and recorded, and all issuance, renewal, maintenance and other payments that are or have become due with respect thereto have been timely paid by or on behalf of the Public Company. Except as would not be, individually or in the aggregate, material to Public Company, to the knowledge of Public Company, all Public Company Registrations are valid and enforceable.
- (b) There are no inventorship challenges, *inter partes* proceedings, opposition or nullity proceedings or interferences pending, or, to the knowledge of Public Company, threatened in writing, with respect to any Patent Rights included in the Public Company Registrations. Public Company has complied with its duty of candor and disclosure to the United States Patent and Trademark Office and, to the extent required, any relevant foreign patent office with respect to all patent and trademark applications filed by or on behalf of Public Company and has made no material misrepresentation in such applications that would have a Public Company Material Adverse Effect. Public Company has no actual knowledge of any information that would preclude Public Company from having clear title to the Public Company Registrations.
- (c) Public Company is the sole and exclusive owner of all Public Company Owned Intellectual Property, free and clear of any Liens, other than (i) any joint owners of the Public Company Owned Intellectual Property are listed in Section 4.10(c) of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule and (ii) any license, covenant or other agreement that is listed in Section 4.10(h) of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule.
- (d) To Public Company's knowledge, the Public Company Intellectual Property constitutes the Intellectual Property necessary to conduct Public Company's business in the manner currently conducted and by Public Company.

- (e) Public Company has taken commercially reasonable measures to protect the proprietary nature of each item of Public Company Owned Intellectual Property, and to maintain in confidence all trade secrets and confidential information comprising a part thereof. To Public Company's knowledge and except as would not be, individually or in the aggregate, material to Public Company, there has been no unauthorized disclosure of any third party proprietary or confidential information in the possession, custody or control of Public Company.
- (f) To the knowledge of Public Company and except as would not be, individually or in the aggregate, material to Public Company, the operations of Public Company and its Subsidiaries as currently conducted do not and have not in the past five years infringe(d) or misappropriate(d) the Intellectual Property rights of any individual or entity.
 - (g) For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (i) "Public Company Intellectual Property" shall mean the Public Company Owned Intellectual Property and the Public Company Licensed Intellectual Property.
- (ii) "<u>Public Company Licensed Intellectual Property</u>" shall mean all Intellectual Property that is licensed to Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries by any individual or entity other than Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries.
- (iii) "<u>Public Company Owned Intellectual Property</u>" shall mean all Intellectual Property owned or purported to be owned by Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in whole or in part.
- (iv) "<u>Public Company Registrations</u>" shall mean Intellectual Property Registrations that are owned or inlicensed by Public Company, alone or jointly with others.

Section 4.11 Contracts.

- (a) As of the date of this Agreement, there are no Contracts that are material contracts (as defined in Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K) with respect to Public Company, other than those Contracts identified or described in the Public Company SEC Reports filed prior to the date hereof.
- (b) With respect to each Contract identified or described in the Public Company SEC Reports filed prior to the date hereof: (i) the Contract is legal, valid, binding and enforceable and in full force and effect against Public Company and/or its Subsidiaries, as applicable, and, to the knowledge of Public Company, against each other party thereto, as applicable, subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception; (ii) the Contract will continue to be legal, valid, binding and enforceable and in full force and effect against Public Company and/or its Subsidiaries, as applicable, and, to the knowledge of Public Company, against each other party thereto, immediately following the Closing in accordance with the terms thereof as in effect immediately prior to the Closing (other than any such Contracts that expire or terminate before such time in accordance with their terms and not as a result of a breach or default by Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries), in each case subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception; and (iii) none of Public Company, its Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of Public Company, any other party, is in breach or violation of, or default under, any such Contract, and no event has occurred, is pending or, to the knowledge of Public Company, its Subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of Public Company, any other party under such Contract, except for such breaches, violations or defaults that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, a Public Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.12 <u>Litigation</u>. There is no action, suit, proceeding, claim, arbitration or investigation before any Governmental Entity or before any arbitrator that is pending or has been threatened in writing against Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except as disclosed in Public Company's reports which are publicly filed with the SEC.

Section 4.13 Environmental Matters.

- (a) Except for such matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, a Public Company Material Adverse Effect:
 - (i) Public Company and its Subsidiaries have complied with all applicable Environmental Laws;
- (ii) to the knowledge of the Public Company, the properties currently or formerly owned, leased or operated by Public Company and its Subsidiaries (including soils, groundwater, surface water, buildings or other structures) are not nor were they contaminated with any Hazardous Substances;
- (iii) to the knowledge of Public Company, neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries are subject to liability for any Hazardous Substance disposal or contamination on the property of any third party; and
- (iv) neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries have released any Hazardous Substance into the environment.
- (b) Neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is subject to any orders, decrees, injunctions or other arrangements with any Governmental Entity or is subject to any indemnity or other agreement with any third party relating to liability under any Environmental Law or relating to Hazardous Substances.

Section 4.14 Employee Benefit Plans.

- (a) <u>Section 4.14(a)</u> of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete and accurate list of all material Employee Benefit Plans maintained, or contributed to, by Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates for the benefit of, or relating to, any current or former employee or other service provider of the Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries (together, the "<u>Public Company Employee Plans</u>").
- (b) Except as set forth in Section 4.14(b) of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule: (i) none of the Public Company Employee Plans is subject to Title IV of ERISA; (ii) none of the Public Company Employee Plans is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code; and (iii) each Public Company Employee Plan is in compliance with all applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code, except for instances of noncompliance that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Public Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) Neither the execution or delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement could reasonably be expected to, either alone or in conjunction with any other event (whether contingent or otherwise), (i) result in any payment or benefit becoming due or payable, or required to be provided, to any current or former director, employee or independent contractor of Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries (other than any benefits that would otherwise be paid in the ordinary course of business), (ii) increase the amount or value of any benefit or compensation otherwise payable or required to be provided to any such current or former director, employee or independent contractor, or result in the acceleration of the time of payment, vesting or funding of any such benefit or compensation or (iii) result in any amount failing to be deductible by reason of Section 280G of the Code.
- **Section 4.15** <u>Compliance With Laws</u>. Public Company and each of its Subsidiaries has complied in all material respects with, is not in material violation of, and, as of the date of this Agreement, has not received any notice alleging any material violation with respect to, any applicable provisions of any statute, Law or regulation with respect to the conduct of its business, or the ownership or operation of its properties or assets.

Section 4.16 Permits and Regulatory Matters.

- (a) Public Company and each of its Subsidiaries have all Permits that are material to the conduct of its business as currently conducted.
- (b) All Permits that are necessary for the conduct of the business of Public Company and each of its Subsidiaries as currently conducted (the "Public Company Authorizations") are in full force and effect, and to the knowledge of Public Company, no violations or notices of failure to comply have been issued or recorded by any Governmental Entity in respect of any such Public Company Authorization. No such Public Company Authorization shall cease to be effective as a result of the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Public Company and each of its Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects under any of such Public Company Authorizations.

Section 4.17 Employees.

- (a) Neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is or has been a party to or otherwise bound by any collective bargaining agreement, contract or other agreement or understanding with a labor union or labor organization. Neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is or has been the subject of any proceeding asserting that Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries has committed an unfair labor practice or is seeking to compel it to bargain with any labor union or labor organization, nor is there or has there been pending or, to the knowledge of Public Company, threatened, any labor strike, dispute, walkout, work stoppage, slow-down or lockout involving Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries.
- (b) Public Company and its Subsidiaries are and have been in material compliance with all applicable Laws related to employment (including verification of employment eligibility), employment practices, terms and conditions of employment and wages and hours (including, without limitation, classification of employees) with respect to any employee (as defined by, or determined in accordance with, applicable Laws). To the knowledge of Public Company, all employees of Public Company and its Subsidiaries are citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States.
- **Section 4.18** <u>Insurance</u>. Public Company and its Subsidiaries maintain insurance policies (the "<u>Public Company Insurance Policies</u>"), including insurance covering directors and officers for securities Law and other customary liabilities, with reputable insurance carriers against all risks of a character and in such amounts as are usually insured against by similarly situated companies in the same or similar businesses. Each Public Company Insurance Policy is in full force and effect. None of the Public Company Insurance Policies shall terminate or lapse (or be affected in any other adverse manner) by reason of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Public Company and each of its Subsidiaries have complied in all material respects with the provisions of each Public Company Insurance Policy under which it is the insured party.

Section 4.19 Opinion of Financial Advisor. The financial advisor of Public Company, PGP Capital LLC (the "Public Company Financial Advisor"), has delivered to Public Company an opinion dated the date of this Agreement to the effect that, as of such date and subject to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth therein, the Exchange Ratio is fair, from a financial point of view, to Public Company, a signed copy of which opinion will be delivered to Merger Partner within one Business Day following the date of this Agreement.

Section 4.20 Brokers; Fees and Expenses. No agent, broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other firm or person is or shall be entitled, as a result of any action, agreement or commitment of Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries, to any broker's, finder's, financial advisor's or other similar fee or commission in connection with any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except the Public Company Financial Advisor. Public Company has made available to Merger Partner a complete and accurate copy of all agreements pursuant to which the Public Company Financial Advisor is entitled to any fees and expenses in connection with any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Public Company is not a party to any agreements with the Public Company Financial Advisor providing the Public Company Financial Advisor with any rights after the Closing that have not been made available to Merger Partner.

Section 4.21 Operations of Merger Sub. Merger Sub was formed solely for the purpose of engaging in the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, has engaged in no other business activities and has conducted its operations only as contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 4.22 Certain Business Relationships With Affiliates. No Affiliate of Public Company (other than a wholly owned Subsidiary of Public Company) (a) owns any property or right, tangible or intangible, which is used in the business of Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (b) has any claim or cause of action against Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (c) owes any money to, or is owed any money by, Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Section 4.23 of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule describes any material Contracts between Public Company and any Affiliate thereof (other than a wholly owned Subsidiary of Public Company) which were entered into or have been in effect at any time since January 1, 2019, other than (i) any employment Contracts, invention assignment agreements and other Contracts entered into in the Ordinary Course of Business relating to employment, or (ii) Contracts relating to stock purchases and awards, stock options and other equity arrangements, in each case relating to compensation.

Section 4.23 Controls and Procedures, Certifications and Other Matters.

(a) Public Company and each of its Subsidiaries maintains accurate books and records reflecting its assets and liabilities and maintains proper and adequate internal control over financial reporting designed to provide assurance that (i) transactions are executed with management's authorization, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of the consolidated financial statements of Public Company and to maintain accountability for Public Company's consolidated assets, (iii) access to assets of Public Company and its Subsidiaries is permitted only in accordance with management's authorization, (iv) the reporting of assets of Public Company and its Subsidiaries is compared with existing assets at regular intervals and (v) accounts, notes and other receivables and inventory were recorded accurately, and proper and adequate procedures are implemented to effect the collection thereof on a current and timely basis.

- (b) Public Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures required by Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15 under the Exchange Act, and such controls and procedures are effective to ensure that all material information concerning Public Company and its Subsidiaries is made known on a timely basis to the individuals responsible for the preparation of Public Company's filings with the SEC and other public disclosure documents.
- (c) Neither Public Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has, since Public Company became subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, extended or maintained credit, arranged for the extension of credit, modified or renewed an extension of credit, in the form of a personal loan or otherwise, to or for any director or executive officer of Public Company. Section 4.24(c) of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule identifies any loan or extension of credit maintained by Public Company to which the second sentence of Section 13(k)(1) of the Exchange Act applies.

