#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### **FORM 10-K**

#### ☑ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021

or

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

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 001-33366

### **Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

20-5913059

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, Texas 77002

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(713) 375-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Common Units Representing Limited Partner Interests

Trading Symbol CQP Name of each exchange on which registered NYSE American

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes 🗵 No 🗆

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes 🗆 No 🗵

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  $\square$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	X	Accelerated filer	
Non-accelerated filer		Smaller reporting company	
		Emerging growth company	

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes 🗌 No 🗵

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common units held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$10.8 billion as of June 30, 2020.

As of February 18, 2022, the registrant had 484,027,123 common units outstanding.

Documents incorporated by reference: None

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#### DEFINITIONS

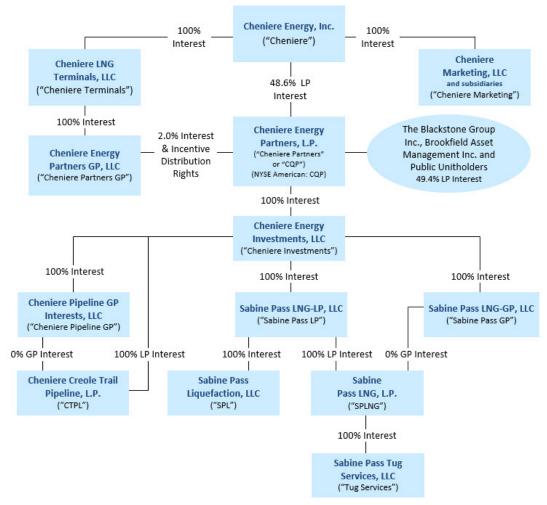
As used in this annual report, the terms listed below have the following meanings:

#### **Common Industry and Other Terms**

Bcf	billion cubic feet
Bcf/d	billion cubic feet per day
Bcf/yr	billion cubic feet per year
Bcfe	billion cubic feet equivalent
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
EPC	engineering, procurement and construction
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FTA countries	countries with which the United States has a free trade agreement providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas
GAAP	generally accepted accounting principles in the United States
Henry Hub	the final settlement price (in USD per MMBtu) for the New York Mercantile Exchange's Henry Hub natural gas futures contract for the month in which a relevant cargo's delivery window is scheduled to begin
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
LNG	liquefied natural gas, a product of natural gas that, through a refrigeration process, has been cooled to a liquid state, which occupies a volume that is approximately 1/600th of its gaseous state
MMBtu	million British thermal units; one British thermal unit measures the amount of energy required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit
mtpa	million tonnes per annum
non-FTA countries	countries with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas and with which trade is permitted
SEC	U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
SPA	LNG sale and purchase agreement
TBtu	trillion British thermal units; one British thermal unit measures the amount of energy required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit
Train	an industrial facility comprised of a series of refrigerant compressor loops used to cool natural gas into LNG
TUA	terminal use agreement

#### Abbreviated Legal Entity Structure

The following diagram depicts our abbreviated legal entity structure as of December 31, 2021, including our ownership of certain subsidiaries, and the references to these entities used in this annual report:



Unless the context requires otherwise, references to "CQP," "the Partnership," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and its consolidated subsidiaries, including SPLNG, SPL and CTPL.

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This annual report contains certain statements that are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). All statements, other than statements of historical or present facts or conditions, included herein or incorporated herein by reference are "forward-looking statements." Included among "forward-looking statements" are, among other things:

- statements regarding our ability to pay distributions to our unitholders;
- · statements regarding our expected receipt of cash distributions from SPLNG, SPL or CTPL;
- statements that we expect to commence or complete construction of our proposed LNG terminal, liquefaction facility, pipeline facility or other projects, or any
  expansions or portions thereof, by certain dates, or at all;
- statements regarding future levels of domestic and international natural gas production, supply or consumption or future levels of LNG imports into or exports from North America and other countries worldwide or purchases of natural gas, regardless of the source of such information, or the transportation or other infrastructure or demand for and prices related to natural gas, LNG or other hydrocarbon products;
- · statements regarding any financing transactions or arrangements, or our ability to enter into such transactions;
- · statements regarding our future sources of liquidity and cash requirements;
- statements relating to the construction of our Trains, including statements concerning the engagement of any EPC contractor or other contractor and the anticipated terms and provisions of any agreement with any EPC or other contractor, and anticipated costs related thereto;
- statements regarding any SPA or other agreement to be entered into or performed substantially in the future, including any revenues anticipated to be received and the
  anticipated timing thereof, and statements regarding the amounts of total LNG regasification, natural gas liquefaction or storage capacities that are, or may become,
  subject to contracts;
- · statements regarding counterparties to our commercial contracts, construction contracts and other contracts;
- · statements regarding our planned development and construction of additional Trains, including the financing of such Trains;
- · statements that our Trains, when completed, will have certain characteristics, including amounts of liquefaction capacities;
- statements regarding our business strategy, our strengths, our business and operation plans or any other plans, forecasts, projections, or objectives, including
  anticipated revenues, capital expenditures, maintenance and operating costs and cash flows, any or all of which are subject to change;
- statements regarding legislative, governmental, regulatory, administrative or other public body actions, approvals, requirements, permits, applications, filings, investigations, proceedings or decisions;
- statements regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our business and operating results, including any customers not taking delivery of LNG cargoes, the
  ongoing creditworthiness of our contractual counterparties, any disruptions in our operations or construction of our Trains and the health and safety of Cheniere's
  employees, and on our customers, the global economy and the demand for LNG;
- · any other statements that relate to non-historical or future information; and
- other factors described in Item 1A. Risk Factors in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

All of these types of statements, other than statements of historical or present facts or conditions, are forward-looking statements. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as "may," "will," "could," "should," "achieve," "anticipate," "believe," "contemplate," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "pursue," "target," the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. The forward-looking statements contained in this annual report are largely based on our expectations, which reflect estimates and assumptions made by our management. These estimates and assumptions reflect our best judgment based on currently known market conditions and other factors. Although we believe that such estimates are reasonable, they are inherently uncertain and involve a number of risks and uncertainties beyond our control. In addition, assumptions may prove to be inaccurate. We caution that the

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forward-looking statements contained in this annual report are not guarantees of future performance and that such statements may not be realized or the forward-looking statements or events may not occur. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated or implied in forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors described in this annual report and in the other reports and other information that we file with the SEC. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these risk factors. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and other than as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement or provide reasons why actual results may differ, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### PART I

#### ITEMS 1. AND 2. BUSINESS AND PROPERTIES

#### General

We are a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership formed by Cheniere in 2006. We provide clean, secure and affordable LNG to integrated energy companies, utilities and energy trading companies around the world. We aspire to conduct our business in a safe and responsible manner, delivering a reliable, competitive and integrated source of LNG to our customers.

LNG is natural gas (methane) in liquid form. The LNG we produce is shipped all over the world, turned back into natural gas (called "regasification") and then transported via pipeline to homes and businesses and used as an energy source that is essential for heating, cooking and other industrial uses. Natural gas is a cleaner-burning, abundant and affordable source of energy. When LNG is converted back to natural gas, it can be used instead of coal, which reduces the amount of pollution traditionally produced from burning fossil fuels, like sulfur dioxide and particulate matter that enters the air we breathe. Additionally, compared to coal, it produces significantly fewer carbon emissions. By liquefying natural gas, we are able to reduce its volume by 600 times so that we can load it onto special LNG carriers designed to keep the LNG cold and in liquid form for efficient transport overseas.

The natural gas liquefaction and export facility at Sabine Pass, Louisiana (the "Sabine Pass LNG terminal"), one of the largest LNG production facilities in the world, is located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and has natural gas liquefaction facilities consisting of six operational Trains, with Train 6 which achieved substantial completion on February 4, 2022, for a total production capacity of approximately 30 mtpa of LNG (the "Liquefaction Project"). The Sabine Pass LNG terminal also has operational regasification facilities that include five LNG storage tanks with aggregate capacity of approximately 17 Bcfe, two existing marine berths and one under construction that can each accommodate vessels with nominal capacity of up to 266,000 cubic meters and vaporizers with regasification capacity of approximately 4 Bcf/d. We also own a 94-mile pipeline through our subsidiary, CTPL, that interconnects the Sabine Pass LNG terminal with a number of large interstate pipelines (the "Creole Trail Pipeline").