Section 4.24 No Other Representations or Warranties. Each of Public Company and Merger Sub hereby acknowledges and agrees that, except for the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement, none of Merger Partner nor any other person on behalf of Merger Partner makes any express or implied representation or warranty with respect to Merger Partner or with respect to any other information provided to Public Company, Merger Sub or any of their Affiliates in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, and (subject to the express representations and warranties of Merger Partner set forth in Article III (in each case as qualified and limited by the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule)) none of Public Company, Merger Sub or any of their respective Affiliates, Shareholders, directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives or advisors, or any other person, has relied on any such information (including the accuracy or completeness thereof).

ARTICLE V CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Section 5.01 <u>Covenants of Merger Partner</u>. Except as set forth in <u>Section 5.01</u> of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule or as expressly provided herein or as consented to in writing by Public Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), or to the extent necessary to comply with any COVID-19 Measures, from and after the date of this Agreement until the earlier of the termination of this Agreement in accordance with its terms and the Effective Time, Merger Partner shall act and carry on its business in the Ordinary Course of Business, pay its debts and Taxes and perform its other obligations when due (subject to good faith disputes over such debts, Taxes or obligations), comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations, and use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain and preserve its business organization, assets and properties, keep available the services of its present officers and key employees and preserve its advantageous business relationships with customers, strategic partners, suppliers, distributors and others having business dealings with it. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except as set forth in <u>Section 5.01</u> of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule or as expressly provided herein, or to the extent necessary to comply with any COVID-19 Measures, from and after the date of this Agreement until the earlier of the termination of this Agreement in accordance with its terms and the Effective Time, Merger Partner shall not, directly or indirectly, do any of the following without the prior written consent of Public Company (which consent shall not, in the case of the actions set forth in clauses (k) and (l) of this <u>Section 5.01</u>, be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed):

- (a) (i) declare, set aside or pay any dividends on, or make any other distributions (whether in cash, securities or other property) in respect of, any of its capital stock; (ii) split, combine or reclassify any of its capital stock or issue or authorize the issuance of any other securities in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for shares of its capital stock or any of its other securities; or (iii) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of its capital stock or any other of its securities or any rights, warrants or options to acquire any such shares or other securities, other than, in the case of this clause (iii), the withholding of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock to pay the exercise price or withholding taxes upon the exercise of Merger Partner Stock Options or from former employees, directors and consultants in accordance with agreements in effect on the date of this Agreement providing for the repurchase of shares at no or nominal consideration in connection with any termination of services to Merger Partner;
- (b) except as permitted by <u>Section 5.01(l)</u>, and subject to the terms of <u>Section 2.01(c)</u> herein, issue, deliver, sell, grant, pledge or otherwise dispose of or encumber any shares of its capital stock, any other voting securities or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for, or any rights, warrants or options to acquire, any such shares, voting securities or convertible or exchangeable securities (other than the issuance of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock pursuant to the Merger Partner Preferred Stock Conversion or upon the exercise of Merger Partner Stock Options or Merger Partner Warrants outstanding on the date of this Agreement and set forth in <u>Section 3.02(c)</u> or <u>Section 3.02(d)</u> of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule in accordance with their present terms (including cashless exercises), or Merger Partner Stock Options granted as contemplated by <u>Section 5.01(l)</u>, and subject to the terms of <u>Section 2.01(c)</u> herein;
- (c) amend its certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other comparable charter or organizational documents or effect or be a party to any merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination, recapitalization, reclassification of shares, stock split or reverse stock split or form any new Subsidiary or acquire any equity interest or other interest in any other person;

- (d) except for purchases of inventory, raw materials, equipment, in each case in the Ordinary Course of Business, acquire (i) by merging or consolidating with, or by purchasing all or a substantial portion of the assets or any stock of, or by any other manner, any business or any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, association or other business organization or division thereof or (ii) any assets that are material, in the aggregate, to Merger Partner;
- (e) except in the Ordinary Course of Business, sell, lease, license, pledge, or otherwise dispose of or encumber any properties or assets of Merger Partner;
- (f) whether or not in the Ordinary Course of Business, sell, dispose of or otherwise transfer any assets material to Merger Partner (including any accounts, leases, contracts or Intellectual Property or any assets, but excluding the sale or license of products in the Ordinary Course of Business);
- (g) Subject to the terms Merger Partner Financing Consideration in Section 2.01(c), (i) incur or suffer to exist any indebtedness for borrowed money other than such indebtedness that existed as of the date of the Merger Partner Balance Sheet to the extent reflected on the Merger Partner Balance Sheet or guarantee any such indebtedness of another person, (ii) issue, sell or amend any debt securities or warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities of Merger Partner, guarantee any debt securities of another person, enter into any "keep well" or other agreement to maintain any financial statement condition of another person or enter into any arrangement having the economic effect of any of the foregoing, (iii) make any loans, advances (other than routine advances to employees of Merger Partner in the Ordinary Course of Business) or capital contributions to, or investment in, any other person, other than Merger Partner or (iv) enter into any hedging agreement or other financial agreement or arrangement designed to protect Merger Partner against fluctuations in commodities prices or exchange rates;
- (h) make any capital expenditures or other expenditures with respect to property, plant or equipment in excess of \$10,000,000 in the aggregate for Merger Partner without express written consent of the Public Company, other than as set forth in Merger Partner's budget for capital expenditures previously made available to Public Company or the specific capital expenditures disclosed and set forth in Section 5.01(h) of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule;
- (i) make any changes in accounting methods, principles or practices, except insofar as may have been required by a change in GAAP or, except as so required, change any assumption underlying, or method of calculating, any bad debt, contingency or other reserve;
- (j) except (i) in the Ordinary Course of Business or (ii) for terminations as a result of the expiration of any contract that expires in accordance with terms, (A) modify or amend in any material respect, or terminate, any material contract or agreement to which Merger Partner is party, or (B) knowingly waive, release or assign any material rights or claims (including any write-off or other compromise of any accounts receivable of Merger Partner);

- (k) except in the Ordinary Course of Business, (i) enter into any material contract or agreement relating to the rendering of services or the distribution, sale or marketing by third parties of the products, of, or products licensed by, Merger Partner or (ii) license any material Intellectual Property rights to or from any third party;
- except as required to comply with applicable Law or agreements, plans or arrangements existing on the date hereof and either disclosed in the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedules or not required by this Agreement to be so disclosed, (i) other than in the Ordinary Course of Business, adopt, enter into, terminate (other than terminations for cause) or amend any employment, severance or similar agreement or benefit plan for the benefit or welfare of any current or former director, officer, employee or consultant or any collective bargaining agreement, (ii) increase in any material respect the compensation or fringe benefits of, or pay any material bonus to, any director, officer, employee or consultant (except for annual increases of the salaries of non-officer employees in the Ordinary Course of Business, or increases relating to the promotion of an employee to fill a vacancy), (iii) amend or accelerate the payment, right to payment or vesting of any compensation or benefits, including any outstanding options or restricted stock awards, (iv) pay any material benefit not provided for as of the date of this Agreement under any benefit plan, (v) grant any awards under any bonus, incentive, performance or other compensation plan or arrangement or benefit plan (including the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock based or stock related awards, performance units or restricted stock, or the removal of existing restrictions in any benefit plans or agreements or awards made thereunder), except for the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock based or stock related awards in the Ordinary Course of Business, which, in the case of stock options shall have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of Merger Partner Common Stock on the date of grant (determined in a manner consistent with Merger Partner's existing practice for establishing fair market value for option grants and which awards shall otherwise be upon Merger Partner's customary terms) or (vi) take any action other than in the Ordinary Course of Business to fund or in any other way secure the payment of compensation or benefits under any employee plan, agreement, contract or arrangement or benefit plan;
- (m) make or change any material Tax election, change an annual accounting period, enter into any closing agreement, waive or extend any statute of limitations with respect to Taxes, settle or compromise any material Tax liability, claim or assessment, surrender any right to claim a refund of material Taxes, or amend any income or other material Tax Return;
- (n) commence any offering of shares of Merger Partner Common Stock pursuant to any Employee Stock Purchase Plan;
 - (o) initiate, compromise or settle any material litigation or arbitration proceeding;

- (p) open or close any facility or office;
- (q) fail to use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain insurance at levels substantially comparable to levels existing as of the date of this Agreement;
 - (r) fail to pay accounts payable and other obligations in the Ordinary Course of Business; or
- (s) authorize any of, or commit or agree, in writing or otherwise, to take any of, the foregoing actions or any action that would make any representation or warranty of Merger Partner in this Agreement untrue or incorrect in any material respect, or would materially impair, delay or prevent the satisfaction of any conditions in Article VII hereof.

Section 5.02 Covenants of Public Company. Except as set forth in Section 5.02 of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule or as expressly provided herein or as consented to in writing by Merger Partner (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), or to the extent necessary to comply with any COVID-19 Measures, from and after the date of this Agreement until the earlier of the termination of this Agreement in accordance with its terms and the Effective Time, Public Company shall, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to, act and carry on its business in the Ordinary Course of Business, pay its debts and Taxes and perform its other obligations when due (subject to good faith disputes over such debts, Taxes or obligations), comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations, and with respect to the Public Company, use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain and preserve its and each of its Subsidiaries' business organization, assets and properties, keep available the services of its present officers and key employees listed on Section 5.02 of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule and preserve its advantageous business relationships with customers, strategic partners, suppliers, distributors and others having business dealings. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except as set forth in Section 5.02 of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule or as expressly provided herein, or to the extent necessary to comply with any COVID-19 Measures, from and after the date of this Agreement until the earlier of the termination of this Agreement in accordance with its terms and the Effective Time, Public Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, do any of the following without the prior written consent of Merger Partner (which consent shall not, in the case of the actions set forth in clauses (k) and (l) of this Section 5.02, be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed):

(a) (i) declare, set aside or pay any dividends on, or make any other distributions (whether in cash, securities or other property) in respect of, any of its <u>shares or capital</u> stock (other than dividends and distributions by a direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of Merger Partner to its parent); (ii) split, combine or reclassify any of its <u>shares or capital</u> stock or issue or authorize the issuance of any other securities in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for shares of its capital stock or any of its other securities; or (iii) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of its capital stock or any other of its securities or any rights, warrants or options to acquire any such shares or other securities, other than, in the case of this clause (iii), the withholding of Public Company Common Shares to pay the exercise price or withholding taxes upon the exercise of stock options or from former employees, directors and consultants in accordance with agreements in effect on the date of this Agreement providing for the repurchase of shares at no or nominal consideration in connection with any termination of services to Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries:

- (b) issue, deliver, sell, grant, pledge or otherwise dispose of or encumber any shares of its capital stock, any other voting securities or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for, or any rights, warrants or options to acquire, any such shares, voting securities or convertible or exchangeable securities (in each case other than the issuance of Public Company Common Shares upon the exercise of Public Company Stock Options or Public Company Warrants outstanding on the date of this Agreement and set forth in Section 4.02(b) or Section 4.02(c) of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule in accordance with their present terms (including cashless exercises)); except as the case may be to raise capital for any financing or investment activities, directly or indirectly, on behalf of the Merger Partner, or in connection with the core or existing business of the Surviving Corporation (which includes the sponsorship of a SPAC as previously disclosed by the Public Company);
- (c) amend its articles or certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other comparable charter or organizational documents or effect or be a party to any merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination, recapitalization, reclassification of shares, stock split or reverse stock split or form any new Subsidiary or acquire any equity interest or other interest in any other person;
- (d) acquire (i) by merging or consolidating with, or by purchasing all or a substantial portion of the assets or any stock of, or by any other manner, any business or any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, association or other business organization or division thereof or (ii) any assets that are material, in the aggregate, to Public Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;
- (e) except in the Ordinary Course of Business, sell, lease, license, pledge, or otherwise dispose of or encumber any properties or assets of Public Company or of any of its Subsidiaries;
- (f) whether or not in the Ordinary Course of Business, sell, dispose of or otherwise transfer any assets material to Public Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole (including any accounts, leases, contracts or Intellectual Property or any assets or the stock of any of its Subsidiaries, but excluding the sale or license of products in the Ordinary Course of Business);
- (g) (i) incur or suffer to exist any indebtedness for borrowed money or guarantee any such indebtedness of another person, (ii) issue, sell or amend any debt securities or warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities of Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries, guarantee any debt securities of another person, enter into any "keep well" or other agreement to maintain any financial statement condition of another person or enter into any arrangement having the economic effect of any of the foregoing, (iii) make any loans, advances (other than routine advances to employees of Public Company in the Ordinary Course of Business) or capital contributions to, or investment in, any other person, other than Public Company or any of its direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiaries or (iv) enter into any hedging agreement or other financial agreement or arrangement designed to protect Public Company or its Subsidiaries against fluctuations in commodities prices or exchange rates; except as the case may be in the support or growth of the Surviving Corporation's core or existing business (which includes the sponsorship of a SPAC as previously disclosed by the Public Company), subject to approval by the Merger Partner;

- (h) make any capital expenditures or other expenditures with respect to property, plant or equipment in excess of \$18,000,000 in the aggregate for Public Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, without express written consent of the Merger Partner other than as set forth in Public Company's budget for capital expenditures previously made available to Merger Partner or the specific capital expenditures disclosed and set forth in Section 5.02 of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule;
- (i) make any changes in accounting methods, principles or practices, except insofar as may have been required by the SEC or any Canadian Securities Administrators or a change in GAAP or, except as so required, change any assumption underlying, or method of calculating, any bad debt, contingency or other reserve;
- (j) except (i) in the Ordinary Course of Business or (ii) for terminations as a result of the expiration of any contract that expires in accordance with its terms, (A) modify or amend in any material respect, or terminate, any material contract or agreement to which Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries is party, or (B) knowingly waive, release or assign any material rights or claims (including any write-off or other compromise of any accounts receivable of Public Company of any of its Subsidiaries); provided, however, that the Public Company shall, to the extent not delivered prior to the date hereof, deliver a notice of termination under each of the licenses for Intellectual Property set forth in Section 5.02 of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule;
- (k) (i) enter into any material contract or agreement relating to the rendering of services or the distribution, sale or marketing by third parties of the products, of, or products licensed by, Public Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) license any material Intellectual Property rights to or from any third party; except as the case may be in the support or growth of the Surviving Corporation's core or existing business (which includes the sponsorship of a SPAC as previously disclosed by the Public Company);
- (l) except as required to comply with applicable Law or agreements, plans or arrangements existing on the date hereof and disclosed in the Public Company Disclosure Schedules, (i) take any action with respect to, adopt, enter into, terminate (other than terminations for cause) or amend any employment, severance or similar agreement or benefit plan for the benefit or welfare of any current or former director, officer, employee or consultant or any collective bargaining agreement, (ii) increase in any material respect the compensation or fringe benefits of, or pay any material bonus to, any director, officer, employee or consultant, (iii) amend or accelerate the payment, right to payment or vesting of any compensation or benefits, including any outstanding options or restricted stock awards, (iv) pay any material benefit not provided for as of the date of this Agreement under any benefit plan, (v) grant any awards under any bonus, incentive, performance or other compensation plan or arrangement or benefit plan (including the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock based or stock related awards, performance units or restricted stock, or the removal of existing restrictions in any benefit plans or agreements or awards made thereunder), (vi) hire any additional officers or other employees, or any consultants or independent contractors, or (vii) take any action to fund or in any other way secure the payment of compensation or benefits under any employee plan, agreement, contract or arrangement or benefit plan;

- (m) make or change any material Tax election, change an annual accounting period, enter into any closing agreement, waive or extend any statute of limitations with respect to Taxes, settle or compromise any material Tax liability, claim or assessment, surrender any right to claim a refund of material Taxes, or amend any income or other material Tax Return;
 - (n) commence any offering of Public Company Common Shares pursuant to any Employee Stock Purchase Plan;
 - (o) initiate, compromise or settle any litigation or arbitration proceeding;
 - (p) open or close any facility or office;
- (q) fail to use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain insurance at levels substantially comparable to levels existing as of the date of this Agreement;
 - (r) fail to pay accounts payable and other obligations in the Ordinary Course of Business; or
- (s) authorize any of, or commit or agree, in writing or otherwise, to take any of, the foregoing actions or any action that would make any representation or warranty of Public Company in this Agreement untrue or incorrect in any material respect, or would materially impair, delay or prevent the satisfaction of any conditions in <u>Article VII</u> hereof.

Section 5.03 <u>Confidentiality</u>. The parties acknowledge that Public Company and Merger Partner have previously executed a confidentiality agreement, dated as of May 14, 2021 (the "<u>Confidentiality Agreement</u>"), which Confidentiality Agreement shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, except as expressly modified by this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI Additional Agreements

Section 6.01 No Solicitation.

- (a) <u>No Solicitation or Negotiation</u>. Except as set forth in this <u>Section 6.01</u>, until the Effective Time, each of Merger Partner, Public Company and their respective Subsidiaries shall not, and each of Merger Partner and Public Company shall use reasonable best efforts to cause their respective directors, officers, members, employees, agents, attorneys, consultants, contractors, accountants, financial advisors and other authorized representatives ("<u>Representatives</u>") not to, directly or indirectly:
- (i) solicit, seek or initiate or knowingly take any action to facilitate or encourage any offers, inquiries or the making of any proposal or offer that constitutes, or could reasonably be expected to lead to, any Acquisition Proposal;
- (ii) enter into, continue or otherwise participate or engage in any discussions or negotiations regarding any Acquisition Proposal, or furnish to any person any non-public information or afford any person other than Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable, access to such party's property, books or records (except pursuant to a request by a Governmental Entity) in connection with any offers, inquiries or the making of any proposal or offer that constitutes, or could reasonably be expected to lead to, any Acquisition Proposal;
- (iii) take any action to make the provisions of any takeover statute inapplicable to any transactions contemplated by an Acquisition Proposal; or
 - (iv) publicly propose to do any of the foregoing described in clauses (i) through (iii).

Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, subject to compliance with Section 6.01(c), prior to the Specified Time, each of Public Company and Merger Partner may (A) furnish non-public information with respect to Public Company and its Subsidiaries or Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, to any Qualified Person (and the Representatives of such Qualified Person), or (B) engage in discussions or negotiations (including solicitation of revised Acquisition Proposals) with any Qualified Person (and the Representatives of such Qualified Person) regarding any such Acquisition Proposal; provided, (x) that either Merger Partner or Public Company (as applicable) receives from the Qualified Person an executed confidentiality agreement on the terms not less restrictive than exist in the Confidentiality Agreement and continuing additional provisions that expressly permit such party to comply with this terms of this Section 6.01 (a copy of which shall be provided to the other party), (y) the party seeking to make use of this proviso has not otherwise materially breached this Section 6.01 with respect to such Acquisition Proposal or the person making such Acquisition Proposal, and (z) the Merger Partner Board or Public Company Board (as applicable) has determined (after consultation with outside legal counsel) that the failure to take such actions would reasonably be expected to be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable Law. It is understood and agreed that any violation of the restrictions in this Section 6.01 (or action that, if taken by Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable, would constitute such a violation) by any Representatives of Public Company or Merger Partner shall be deemed to be a breach of this Section 6.01 by Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable.

(b) <u>No Change in Recommendation or Alternative Acquisition Agreement.</u>

Prior to the Effective Time:

- (i) (A) Merger Partner Board shall not, except as set forth in this <u>Section 6.01</u>, withhold, withdraw or modify, or publicly propose to withhold, withdraw or modify, the approval or recommendation by the Merger Partner Board with respect to the Merger, fail to recommend against acceptance of a tender offer within ten (10) Business Days after commencement or propose publicly to approve, adopt or recommend any Acquisition Proposal (a "<u>Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change</u>") and (B) the Public Company Board shall not, except as set forth in this <u>Section 6.01</u>, withhold, withdraw or modify, or publicly propose to withhold, withdraw or modify, the approval or recommendation by the Public Company Board with respect to the Share Issuance, fail to recommend against acceptance of a tender offer within ten (10) Business Days after commencement or propose publicly to approve, adopt or recommend any Acquisition Proposal (a "<u>Public Company Board Recommendation Change</u>");
- (ii) each of Public Company and Merger Partner shall not enter into any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, agreement in principle, acquisition agreement, merger agreement or similar agreement (an "Alternative Acquisition Agreement") providing for the consummation of a transaction contemplated by any Acquisition Proposal (other than a confidentiality agreement referred to in Section 6.01(a) entered into in the circumstances referred to in Section 6.01(a)); and
- (iii) each of the Public Company Board and the Merger Partner Board, and each committee thereof, shall not, except as set forth in this <u>Section 6.01</u>, adopt, approve or recommend, or publicly propose to adopt, approve or recommend, any Acquisition Proposal.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement (including the provisions of this Section 6.01), at any time prior to the Specified Time, the Public Company Board or the Merger Partner Board, as the case may be (provided, that the applicable party has not materially breached its obligations as set forth in this Agreement), may effect a Public Company Board Recommendation Change or Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change, as the case may be, (A) with respect to a Superior Proposal or (B) in response to an Intervening Event (in the case of either clause (A) or clause (B)) if: (i) such board of directors shall have determined (after consultation with outside legal counsel) that the failure to effect such Public Company Board Recommendation Change or Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change, as applicable, would reasonably be expected to be inconsistent with its fiduciary obligations under applicable law; (ii) such party has provided at least four Business Days prior written notice to the other party that it intends to effect a Public Company Board Recommendation Change or Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change, as applicable, including a description in reasonable detail of the reasons for such recommendation change, and written copies of any relevant proposed transactions agreements with any party making a potential Superior Proposal (including the identity of the person making such Superior Proposal) (a "Recommendation Change Notice") (it being understood that the Recommendation Change Notice shall not constitute a Public Company Board Recommendation Change or Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change for purposes of this Agreement); (iii) such party has complied in all material respects with the requirements of this Section 6.01 in connection with any potential Superior Proposal or Intervening Event; and (iv) if the other party shall have delivered to such party a written, binding and irrevocable offer to alter the terms or conditions of this Agreement during the four Business Day period referred to in clause (ii) above, such party's board of directors shall have determined (after consultation with outside legal counsel), after considering the terms of such offer by the other party, that the failure to effect a Public Company Board Recommendation Change or Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change, as the case may be, would reasonably be expected to be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable Law. In the event of any material amendment to any Superior Proposal (including any revision in the amount, form or mix of consideration such party's Shareholders would receive as a result of such potential Superior Proposal), such party shall be required to provide the other party with notice of such material amendment and there shall be a new two Business Day period following such notification during which the parties shall comply again with the requirements of this Section 6.01(b) and the board of directors of such party shall not make a Public Company Board Recommendation Change or Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change, as applicable, prior to the end of any such period as so extended.