Our customer arrangements provide us with significant, stable and long-term cash flows. As further discussed below, we contract our anticipated production capacity under SPAs, in which our customers are generally required to pay a fixed fee with respect to the contracted volumes irrespective of their election to cancel or suspend deliveries of LNG cargoes, We have contracted approximately 75% of the total production capacity from the Liquefaction Project through long-term SPAs, with approximately 16 years of weighted average remaining life as of December 31, 2021, which includes volumes contracted under SPAs in which the customers are required to pay a fixed fee with respect to the contracted volumes irrespective of their election to cancel or suspend deliveries of LNG cargoes. For further discussion of the contracted future cash flows under our revenue arrangements, see Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources

We remain focused on operational excellence and customer satisfaction. Increasing demand for LNG has allowed us to expand our liquefaction infrastructure in a financially disciplined manner. We have increased available liquefaction capacity at our Liquefaction Project as a result of debottlenecking and other optimization projects. We hold a significant land position at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, which provides opportunity for further liquefaction capacity expansion. The development of these sites or other projects, including infrastructure projects in support of natural gas supply and LNG demand, will require, among other things, acceptable commercial and financing arrangements before we can make a final investment decision ("FID").

Additionally, we are committed to the responsible and proactive management of our most important environmental, social and governance ("ESG") impacts, risks and opportunities. Cheniere published its 2020 Corporate Responsibility ("CR") report, which details our strategy and progress on ESG issues, as well as our efforts on integrating climate considerations into our business strategy and taking a leadership position on increased environmental transparency, including conducting a climate scenario analysis and our plan to provide LNG customers with Cargo Emission Tags. In August 2021, Cheniere also announced a peer-reviewed LNG life cycle assessment study which allows for improved greenhouse gas emissions assessment, which was published in the *American Chemical Society Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering Journal*. Cheniere's CR report is

available at cheniere.com/IMPACT. Information on our website, including the CR report, is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### **Our Business Strategy**

Our primary business strategy is to develop, construct and operate assets supported by long-term, fixed fee contracts. We plan to implement our strategy by:

- safely, efficiently and reliably operating and maintaining our assets, including our Trains;
- procuring natural gas and pipeline transport capacity to our facility;
- commencing commercial delivery for our long-term SPA customers, of which we have initiated for seven of eight third party long-term SPA customers as of December 31, 2021;
- maximizing the production of LNG to serve our customers and generating steady and stable revenues and operating cash flows;
- optimizing the Liquefaction Project by leveraging existing infrastructure;
- maintaining a prudent and cost-effective capital structure; and
- · strategically identifying actionable environmental solutions.

#### **Our Business**

Below is a discussion of our operations. For further discussion of our contractual obligations and cash requirements related to these operations, refer to Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources.

#### Liquefaction Facilities

The Liquefaction Project is one of the largest LNG production facilities in the world. We operate six Trains, including Train 6 which achieved substantial completion on February 4, 2022, and two marine berths, and are constructing a third marine berth. The SPL Project has a lump sum turnkey contract with Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. ("Bechtel") for the EPC of Train 6. The following table summarizes the project completion and construction status of Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project as of December 31, 2021:

	Train 6
Overall project completion percentage	99.5%
Completion percentage of:	
Engineering	100.0%
Procurement	100.0%
Subcontract work	99.6%
Construction	98.8%
Date of substantial completion	February 4, 2022

The following summarizes the volumes of natural gas for which we have received approvals from FERC to site, construct and operate the Liquefaction Project and the orders we have received from the DOE authorizing the export of domestically produced LNG by vessel from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal through December 31, 2050:

	FERC Approved Volume		DOE Approved Volume			
	(in Bcf/yr)	(in mtpa)	(in Bcf/yr)	(in mtpa)		
FTA countries	1,661.94	33	1,661.94	33		
Non-FTA countries	1,661.94	33	1,509.3 (1)	30		

(1) The authorization for an additional 152.64 Bcf/yr (approximately 3 mtpa) of natural gas is currently pending.



#### Natural Gas Supply, Transportation and Storage

SPL has secured natural gas feedstock for the Sabine Pass LNG terminal through long-term natural gas supply agreements. Additionally, to ensure that SPL is able to transport natural gas feedstock to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal and manage inventory levels, it has entered into transportation precedent and other agreements to secure firm pipeline transportation and storage capacity from third-parties.

#### Regasification Facilities

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal has operational regasification capacity of approximately 4 Bcf/d and aggregate LNG storage capacity of approximately 17 Bcfe. SPLNG has entered into two long-term, third party TUAs, under which SPLNG's customers are required to pay fixed monthly fees, whether or not they use the approximately 2 Bcf/d of aggregate capacity they have reserved at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. The remaining approximately 2 Bcf/d of capacity has been reserved under a TUA by SPL.

#### Customers

Information regarding our customer contracts can be found in<u>Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources</u>.