Notices of Proposals. Each party will as promptly as reasonably practicable (and in any event within twenty four (c) (24) hours after receipt) (i) notify the other party of its receipt of any Acquisition Proposal and (ii) provide to the other party a copy of such Acquisition Proposal (if written), or a summary of the material terms and conditions of such Acquisition Proposal (if oral), including the identity of the person making such Acquisition Proposal, and copies of all written communications with such person with respect to such actual or potential Acquisition Proposal. Such party in receipt of an Acquisition Proposal shall notify the other party, in writing, of any decision of its board of directors as to whether to consider any Acquisition Proposal or to enter into discussions or negotiations concerning any Acquisition Proposal or to provide non-public information with respect to such to any person, which notice shall be given as promptly as practicable after such determination was reached (and in any event no later than 24 hours after such determination was reached). Such party in receipt of an Acquisition Proposal will (A) provide the other party with written notice setting forth such information as is reasonably necessary to keep such other party informed of the material terms of any such Acquisition Proposal and of any material amendments or modifications thereto, (B) keep such other party informed as promptly as practicable with respect to any changes to the material terms of an Acquisition Proposal submitted to such party (and in any event within 24 hours following any such changes), including by providing a copy of all written proposals and a summary of all oral proposals or material oral modifications to an earlier written proposal, in each case relating to any Acquisition Proposal, (C) prior to, or substantially concurrently with, the provision of any non-public information of such party to any such person, provide such information to the other party (including by posting such information to an electronic data room), to the extent such information has not previously been made available the other party, and (D) promptly (and in any event within 24 hours of such determination) notify the other party of any determination by such party's board of directors that such Acquisition Proposal constitutes a Superior Proposal.

- (d) <u>Certain Permitted Disclosure</u>. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prohibit Merger Partner or Public Company or their respective Boards of Directors from complying with Rules 14d-9 and 14e-2(a) promulgated under the Exchange Act; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any disclosure made by Merger Partner or Public Company or their respective Boards of Directors pursuant to Rules 14d-9 and 14e-2(a) shall be limited to a statement that Merger Partner or Public Company, as applicable, is unable to take a position with respect to the bidder's tender offer unless the applicable Board of Directors determines after consultation with its outside legal counsel, that such statement would reasonably be expected to be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable Law; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that any such disclosures (other than a "stop, look and listen" communication or similar communication of the type contemplated by Section 14d-9(f) under the Exchange Act) shall be deemed to be a Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change or Public Company Board Recommendation Change, as applicable, unless the respective Board of Directors expressly publicly reaffirms its recommendation for the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby within five (5) Business Days after being requested in writing to do so by the other party, it being understood that any such request in writing by the other party may only be made once by each party with respect to a particular disclosure.
- (e) <u>Cessation of Ongoing Discussions</u>. Each of Public Company and Merger Partner shall, and shall direct its Representatives to, cease immediately all discussions and negotiations that commenced prior to the date of this Agreement regarding any proposal that constitutes, or could reasonably be expected to lead to, an Acquisition Proposal; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the foregoing shall not in any way limit or modify the rights of any party hereto under the other provisions of this <u>Section 6.01</u>. Public Company and Merger Partner will each immediately revoke or withdraw access of any person (other than Public Company, Merger Partner and their respective Representatives) to any data room (virtual or actual) containing any non-public information with respect to Public Company and request from each third party (other than Public Company, Merger Partner and their Representatives) the prompt return or destruction of all non-public information with respect to Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable, previously provided to such person.

(f) <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Acquisition Proposal" means, with respect to Public Company or Merger Partner, (a) any inquiry, proposal or offer for a merger, consolidation, dissolution, sale of substantial assets, recapitalization, share exchange, tender offer or other business combination involving such party and its Subsidiaries (other than mergers, consolidations, recapitalizations, share exchanges or other business combinations involving solely such party and/or one or more Subsidiaries of such party), (b) any proposal for the issuance by such party of 15% or more of its equity securities or (c) any proposal or offer to acquire in any manner, directly or indirectly, 15% or more of the equity securities or consolidated total assets of such party and its Subsidiaries, in each case other than the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, other than, with respect to the Merger Partner, the Loan Agreement.

"Intervening Event" means a material Effect (other than any Effect resulting from a material breach of this Agreement by the party seeking to claim an Intervening Event) that (a) is materially adverse to Public Company or Merger Partner (as applicable), (b) was not known to or reasonably foreseeable by the Public Company Board (with respect to Public Company) or the Merger Partner Board (with respect to Merger Partner) and (c) does not relate to an Acquisition Proposal; provided, however, the receipt, existence or terms of an Acquisition Proposal or Superior Proposal or any matter relating thereto shall not constitute an Intervening Event.

"Qualified Person" means any person making an unsolicited Acquisition Proposal that the Public Company Board or the Merger Partner Board, as applicable, determines in good faith (after consultation with outside counsel and its financial advisors) is, or could reasonably be expected to lead to, a Superior Proposal, and such Acquisition Proposal has not resulted from a material breach by Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable, of its obligations under Section 6.01(a) or Section 6.01(e).

"Specified Time" means the earliest to occur of (a) the Effective Time, (b) in the case of Public Company, the date on which the Shareholders of Public Company shall have approved the Public Company Voting Proposals, (c) in the case of Merger Partner, the date on which the Shareholders of Merger Partner shall have approved the Merger Partner Voting Proposal and (d) the time at which this Agreement is terminated in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Superior Proposal" means, with respect to Public Company or Merger Partner, any *bona fide*, unsolicited written proposal made by a third party to acquire 50% or more of the equity securities or consolidated total assets of such party and its Subsidiaries, pursuant to a tender or exchange offer, a merger, a consolidation, business combination or recapitalization or a sale or exclusive license of its assets, (a) on terms which the board of directors of such party determines in its good faith judgment to be more favorable, from a financial point of view, to the holders of such party's capital stock than the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (after consultation with its financial and legal advisors), taking into account all the terms and conditions of such proposal and this Agreement (including any termination or break-up fees and conditions to consummation, as well as any written, binding offer by the other party hereto to amend the terms of this Agreement, which offer is not revocable for at least four Business Days) that the board of directors of such party determines to be relevant, and (b) which board of directors of such party has determined to be reasonably capable of being completed on the terms proposed, taking into account all financial, regulatory, legal and other aspects of such proposal that board of directors of such party determines to be relevant (including the likelihood and timing of consummation (as compared to the transactions contemplated hereby).

Section 6.02 Proxy Statement/Prospectus; Registration Statement.

As promptly as practical after the execution of this Agreement, Public Company, with the cooperation of Merger Partner, shall prepare and file with the SEC and applicable securities or reporting authorities in Canada the Registration Statement, in which the Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be included as a prospectus. Merger Partner, Merger Sub and Public Company shall (i) provide to the other parties as promptly as practical all information, including financial statements and descriptions of its business and financial condition, as Public Company as such other parties may reasonably request for preparation of the Registration Statement and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and (ii) use reasonable best efforts to cause the timely cooperation of its independent public accountants in connection with the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, including by causing such accountants to provide a consent to the inclusion of such accountant's reports in respect of the financial statements of the applicable party in the Registration Statement and/or in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus (as applicable) and to the reference to such accountant firm as an "expert" therein. Public Company shall respond to any comments of the SEC and shall use commercially reasonable best efforts to have the Registration Statement declared effective under the Securities Act as promptly as practicable after such filing, and Public Company shall cause the Proxy Statement/Prospectus to be mailed to its Shareholders at the earliest practicable time after the Registration Statement is declared effective under the Securities Act. Public Company shall notify Merger Partner promptly upon the receipt of any comments from the SEC or its staff and of any request by the SEC or its staff for amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, the Proxy Statement/Prospectus or any filing pursuant to Section 6.02(b) or for additional information and shall supply Merger Partner with copies of all correspondence between Public Company or any of its representatives, on the one hand, and the SEC, or its staff, on the other hand, with respect to the Registration Statement, the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, the Merger or any filing pursuant to Section 6.02(b). Public Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all documents that it is responsible for filing with the SEC under this <u>Section 6.02</u> to comply in all material respects with all applicable requirements of Law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Whenever either Public Company or Merger Partner shall become aware of the occurrence of any event which is required to be set forth in an amendment or supplement to the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, the Registration Statement or any filing pursuant to Section 6.02(b), Public Company or Merger Partner, as the case may be, shall promptly inform the other of such occurrence and cooperate in filing with the SEC or its staff, and/or mailing to Shareholders of Public Company and Merger Partner, such amendment or supplement.

- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated above, prior to filing and mailing, as applicable, the Registration Statement or Proxy Statement/Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or responding to any comments of the SEC with respect thereto, Public Company shall provide Merger Partner a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on such document or response and shall consider in good faith any such comments proposed by Merger Partner. No filing of, or amendment or supplement to, the Registration Statement or Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be made by Public Company, without the prior consent of Merger Partner, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Public Company will advise Merger Partner, promptly after Merger Partner receives notice thereof, of the time when the Registration Statement has become effective or any supplement or amendment has been filed, of the issuance of any stop order or the suspension of the qualification of Public Company Common Shares for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, of the initiation or threat of any proceeding for any such purpose, or of any request by the SEC for the amendment or supplement of the Registration Statement or for additional information.
- (c) Public Company and Merger Partner shall promptly make all necessary filings with respect to the Merger and the Share Issuance under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, applicable state blue sky laws, applicable Canadian provincial laws and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Section 6.03 Nasdaq Listing. Public Company agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to continue the listing of Public Company Common Shares on Nasdaq during the term of this Agreement and to cause the Public Company Common Shares being issued in connection with the Merger to be approved for listing (subject to notice of issuance) on Nasdaq at or prior to the Effective Time, including by filing the Nasdaq Listing Application. Merger Partner will cooperate with Public Company to cause the Nasdaq Listing Application to be approved and shall promptly furnish to Public Company all information concerning Merger Partner and its shareholders that may be required or reasonably requested in connection with any action contemplated by this Section 6.03.

Section 6.04 Access to Information. Subject to compliance with applicable confidentiality obligations owed to third parties in effect as of the date of this Agreement and applicable laws, each of Public Company and Merger Partner shall (and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to) afford to the other party's officers, employees, accountants, counsel and other representatives, reasonable access, during normal business hours during the period prior to the Effective Time, to all its properties, books, contracts, commitments, personnel and records and, during such period, each of Public Company and Merger Partner shall (and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to) furnish promptly to the other party all information concerning its business, properties, assets and personnel as the other party may reasonably request. Each of Public Company and Merger Partner will hold any such information which is nonpublic in confidence in accordance with the Confidentiality Agreement. No information or knowledge obtained in any investigation pursuant to this Section 6.04 or otherwise shall affect or be deemed to modify any representation or warranty contained in this Agreement or the conditions to the obligations of the parties to consummate the Merger. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, from the date of this Agreement until the Effective Time, each of Public Company and Merger Partner shall promptly provide the other party with copies of: (a) unaudited monthly financial statements or management accounts, when available; (b) any written materials or communications sent by or on behalf of such party to its Shareholders; (c) any notice, report or other document filed with or sent to, or received from, any Governmental Entity in connection with the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (d) any material notice, report or other document received from any Governmental Entity.

Section 6.05 Shareholder Approval.

Not later than the second Business Day after the Registration Statement is declared effective under the Securities Act (but in no event before (1) the information statement contained in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus shall have been delivered to Merger Partner's Shareholders and (2) the Registration Statement shall have been declared effective), Merger Partner shall solicit and obtain the Merger Partner Shareholder Approval by the Written Consents (in a form reasonably acceptable to Public Company) to be executed and delivered by Merger Partner's Shareholders for the purposes of (i) evidencing the adoption of this Agreement and the approval of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) acknowledging that the approval given thereby is irrevocable and that such Shareholder is aware of its rights to demand appraisal for its shares pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL, a copy of which was attached to the Written Consent, and that such Shareholder has received and read a copy of Section 262 of the DGCL and (iii) acknowledging that by its approval of the Merger it is not entitled to appraisal rights with respect to its shares in connection with the Merger and thereby waives any rights to receive payment in cash of the fair value of its Merger Partner Capital Stock under Section 262 the DGCL. In connection with the Merger Partner Shareholder Approval, Merger Partner shall comply with all disclosure and other obligations to its Shareholders under the DGCL and any other applicable laws. Merger Partner shall take all action that is both reasonable and lawful to obtain the Merger Partner Shareholder Approval, subject to compliance with Section 6.01(b). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Merger Partner agrees that its obligations under this <u>Section 6.05(a)</u> shall not be affected by the commencement, public proposal, public disclosure or communication to Merger Partner of any Acquisition Proposal or a Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change. Any solicitation or similar disclosure circulated to Merger Partner's Shareholders in connection with this Agreement and the Merger shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Public Company and, except in the case of a Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change, any solicitation or similar disclosure, if the Merger Partner Shareholder Approval has not already been obtained, shall include the recommendation of Merger Partner Board that Merger Partner's Shareholders consent to the adoption of this Agreement and approval of the Merger.

- (b) Public Company, acting through the Public Company Board, shall take all actions in accordance with applicable law, its articles of amalgamation, as amended, and bylaws and Nasdaq rules to duly call, give notice of, convene and hold as promptly as practicable, after the declaration of effectiveness of the Registration Statement, the Public Company Shareholders Meeting for the purpose of considering and voting upon the Public Company Voting Proposals. Subject to Section 6.01(b), the Public Company Board shall include in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus the recommendation of the Public Company Board in favor of approval of the Public Company Voting Proposals. Subject to Section 6.01(b), Public Company shall take all action that is both reasonable and lawful to solicit from its shareholders proxies in favor of the Public Company Voting Proposals. The Public Company Meeting shall be held as promptly as practicable after the effective date of the Registration Statement (on a date selected by Public Company in consultation with Merger Partner) but in no event later than forty-five (45) days after the effective date of the Registration Statement. If sufficient votes to obtain the Public Company Voting Proposals have not been obtained as of the close of business on the Business Day prior to the scheduled date of the Public Company Meeting, Public Company shall have the right to adjourn or postpone the Public Company Meeting to a later date or dates, such later date or dates not to exceed thirty (30) days in the aggregate from the original date that the Public Company Meeting was scheduled.
- (c) Unless the Public Company Board has effected a Public Company Board Recommendation Change in accordance with Section 6.01 and terminated this Agreement to enter into a definitive agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal pursuant to Section 8.01, Public Company's obligation to call, give notice of and hold the Public Company Meeting in accordance with Section 6.05(b) shall not be limited or otherwise affected by the commencement, disclosure, announcement or submission of any Acquisition Proposal, or by any Public Company Board Recommendation Change.
- (d) Except in the case of a Public Company Board Recommendation Change made in compliance with <u>Section 6.01</u>, Public Company agrees that the Public Company Board shall recommend that the Public Company Shareholders approve the Public Company Voting Proposals and Public Company shall include such recommendation in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

- (e) Except in the case of a Public Company Board Recommendation Change made in compliance with Section 6.01, Public Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to solicit from the Public Company Shareholders proxies in favor of the Public Company Voting Proposals and shall take all other action necessary or advisable to secure the approvals of the Shareholders of Public Company. Public Company shall ensure that all proxies solicited in connection with the Public Company Meeting are solicited in material compliance with all applicable laws. Public Company, in its capacity as the sole Shareholder of Merger Sub, shall approve the Merger.
- (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall limit a party's right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.01.

Section 6.06 <u>Legal Conditions to Merger</u>.

- (a) Subject to the terms hereof, Merger Partner and Public Company shall each use reasonable best efforts to (i) take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and do, or cause to be done, and to assist and cooperate with the other parties in doing, all things necessary, proper or advisable to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated hereby as promptly as practicable, (ii) as promptly as practicable, obtain from any Governmental Entity or any other third party any consents, licenses, permits, waivers, approvals, authorizations, or orders required to be obtained or made by Merger Partner or Public Company or any of their Subsidiaries in connection with the authorization, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, (iii) as promptly as practicable, make all necessary filings, and thereafter make any other required submissions, with respect to this Agreement and the Merger required under (A) the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, and any other applicable federal or state securities laws or Canadian securities laws, and (B) any other applicable law and (iv) execute or deliver any additional instruments necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by, and to fully carry out the purposes of, this Agreement. Merger Partner and Public Company shall reasonably cooperate with each other in connection with the making of all such filings. Merger Partner and Public Company shall use their respective commercially reasonable efforts to furnish to each other all information required for any application or other filing to be made pursuant to the rules and regulations of any applicable Law (including all information required to be included in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and the Registration Statement) in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (b) Each of Merger Partner and Public Company shall give (or shall cause their respective Subsidiaries to give) any notices to third parties, and use, and cause their respective Subsidiaries to use, their reasonable best efforts to obtain any third party consents related to or required in connection with the Merger that are (i) necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) disclosed or required to be disclosed in the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule or the Public Company Disclosure Schedule, as the case may be, or (iii) required to prevent the occurrence of an event that may have a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect or a Public Company Material Adverse Effect from occurring prior to or after the Effective Time.

Section 6.07 <u>Public Disclosure</u>. (i) The press release announcing the execution of this Agreement shall be issued only in such form as shall be mutually agreed upon by Public Company and Merger Partner, and (ii) each party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to consult with the other party before issuing any press release or otherwise making any public statement with respect to the Merger or this Agreement and shall not issue any such press release or make any such public statement prior to using such efforts (<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that these restrictions shall not apply to any communications by either party with respect to any Acquisition Proposal, Superior Proposal, Recommendation Change Notice or Board Recommendation Change).

Section 6.08 Section 368(a) Reorganization.

- (a) Each of Public Company, Merger Sub and Merger Partner shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Merger to qualify, and agree not to, and not to permit or cause any of their Affiliates or Subsidiaries to, take any action or cause any action to be taken which could reasonably be expected to prevent or impede the Merger from qualifying, as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. This Agreement is intended to constitute, and the parties hereto hereby adopt this Agreement as, a "plan of reorganization" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Sections 1.368-2(g) and 1.368-3(a). Each of Public Company, Merger Sub and Merger Partner shall report the Merger as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code unless otherwise required pursuant to a "determination" within the meaning of Section 1313(a) of the Code, including attaching the statement described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.368-3(a) on or with its Tax Return for the taxable year of the Merger.
- (b) If, in connection with the preparation and filing of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, the SEC requires that tax opinions be prepared and submitted with respect to the treatment of the Merger as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, Public Company and Merger Partner shall use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver to tax counsel for each party, respectively, customary Tax representation letters reasonably satisfactory to such counsel, dated and executed as of the date the Proxy Statement/Prospectus shall have been declared effective by the SEC or such other date(s) as determined reasonably necessary by such counsel in connection with the preparation and filing of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

Section 6.09 Affiliate Legends. Section 6.09 of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule sets forth a list of those persons who are, in Merger Partner's reasonable judgment, "affiliates" of Merger Partner within the meaning of Rule 145 promulgated under the Securities Act ("Rule 145 Affiliates"). Merger Partner shall notify Public Company in writing regarding any change in the identity of its Rule 145 Affiliates prior to the Closing Date. Public Company shall be entitled to place appropriate legends on the certificates evidencing any Public Company Common Shares to be received by Rule 145 Affiliates of Merger Partner in the Merger reflecting the restrictions set forth in Rule 145 promulgated under the Securities Act and to issue appropriate stop transfer instructions to the transfer agent for Public Company Common Shares.

Section 6.10 <u>Indemnification</u>. From the Effective Time through the sixth anniversary of the date on which the Effective Time occurs, each of Public Company and the Surviving Corporation shall, jointly and severally, indemnify and hold harmless each person who is now, or has been at any time prior to the date hereof, or who becomes prior to the Effective Time, a director or officer of Merger Partner, Public Company or any of their respective Subsidiaries (the "Indemnified Persons"), against all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, judgments, fines and reasonable fees, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and disbursements, incurred in connection with any claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, arising out of or pertaining to the fact that the Indemnified Person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of Merger Partner, Public Company or any of their respective Subsidiaries, or, while a director or officer of Merger Partner, Public Company or any of their respective Subsidiaries, is or was serving at the request of Merger Partner, Public Company or any of their respective Subsidiaries as a director, officer, employee or agent of another person, whether asserted or claimed prior to, at or after the Effective Time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Each Indemnified Person will be entitled to advancement of expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in the defense of any such claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation from each of Public Company and the Surviving Corporation following receipt by Public Company or the Surviving Corporation from the Indemnified Party of a request therefor; provided that any person to whom expenses are advanced provides an undertaking, to the extent then required by the DGCL or the OBCA, to repay such advances if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification. From the Effective Time through the sixth anniversary of the date on which the Effective Time occurs, the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation will contain provisions at least as favorable as the provisions relating to the indemnification, advance of expenses and elimination of liability for monetary damages set forth in the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of Merger Partner and Public Company immediately prior to the Effective Time.

Section 6.11 <u>Notification of Certain Matters</u>. Public Company shall give prompt notice to Merger Partner, and Merger Partner shall give prompt notice to Public Company, upon becoming aware of the occurrence, or failure to occur, of any event, which occurrence or failure to occur would be reasonably likely to cause (a) (i) any representation or warranty of such party contained in this Agreement that is qualified as to materiality to be untrue or inaccurate in any respect or (ii) any other representation or warranty of such party contained in this Agreement to be untrue or inaccurate in any material respect, in each case, at any time from and after the date of this Agreement until the Effective Time, or (b) any material failure of Public Company and Merger Sub or Merger Partner, as the case may be, or of any officer, director, employee or agent thereof, to comply with or satisfy any covenant, condition or agreement to be complied with or satisfied by it under this Agreement.

Section 6.12 Employee Matters.