The following table shows customers with revenues of 10% or greater of total revenues from external customers:

	Percentage	Percentage of Total Revenues from External Customers			
		Year Ended December 31,			
	2021 2020				
BG Gulf Coast LNG, LLC	24%	24%	27%		
GAIL (India) Limited	17%	18%	20%		
Korea Gas Corporation	17%	17%	19%		
Naturgy LNG GOM, Limited	16%	15%	18%		
TotalEnergies Gas & Power North America, Inc.	11%	11%	*		

\* Less than 10%

All of the above customers contribute to our LNG revenues through SPA contracts.

#### **Governmental Regulation**

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal and the Creole Trail Pipeline are subject to extensive regulation under federal, state and local statutes, rules, regulations and laws. These laws require that we engage in consultations with appropriate federal and state agencies and that we obtain and maintain applicable permits and other authorizations. These rigorous regulatory requirements increase the cost of construction and operation, and failure to comply with such laws could result in substantial penalties and/or loss of necessary authorizations.

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The design, construction, operation, maintenance and expansion of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, the import or export of LNG and the purchase and transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce through the Creole Trail Pipeline are highly regulated activities subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC pursuant to the Natural Gas Act of 1938, as amended (the "NGA"). Under the NGA, the FERC's jurisdiction generally extends to the transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce, to natural gas companies engaged in such transportation or sale and to the construction, operation, maintenance and expansion of LNG terminals and interstate natural gas pipelines.

The FERC's authority to regulate interstate natural gas pipelines and the services that they provide generally includes regulation of:

- rates and charges, and terms and conditions for natural gas transportation, storage and related services;
- the certification and construction of new facilities and modification of existing facilities;

- the extension and abandonment of services and facilities;
- · the administration of accounting and financial reporting regulations, including the maintenance of accounts and records;
- the acquisition and disposition of facilities;
- · the initiation and discontinuation of services; and
- various other matters.

Under the NGA, our pipeline is not permitted to unduly discriminate or grant undue preference as to rates or the terms and conditions of service to any shipper, including its own marketing affiliate. Those rates, terms and conditions must be public, and on file with the FERC. In contrast to pipeline regulation, the FERC does not require LNG terminal owners to provide open-access services at cost-based or regulated rates. Although the provisions that codified FERC's policy in this area expired on January 1, 2015, we see no indication that the FERC intends to change its policy in this area. On February 18, 2022, FERC updated its 1999 Policy Statement on certification of new interstate natural gas facilities and the framework for FERC's decision-making process, which would now include, among other things, reasonably foreseeable greenhouse gas emissions that may be attributable to the project and the project's impact on environmental justice communities. These FERC changes are the first revision in more than 20 years to FERC's policy for the certification of new interstate natural gas pipeline projects under Section 7 of the NGA. The updated Policy Statement has more limited applicability to LNG projects regulated under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act. While the impact on our future projects and expansions is not known at this time, we do not expect it to have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We are permitted to make sales of natural gas for resale in interstate commerce pursuant to a blanket marketing certificate granted by the FERC with the issuance of our Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to our marketing affiliates. Our sales of natural gas will be affected by the availability, terms and cost of pipeline transportation. As noted above, the price and terms of access to pipeline transportation are subject to extensive federal and state regulation.

In order to site, construct and operate the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, we received and are required to maintain authorizations from the FERC under Section 3 of the NGA as well as other material governmental and regulatory approvals and permits. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (the "EPAct") amended Section 3 of the NGA to establish or clarify the FERC's exclusive authority to approve or deny an application for the siting, construction, expansion or operation of LNG terminals, unless specifically provided otherwise in the EPAct, amendments to the NGA. For example, nothing in the EPAct amendments to the NGA were intended to affect otherwise applicable law related to any other federal agency's authorities or responsibilities related to LNG terminals or those of a state acting under federal law.