- (a) Public Company and Merger Partner will consult with each other, and will consider in good faith each other's advice, prior to sending any notices or other communication materials to its employees regarding this Agreement, the Merger or the effects thereof on the employment, compensation or benefits of its employees.
- (b) Merger Partner and Public Company agree that the Merger shall constitute or be deemed to constitute a "change of control" or "change in control" for purposes of the Public Company Stock Plans and any awards issued thereunder and for purposes of any Employee Benefit Plan maintained for current or former employees or directors of or independent contractors to the Public Company.
- **Section 6.13** FIRPTA Tax Certificates. On or prior to the Closing, Merger Partner shall deliver to Public Company a properly executed certification that shares of Merger Partner Capital Stock are not "U.S. real property interests" in accordance with the Treasury Regulations under Sections 897 and 1445 of the Code, together with a notice to the IRS (which shall be filed by Public Company with the IRS following the Closing) in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.897-2(h)(2) of the Treasury Regulations.
- **Section 6.14** State Takeover Laws. If any "fair price," "business combination" or "control share acquisition" statute or other similar statute or regulation is or may become applicable to any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the parties hereto shall use their respective commercially reasonable efforts to (a) take such actions as are reasonably necessary so that the transactions contemplated hereunder may be consummated as promptly as practicable on the terms contemplated hereby and (b) otherwise take all such actions as are reasonably necessary to eliminate or minimize the effects of any such statute or regulation on such transactions.
- Section 6.15 Security Holder Litigation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, (a) Public Company shall have the right to control the defense and settlement of any litigation related to this Agreement, the Merger or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement brought by any shareholder or any holder of other securities of Public Company against Public Company and/or its directors or officers, provided that Public Company shall give Merger Partner the opportunity to participate in the defense of any such litigation and shall not settle any such litigation (other than any settlement not requiring the payment of any amount to any third party in excess of the retentions or deductibles under any applicable insurance policies of Public Company) without the prior written consent of Merger Partner (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), and (b) Merger Partner shall have the right to control the defense and settlement of any litigation related to this Agreement, the Merger or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement brought by any Shareholder or any holder of other securities of Merger Partner against Merger Partner and/or its directors or officers, provided that Merger Partner shall give Public Company the opportunity to participate in the defense of any such litigation and shall not settle any such litigation (other than any settlement not requiring the payment of any amount to any third party in excess of the retentions or deductibles under any applicable insurance policies of Merger Partner) without the prior written consent of Public Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).

Section 6.16 Section 16 Matters. Prior to the Effective Time, Public Company shall take all such steps as may be required to cause any acquisitions of Public Company Common Shares (and any options to purchase the same) in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, by each individual who is reasonably expected to become subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to Public Company following the Merger, to be exempt under Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act.

Section 6.17 <u>Public Company Stock Options</u>. Prior to the Closing, the Public Company Board shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to adopt appropriate resolutions and take all other actions necessary and appropriate to provide that each Public Company Stock Option, whether vested or unvested, be accelerated in full effective as of immediately prior to the Effective Time. At the Effective Time, each Public Company Stock Option that is outstanding and unexercised immediately prior to the Effective Time, whether or not vested, shall survive the Closing and remain outstanding in accordance with its terms.

Section 6.18 401(k) Plan. Unless otherwise requested by Merger Partner in writing at least five business days prior to the Closing Date, the Public Company Board shall take (or cause to be taken) all actions to adopt such resolutions as may be necessary or appropriate to terminate, effective no later than the day prior to the Closing Date, any Public Company Employee Plan that contains a cash or deferred arrangement intended to qualify under Section 401(k) of the Code (a "Public Company 401(k) Plan"). If Public Company is required to terminate any Public Company 401(k) Plan, then Public Company shall provide to Merger Partner prior to the Closing Date written evidence of the adoption by the Public Company Board of resolutions authorizing the termination of such Public Company 401(k) Plan (the form and substance of which shall be subject to the prior review and approval of Merger Partner).

ARTICLE VII CONDITIONS TO MERGER

Section 7.01 Conditions to Each Party's Obligation To Effect the Merger. The respective obligations of each party to this Agreement to effect the Merger shall be subject to the satisfaction prior to the Closing Date of the following conditions:

- (a) <u>Shareholder Approvals</u>. The Merger Partner Voting Proposal shall have been approved by means of the Written Consents by the requisite vote of the Shareholders of Merger Partner under applicable Law and Merger Partner's certificate of incorporation. The Public Company Voting Proposals shall have been approved at the Public Company Meeting, at which a quorum is present, by the requisite vote of the shareholders of Public Company under applicable Law and stock market regulations.
- (b) <u>Governmental Approvals</u>. Other than the filing of the Certificate of Merger, all authorizations, consents, orders or approvals of, or declarations or filings with, or expirations of waiting periods imposed by, any Governmental Entity in connection with the Merger and the consummation of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the failure of which to file, obtain or occur is reasonably likely to have a Public Company Material Adverse Effect or a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect, shall have been filed, been obtained or occurred on terms and conditions that would not reasonably be likely to have a Public Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) <u>Registration Statement; Proxy Statement/Prospectus</u>. The Registration Statement shall have become effective under the Securities Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued and no proceeding for that purpose, and no similar proceeding with respect to the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, shall have been initiated or threatened in writing by the SEC or its staff.
- (d) <u>No Injunctions</u>. No Governmental Entity of competent jurisdiction shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any order, executive order, stay, decree, judgment or injunction (preliminary or permanent) or statute, rule or regulation which is in effect and which has the effect of making the Merger illegal or otherwise prohibiting consummation of the Merger.
- (e) <u>Nasdaq Notification</u>. (i) The Nasdaq Listing Application shall have been approved, and (ii) the Public Company Common Shares to be issued pursuant to the Share Issuance shall have been approved for listing (subject to official notice of issuance) on Nasdaq.
- **Section 7.02** Additional Conditions to the Obligations of Public Company and Merger Sub. The obligations of Public Company and Merger Sub to effect the Merger shall be subject to the satisfaction on or prior to the Closing Date of each of the following additional conditions, any of which may be waived in writing exclusively by Public Company and Merger Sub:

- Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of Merger Partner set forth in this Agreement (a) and in any certificate or other writing delivered by Merger Partner pursuant hereto shall be true and correct (i) as of the date of this Agreement (except in the case of this clause (i), (A) to the extent such representations and warranties are specifically made as of a particular date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such date and (B) where the failure to be true and correct (without regard to any materiality or Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained therein), individually or in the aggregate, has not had, and is not reasonably likely to have, a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect) and (ii) as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date (except in the case of this clause (ii), (A) to the extent such representations and warranties are specifically made as of a particular date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such date, (B) for changes expressly provided for in this Agreement and (C) where the failure to be true and correct (without regard to any materiality or Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained therein), individually or in the aggregate, has not had, and is not reasonably likely to have, a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect); provided, however, that the representations and warranties made by Merger Partner in Sections 3.01, 3.02, 3.04(a), 3.04(d) and 3.07(i) shall not be subject to the qualifications set forth in clauses (i)(B) and (ii)(C) above; provided, further, that the representations and warranties set forth in Section 3.02(a) shall be true and correct except for such inaccuracies as are in the aggregate de minimis.
- (b) <u>Performance of Obligations of Merger Partner</u>. Merger Partner shall have performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it under this Agreement on or prior to the Closing Date.
- (c) <u>No Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect</u>. No Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect shall have occurred since the date of this Agreement.
- (d) <u>Third Party Consents</u>. Merger Partner shall have obtained (i) all consents and approvals of third parties listed in <u>Section 7.02(d)(i)</u> of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule and (ii) any other required consent or approval of any third party (other than a Governmental Entity) the failure of which to obtain, individually or in the aggregate, is reasonably likely to have a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect.
- (e) <u>Resignations</u>. Public Company shall have received copies of the resignations, effective as of the Effective Time, of each director of Merger Partner and its Subsidiaries.
- (f) <u>Dissenting Shares</u>. The number of Dissenting Shares shall not exceed 10% of the number of outstanding shares of Merger Partner Common Stock as of the Effective Time (after giving effect to Merger Partner Preferred Stock Conversion).

- (g) <u>Merger Partner Preferred Stock Conversion</u>. Merger Partner shall have effected a conversion of all Merger Partner Preferred Stock into Merger Partner Common Stock as of immediately prior to the Effective Time (the "<u>Merger Partner Preferred Stock Conversion</u>").
- (h) Officers' Certificate. Public Company shall have received an officers' certificate duly executed by each of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Merger Partner to the effect that the conditions of Sections 7.2(a), (b) and (c) have been satisfied.
- (i) <u>Due Diligence Investigation</u>. On or prior to the fifth day following the date of this Agreement (the "<u>Due Diligence Period</u>") Public Company shall have completed its due diligence investigation of Merger Partner, and shall, in its sole discretion, be satisfied with the results of such due diligence investigation.
- **Section 7.03** Additional Conditions to the Obligations of Merger Partner. The obligation of Merger Partner to effect the Merger shall be subject to the satisfaction on or prior to the Closing Date of each of the following additional conditions, any of which may be waived, in writing, exclusively by Merger Partner:
- (a) Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of Public Company and Merger Sub set forth in this Agreement and in any certificate or other writing delivered by Public Company or Merger Sub pursuant hereto shall be true and correct (i) as of the date of this Agreement (except in the case of this clause (i), (A) to the extent such representations and warranties are specifically made as of a particular date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such date and (B) where the failure to be true and correct (without regard to any materiality or Public Company Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained therein), individually or in the aggregate, has not had, and is not reasonably likely to have, a Public Company Material Adverse Effect) and (ii) as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date (except in the case of this clause (ii), (A) to the extent such representations and warranties are specifically made as of a particular date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such date, (B) for changes contemplated by this Agreement and (C) where the failure to be true and correct (without regard to any materiality or Public Company Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained therein), individually or in the aggregate, has not had, and is not reasonably likely to have, a Public Company Material Adverse Effect); provided, however, that the representations and warranties made by Public Company and Merger Sub in Sections 4.01, 4.02, 4.04(a), 4.04(d) and 4.07(i) shall not be subject to the qualifications set forth in clauses (i)(B) and (ii)(C) above; provided, further, that the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4.02(a) shall be true and correct except for such inaccuracies as are in the aggregate de minimis.

- (b) <u>Performance of Obligations of Public Company and Merger Sub</u>. Public Company and Merger Sub shall have performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by them under this Agreement on or prior to the Closing Date.
- (c) <u>No Public Company Material Adverse Effect</u>. No Public Company Material Adverse Effect shall have occurred since the date of this Agreement.
- (d) <u>Third Party Consents</u>. Public Company shall have obtained (i) all consents and approvals of third parties listed in <u>Section 7.03(d)(i)</u> of the Public Company Disclosure Schedule and (ii) any other consent or approval of any third party (other than a Governmental Entity) the failure of which to obtain, individually or in the aggregate, is reasonably likely to have a Public Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (e) <u>Officers' Certificate</u>. Merger Partner shall have received an officers' certificate duly executed by each of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Public Company to the effect that the conditions of <u>Sections 7.03(a)</u>, (b), and (c) have been satisfied.
- (f) <u>Due Diligence Investigation</u>. On or prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period, Merger Partner shall have completed its due diligence investigation of Public Company, and shall, in its sole discretion, be satisfied with the results of such due diligence investigation.

ARTICLE VIII

TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

- **Section 8.01** <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Effective Time (with respect to <u>Sections 8.01(b)</u> through <u>8.01(k)</u>, by written notice by the terminating party to the other party), whether before or, subject to the terms hereof, after approval of the Merger Partner Voting Proposal by the Shareholders of Merger Partner or approval of the Public Company Voting Proposals by the Shareholders of Public Company:
 - (a) by mutual written consent of Public Company and Merger Partner;
- (b) by either Public Company or Merger Partner if the Merger shall not have been consummated by December 31, 2021 (the "Outside Date") (provided that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.01(b) shall not be available to any party whose failure to fulfill any obligation under this Agreement has been a principal cause of or resulted in the failure of the Merger to occur on or before the Outside Date);
- (c) by either Public Company or Merger Partner if a Governmental Entity of competent jurisdiction shall have issued a nonappealable final order, decree or ruling or taken any other nonappealable final action, in each case having the effect of permanently restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the Merger; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that a party hereto shall not be permitted to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 8.01(c)</u> if the issuance of any such order, decree, ruling or other action is attributable to the failure of such party (or any Affiliate of such party) to perform in any material respect any covenant in this Agreement required to be performed by such party (or any Affiliate of such party) at or prior to the Effective Time;

- (d) by either Public Company or Merger Partner if at the Public Company Meeting (including any adjournment or postponement), at which a vote on the Public Company Voting Proposals is taken, the requisite vote of the Shareholders of Public Company in favor of the Public Company Voting Proposals shall not have been obtained; provided, however, that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.01(d) shall not be available to Public Company where the failure to obtain the requisite vote of the Shareholders of Public Company shall have been caused by the action or failure to act of Public Company and such action or failure to act constitutes a material and willful breach by Public Company of this Agreement;
- (e) by Public Company, if at any time prior to the receipt of the Merger Partner Shareholder Approval: (i) the Merger Partner Board shall have failed to give its recommendation to the approval of the Merger Partner Voting Proposal or shall have withdrawn or modified in a manner adverse to Public Company its recommendation of the Merger Partner Voting Proposal; (ii) after the receipt by Merger Partner of an Acquisition Proposal, Public Company requests in writing that Merger Partner Board reconfirm its recommendation of this Agreement and the Merger and Merger Partner Board fails to do so within ten Business Days after its receipt of Public Company's request; (iii) the Merger Partner Board (or any committee thereof) shall have approved or recommended to the Shareholders of Merger Partner an Acquisition Proposal; (iv) a tender offer or exchange offer for outstanding shares of Merger Partner Capital Stock is commenced (other than by Public Company or an Affiliate of Public Company), and Merger Partner Board (or any committee thereof) recommends that the Shareholders of Merger Partner tender their shares in such tender or exchange offer or, within ten Business Days after the commencement of such tender offer or exchange offer, Merger Partner Board fails to recommend against acceptance of such offer; or (v) Merger Partner shall have materially breached its obligations under Section 6.01 or Section 6.05(a) of this Agreement;
- (f) by Merger Partner, at any time prior to the receipt of the Public Company Shareholder Approval, if: (i) Public Company Board shall have failed to include its recommendation to the approval of the Public Company Voting Proposals in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus or shall have withdrawn or modified in a manner adverse to Merger Partner its recommendation of the Public Company Voting Proposals; (ii) after the receipt by Public Company of an Acquisition Proposal, Merger Partner requests in writing that Public Company Board reconfirm its recommendation of the Public Company Voting Proposals and Public Company Board fails to do so within ten Business Days after its receipt of Merger Partner's request; (iii) Public Company Board (or any committee thereof) shall have approved or recommended to the Shareholders of Public Company an Acquisition Proposal; (iv) a tender offer or exchange offer for outstanding Public Company Common Shares is commenced (other than by Merger Partner or an Affiliate of Merger Partner), and Public Company Board (or any committee thereof) recommends that the Shareholders of Public Company tender their shares in such tender or exchange offer or, within five Business Days after the commencement of such tender offer or exchange offer, Public Company Board fails to recommend against acceptance of such offer; or (v) Public Company shall have materially breached its obligations under Section 6.01 or Section 6.05(b) of this Agreement;

- (g) by Public Company, if there has been a breach of or failure to perform any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement set forth in this Agreement (other than those referred to elsewhere in this Section 8.01) on the part of Merger Partner, which breach would cause the conditions set forth in Section 7.02(a) or (b) not to be satisfied; provided that neither Public Company nor Merger Sub is then in material breach of any representation, warranty or covenant under this Agreement and provided, further, that if such breach or failure to perform is curable by Merger Partner, as applicable, then this Agreement shall not terminate pursuant to this Section 8.01(g) as a result of such particular breach or failure until the expiration of a thirty (30) day period commencing upon delivery of written notice from Public Company to Merger Partner of such breach or failure and it being understood that this Agreement shall not terminate pursuant to this Section 8.01(g) as a result of such particular breach or failure if such breach or failure is cured prior to such termination becoming effective;
- (h) by Merger Partner, if there has been a breach of or failure to perform any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement set forth in this Agreement (other than those referred to elsewhere in this Section 8.01) on the part of Public Company, which breach would cause the conditions set forth in Section 7.03(a) or (b) not to be satisfied; provided that Merger Partner is not then in material breach of any representation, warranty or covenant under this Agreement and provided, further, that if such breach or failure to perform is curable by Public Company, then this Agreement shall not terminate pursuant to this Section 8.01(h) as a result of such particular breach or failure until the expiration of a thirty (30) day period commencing upon delivery of written notice from Merger Partner to Public Company of such breach or failure and it being understood that this Agreement shall not terminate pursuant to this Section 8.01(h) as a result of such particular breach or failure if such breach or failure is cured prior to such termination becoming effective;
- (i) by Public Company, if the Merger Partner Shareholder Approval is not obtained by delivery of the Written Consents on or prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date that is two Business Days after the Registration Statement is declared effective under the Securities Act;
- (j) by Merger Partner if, at any time prior to the receipt of the Merger Partner Shareholder Approval, each of the following occur: (A) Merger Partner shall have received a Superior Proposal; (B) Merger Partner shall have complied in all material respects with its obligations under Section 6.01, including with respect to making a Merger Partner Board Recommendation Change with respect to such Superior Proposal; (C) the Merger Partner Board approves, and Merger Partner concurrently with the termination of this Agreement enters into, a definitive agreement with respect to such Superior Proposal; and (D) prior to or concurrently with such termination, Merger Partner pays to the Public Company the amount contemplated by Section 8.03(b); or

- (k) by Public Company if, at any time prior to the receipt of the Public Company Shareholder Approval, each of the following occur: (A) Public Company shall have received a Superior Proposal; (B) Public Company shall have complied in all material respects with its obligations under Section 6.01, including with respect to making a Public Company Board Recommendation Change with respect to such Superior Proposal; (C) the Public Company Board approves, and Public Company concurrently with the termination of this Agreement enters into, a definitive agreement with respect to such Superior Proposal; and (D) prior to or concurrently with such termination, Public Company pays to Merger Partner the amount contemplated by Section 8.03(c).
- (l) by Public Company, at any time prior to the Effective Time, if the seven day moving average price of Bitcoin, as reported on Binance as "MA(7)", falls below \$15,000.
- (m) by Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable, by giving written notice to the other party, of its desire to terminate this Agreement for any reason prior to the expiration of the Diligence Period.

Section 8.02 Effect of Termination. In the event of termination of this Agreement as provided in Section 8.01, this Agreement shall immediately become void and there shall be no liability or obligation on the part of Public Company, Merger Partner, Merger Sub or their respective officers, directors, Shareholders or Affiliates; provided that (a) any such termination shall not relieve any party from liability for any willful and intentional breach of this Agreement, fraud or intentional misconduct and (b) the provisions of Section 5.03 (Confidentiality), this Section 8.02 (Effect of Termination), Section 8.03 (Fees and Expenses) and Article IX (Miscellaneous) of this Agreement and the Confidentiality Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and survive any termination of this Agreement.

Section 8.03 Fees and Expenses.

- (a) Except as set forth in this Section 8.03, all fees and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be paid by the party incurring such expenses, whether or not the Merger is consummated; provided, however, that Merger Partner and Public Company shall share equally (i) all fees and expenses of the Exchange Agent, and (ii) all fees and expenses, other than accountant's and attorneys' fees, incurred with respect to the printing, filing and mailing of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus (including any related preliminary materials) and the Registration Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto.
- (b) Merger Partner shall pay Public Company a termination fee of \$5,000,000 (the "Merger Partner Termination Fee") in the event of the termination of this Agreement:

- (i) by Public Company pursuant to <u>Sections 8.01(e)</u>;
- (ii) by Merger Partner pursuant to <u>Section 8.01(j)</u>; or
- (iii) by Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable, pursuant to <u>Sections 8.01(b)</u> or <u>8.01(g)</u>, so long as (A) prior to the termination of this Agreement, any person makes an Acquisition Proposal or amends an Acquisition Proposal made prior to the date of this Agreement with respect to Merger Partner; and (B) within 12 months after such termination Merger Partner enters into a definitive agreement to consummate (which is consummated, whether or not within or after the 12 month period), or consummates, any Acquisition Proposal (regardless of whether made before or after the termination of this Agreement); <u>provided</u> that for purposes of this <u>Section 8.03(b)(iii)</u>, the references to 15% in the definition of Acquisition Proposal shall be deemed to be 50%.
- (c) Public Company shall pay Merger Partner a termination fee of \$5,000,000 (the "<u>Public Company Termination Fee</u>") in the event of the termination of this Agreement:
 - (i) by Merger Partner pursuant to <u>Section 8.01(f)</u>;
 - (ii) by Public Company pursuant to Section 8.01(k); or
- (iii) by Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable, pursuant to <u>Sections 8.01(b)</u> or <u>8.01(h)</u>, so long as (A) prior to the termination of this Agreement, any person makes an Acquisition Proposal or amends an Acquisition Proposal made prior to the date of this Agreement with respect to Public Company; and (B) within 12 months after such termination Public Company enters into a definitive agreement to consummate, or consummates, any Acquisition Proposal (regardless of whether made before or after the termination of this Agreement); <u>provided</u> that for purposes of this <u>Section 8.03(c)(iii)</u>, the references to 15% in the definition of Acquisition Proposal shall be deemed to be 50%.
- (d) If this Agreement is terminated by Merger Partner pursuant to <u>Section 8.01(h)</u> (solely as a result of a willful and material breach), or by either party pursuant to <u>Section 8.01(d)</u>, then Public Company shall reimburse Merger Partner for all reasonable out-of-pocket fees and expenses incurred by Merger Partner in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, up to a maximum of \$500,000, by wire transfer of same-day funds within two (2) Business Days following the date on which Merger Partner submits to Public Company true and correct copies of reasonable documentation supporting such expenses. If Merger Partner becomes entitled to receive a Public Company Termination Fee under this Agreement, any amount paid by Public Company under this Section 8.03(d) will be credited against the Public Company Termination Fee.
- (e) If this Agreement is terminated by Public Company pursuant to <u>Section 8.01(g)</u> (solely as a result of a willful and material breach) or <u>Section 8.01(i)</u>, then Merger Partner shall reimburse Public Company for all reasonable out-of-pocket fees and expenses incurred by Public Company in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, up to a maximum of \$500,000, by wire transfer of same-day funds within two (2) Business Days following the date on which Public Company submits to Merger Partner true and correct copies of reasonable documentation supporting such expenses. If Public Company becomes entitled to receive a Merger Partner Termination Fee under this Agreement, any amount paid by Merger Partner under this <u>Section 8.03(e)</u> will be credited against the Merger Partner Termination Fee.