The FERC issued its final Order Granting Section 3 Authority ("Order") in April 2012 approving our application for an order under Section 3 of the NGA authorizing the siting, construction and operation of Trains 1 through 4 of the Liquefaction Project (and related facilities). Subsequently, in May 2012, the FERC issued written approval to commence site preparation work for Trains 1 through 4. In October 2012, we applied to amend the FERC approval to reflect certain modifications to the Liquefaction Project, and in August 2013, the FERC issued an Order approving the modifications. In October 2013, we applied to further amend the FERC approval, requesting authorization to increase the total permitted LNG production capacity of Trains 1 through 4 from the then authorized 803 Bcf/yr to 1,006 Bcf/yr so as to more accurately reflect the estimated maximum LNG production capacity of Trains 1 through 4. In February 2014, the FERC issued an order approving the October 2013 application (the "February 2014 Order"). A party to the proceeding requested a rehearing of the February 2014 Order, and in September 2014, the FERC issued an order denying the rehearing request (the "FERC Order Denying Rehearing"). The party petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to review the February 2014 Order and the FERC Order Denying Rehearing. The court denied the petition in June 2016. In September 2013, we filed an application with the FERC for authorization to add Trains 5 and 6 to the Liquefaction Project, which was granted by the FERC in an Order issued in April 2015 and an Order denying rehearing issued in June 2015. These Orders are not subject to appellate court review. In October of 2018, SPL applied to the FERC for authorization to add a third marine berth to the Liquefaction Project, which FERC approved in February of 2020. FERC issued written approvel to commence site preparation work for the third berth in June 2020.

The Creole Trail Pipeline, which interconnects with the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the FERC under Section 7 of the NGA. The FERC's approval under Section 7 of the NGA, as well as several other material governmental and regulatory approvals and permits, is required prior to making any modifications

to the Creole Trail Pipeline as it is a regulated, interstate natural gas pipeline. In February 2013, the FERC approved CTPL's application for authorization to construct, own, operate and maintain certain new facilities in order to enable bi-directional natural gas flow on the Creole Trail Pipeline system to allow for the delivery of up to 1,530,000 Dekatherms per day of feed gas to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. In November 2013, CTPL received approval from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ") for the proposed modifications and construction was completed in 2015. In September 2013, as part of the Application for Trains 5 and 6, we filed an application with the FERC for authorization to construct and operate an extension and expansion of Creole Trail Pipeline and related facilities in order to deliver additional domestic natural gas supplies to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, which was granted by the FERC in an order issued in April 2015 and an order denying rehearing issued in June 2015. These orders are not subject to appellate court review.

On September 27, 2019, SPL filed a request with the FERC pursuant to Section 3 of the NGA, requesting authorization to increase the total LNG production capacity of the terminal from currently authorized levels to an amount which reflects more accurately the capacity of the facility based on enhancements during the engineering, design and construction process, as well as operational experience to date. The requested authorizations do not involve construction of new facilities. Corresponding applications for authorization to export the incremental volumes were also submitted to the DOE. The DOE issued Orders granting authorization to export LNG to FTA countries in April 2020. The DOE authorization for export to non-FTA countries is still pending. In October 2021, the FERC issued its Orders Amending Authorization under Section 3 of the NGA.

The FERC's Standards of Conduct apply to interstate pipelines that conduct transmission transactions with an affiliate that engages in natural gas marketing functions. The general principles of the FERC Standards of Conduct are: (1) independent functioning, which requires transmission function employees to function independently of marketing function employees; (2) no-conduit rule, which prohibits passing transmission function information to marketing function employees; and (3) transparency, which imposes posting requirements to detect undue preference due to the improper disclosure of non-public transmission function information. We have established the required policies, procedures and training to comply with the FERC's Standards of Conduct.

All of our FERC construction, operation, reporting, accounting and other regulated activities are subject to audit by the FERC, which may conduct routine or special inspections and issue data requests designed to ensure compliance with FERC rules, regulations, policies and procedures. The FERC's jurisdiction under the NGA allows it to impose civil and criminal penalties for any violations of the NGA and any rules, regulations or orders of the FERC up to approximately \$1.3 million per day per violation, including any conduct that violates the NGA's prohibition against market manipulation.

Several other material governmental and regulatory approvals and permits will be required throughout the life of our LNG terminal and the Creole Trail Pipeline. In addition, our FERC orders require us to comply with certain ongoing conditions, reporting obligations and maintain other regulatory agency approvals throughout the life of our LNG terminal and Creole Trail Pipeline. For example, throughout the life of our LNG terminal and the Creole Trail Pipeline, we are subject to regular reporting requirements to the FERC, the Department of Transportation's ("DOT") Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration ("PHMSA") and applicable federal and state regulatory agencies regarding the operation and maintenance of our facilities. To date, we have been able to obtain and maintain required approvals as needed, and the need for these approvals and reporting obligations have not materially affected our construction or operations.

#### DOE Export Licenses

The DOE has authorized the export of domestically produced LNG by vessel from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal as discussed in Liquefaction Facilities. Although it is not expected to occur, the loss of an export authorization could be a force majeure event under our SPAs.

Under Section 3