- (f) Any fee due under <u>Section 8.03(b)(i)</u> or <u>8.03(c)(i)</u> shall be paid by wire transfer of same day funds within one Business Day of the date of termination of this Agreement. Any fee due under <u>Section 8.03(b)(ii)</u> or <u>8.03(c)(ii)</u> shall be paid by wire transfer of same day funds on the date of termination of this Agreement (and shall be a condition to the effectiveness of such termination). Any fee due under <u>Section 8.03(b)(iii)</u> or <u>8.03(c)(iii)</u> shall be paid by wire transfer of same-day funds within two Business Days after the date on which the transaction referenced in clause (B) of such <u>Section 8.03(b)(iii)</u> or <u>Section 8.03(c)(iii)</u>, as applicable, is consummated. If one party fails to promptly pay to the other any expense reimbursement or fee due pursuant to this <u>Section 8.03</u>, the defaulting party shall pay the costs and expenses (including legal fees and expenses) in connection with any action, including the filing of any lawsuit or other legal action, taken to collect payment, together with interest on the amount of any unpaid fee at the publicly announced prime rate of Bank of America, N.A. plus five percent per annum, compounded quarterly, from the date such expense reimbursement or fee was required to be paid.
- (g) The parties hereto acknowledge that the agreements contained in this Section 8.03 are an integral part of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and that, without these agreements, the parties hereto would not enter into this Agreement. Notwithstanding Section 8.02 or any other provision of this Agreement, payment of the termination fees described in, and under the circumstances provided for in, this Section 8.03 shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedy of Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable in connection with any termination of this Agreement in the circumstances in which such fees became payable. In the event that Public Company or Merger Partner shall receive the payment of a termination fee under the circumstances provided for in this Section 8.03, the receipt of such fee shall be deemed to be liquidated damages for any and all losses or damages suffered or incurred by Public Company and any of its Affiliates or Merger Partner and any of its Affiliates, as applicable, or any other person in connection with this Agreement (and the termination hereof), the transactions contemplated hereby (and the abandonment thereof) or any matter forming the basis for such termination, and none of the Public Company, Merger Sub any of their respective Affiliates or Merger Partner or any of its Affiliates, as applicable, or any other person, shall be entitled to bring or maintain any other claim, action or proceeding against Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable, or any of their respective Affiliates arising out of this Agreement, any of the transactions contemplated hereby or any matters forming the basis for such termination.
- (h) The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that (i) in no event shall Merger Partner be required to pay Merger Partner Termination Fee on more than one occasion, nor shall Public Company be required to pay Public Company Termination Fee on more than one occasion and (ii) in each case whether or not such fee may be payable under more than one provision of this Agreement at the same or at different times and the occurrence of different events.

Section 8.04 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended by the parties hereto, by action taken or authorized by their respective Boards of Directors, at any time before or after approval of the matters presented in connection with the Merger by the Shareholders of any of the parties, but, after any such approval, no amendment shall be made which by Law requires further approval by such Shareholders without such further approval. This Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each of the parties hereto.

Section 8.05 Extension; Waiver. At any time prior to the Effective Time, the parties hereto, by action taken or authorized by their respective Boards of Directors, may, to the extent legally allowed, (a) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the other parties hereto, (b) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties contained herein or in any document delivered pursuant hereto and (c) waive compliance with any of the agreements or conditions contained herein. Any agreement on the part of a party hereto to any such extension or waiver shall be valid only if set forth in a written instrument signed on behalf of such party. Such extension or waiver shall not be deemed to apply to any time for performance, inaccuracy in any representation or warranty, or noncompliance with any agreement or condition, as the case may be, other than that which is specified in the extension or waiver. The failure of any party to this Agreement to assert any of its rights under this Agreement or otherwise shall not constitute a waiver of such rights.

Section 8.06 <u>Procedure for Termination, Amendment, Extension or Waiver</u>. A termination of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 8.01</u>, an amendment, modification or supplement of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 8.04</u> or an extension or waiver of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 80.5</u> shall, in order to be effective, require action by the respective boards of directors of the applicable parties.

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.01 Nonsurvival of Representations, Warranties and Agreements. None of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements in this Agreement shall survive the Effective Time, except for the agreements contained in Article I, Article II, Section 6.10, 6.13 and 6.14 and this Article IX. This Section 9.01 shall have no effect upon any other obligations of the parties hereto, whether to be performed before or after the consummation of the Merger.

Section 9.02 <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly delivered (i) three Business Days after being sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, (ii) one Business Day after being sent for next Business Day delivery, fees prepaid, via a reputable overnight courier service, in each case to the intended recipient as set forth below or (iii) on the same Business Day if sent by e-mail prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time or on the following Business Day if sent after 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time:

(a) if to Public Company or Merger Sub, to

Sphere 3D Corp. 895 Don Mills Road Bldg. 2, Suite 900 Toronto, Ontario Canada M3C 1W3

Attn: Peter Tassiopoulos

E-mail: Peter.Tassiopoulos@sphere3d.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Pryor Cashman LLP 7 Times Square New York, New York 10036

Attn: Ali M. Panjwani, Esq.

E-mail: Ali.Panjwani@pryorcashman.com

(b) if to Merger Partner, to

Gryphon Digital Mining, Inc. 5953 Mable Rd. Unit 138 Las Vegas, NV 89110 Attn: Robby Chang

E-mail: rob@gryphonmining.com

with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Bevilacqua PLLC 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 500 Washington, DC 20039 Attn: Louis A. Bevilacqua, Esq.

Attn: Louis A. Bevilacqua, Esq. E-mail: lou@bevilacquapllc.com

Any party to this Agreement may give any notice or other communication hereunder using any other means (including personal delivery, messenger service, telecopy or ordinary mail), but no such notice or other communication shall be deemed to have been duly given unless and until it actually is received by the party for whom it is intended. Any party to this Agreement may change the address to which notices and other communications hereunder are to be delivered by giving the other parties to this Agreement notice in the manner herein set forth.

Section 9.03 Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including the Schedules, Annexes and Exhibits, if any, hereto and the documents and instruments referred to herein that are to be delivered at the Closing) constitutes the entire agreement among the parties to this Agreement and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties hereto, or any of them, written or oral, with respect to the subject matter hereof and the parties hereto expressly disclaim reliance on any such prior understandings, agreements or representations to the extent not embodied in this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Confidentiality Agreement shall remain in effect in accordance with its terms.

Section 9.04 <u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement is not intended to, and shall not, confer upon any other person any rights or remedies hereunder, except as set forth in or contemplated by the terms and provisions of <u>Section 6.10</u>.

Section 9.05 Assignment. No party may assign any of its rights or delegate any of its performance obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, by operation of Law or otherwise without the prior written consent of the other parties, and any such assignment without such prior written consent shall be null and void. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement shall be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Any purported assignment of rights or delegation of performance obligations in violation of this Section 9.05 is void.

Section 9.06 Severability. Any term or provision of this Agreement that is invalid or unenforceable in any situation in any jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or the validity or enforceability of the offending term or provision in any other situation or in any other jurisdiction. If the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction declares that any term or provision hereof is invalid or unenforceable, the parties hereto agree that the court making such determination shall have the power to limit the term or provision, to delete specific words or phrases, or to replace any invalid or unenforceable term or provision with a term or provision that is valid and enforceable and that comes closest to expressing the intention of the invalid or unenforceable term or provision, and this Agreement shall be enforceable as so modified. In the event such court does not exercise the power granted to it in the prior sentence, the parties hereto agree to replace such invalid or unenforceable term or provision with a valid and enforceable term or provision that will achieve, to the extent possible, the economic, business and other purposes of such invalid or unenforceable term.

Section 9.07 Counterparts and Signature. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts (including by facsimile or by an electronic scan delivered by electronic mail), each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each of the parties hereto and delivered to the other parties, it being understood that all parties need not sign the same counterpart. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by facsimile or by an electronic scan delivered by electronic mail.

Section 9.08 Interpretation. When reference is made in this Agreement to an Article or a Section, such reference shall be to an Article or Section of this Agreement, unless otherwise indicated. The table of contents, table of defined terms and headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The language used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties hereto to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction shall be applied against any party. Whenever the context may require, any pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns and pronouns shall include the plural, and vice versa. Any reference to any federal, state, local or foreign statute or Law shall be deemed also to refer to all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, unless the context requires otherwise. Whenever the words "include," "includes" or "including" are used in this Agreement, they shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation." Where this Agreement refers to information that was "made available", that means that such information was either (i) provided directly to the Public Company or Merger Partner, as applicable, by the other party, (ii) included in the virtual data rooms established by Public Company and Merger Partner created for the purposes of providing information to the other party in connection with this Agreement at least three Business Days prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement or (iii) solely with respect to information made available by Public Company, filed with and publicly available on the SEC's EDGAR system prior to the date of this Agreement. When used in the agreement, "person" shall mean any natural person, corporation, exempted company, limited liability company, partnership, exempted limited partnership, association, trust or other entity, including a Governmental Entity, as applicable. No summary of this Agreement prepared by any party shall affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 9.09 Governing Law. All matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (including its interpretation, construction, performance and enforcement) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to any choice or conflict of Law provision or rule (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of laws of any jurisdictions other than those of the State of Delaware.

Section 9.10 Remedies. Except as otherwise provided herein, any and all remedies herein expressly conferred upon a party will be deemed cumulative with and not exclusive of any other remedy conferred hereby, or by Law or equity upon such party, and the exercise by a party of any one remedy will not preclude the exercise of any other remedy. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. It is accordingly agreed that the parties shall be entitled to an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement, this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at Law or in equity.

Section 9.11 <u>Submission to Jurisdiction</u>. Each of the parties to this Agreement (a) consents to submit itself to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, New Castle County, or, if that court does not have jurisdiction, a federal court sitting in Wilmington, Delaware in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (b) agrees that all claims in respect of such action or proceeding shall be heard and determined in any such court, (c) agrees that it shall not attempt to deny or defeat such personal jurisdiction by motion or other request for leave from any such court and (d) agrees not to bring any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any of the transaction contemplated by this Agreement in any other court. Each of the parties hereto waives any defense of inconvenient forum to the maintenance of any action or proceeding so brought and waives any bond, surety or other security that might be required of any other party with respect thereto. Any party may make service on another party by sending or delivering a copy of the process to the party to be served at the address and in the manner provided for the giving of notices in Section 9.02. Nothing in this Section 9.11, however, shall affect the right of any party to serve legal process in any other manner permitted by law.

Section 9.12 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH OF PUBLIC COMPANY, THE MERGER SUB AND MERGER PARTNER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES 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 THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THE ACTIONS OF PUBLIC COMPANY, THE MERGER SUB OR MERGER PARTNER IN THE NEGOTIATION, ADMINISTRATION, PERFORMANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Section 9.13 <u>Disclosure Schedule</u>. Each of the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule and the Public Company Disclosure Schedule shall be arranged in sections corresponding to the numbered sections contained in this Agreement, and the disclosure in any section shall qualify only (a) the corresponding section of this Agreement and (b) the other sections of this Agreement, to the extent that it is reasonably apparent from a reading of such disclosure that it also qualifies or applies to such other sections. The inclusion of any information in the Merger Partner Disclosure Schedule or the Public Company Disclosure Schedule, as applicable, shall not be deemed to be an admission or acknowledgment, in and of itself, that such information is required by the terms hereof to be disclosed, is material, has resulted in or would result in a Merger Partner Material Adverse Effect or a Public Company Material Adverse Effect, as applicable, or is outside the Ordinary Course of Business.

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

SPHERE 3D CORP.

By: /s/ Peter Tassiopoulos Name: Peter Tassiopoulos Title: Chief Executive Officer SPHERE GDM CORP. /s/ Peter Tassiopoulos By: Name: Peter Tassiopoulos Title: Chief Executive Officer GRYPHON DIGITAL MINING, INC. By: /s/ Robby Chang Name: Robby Chang

Chief Executive Officer

Title: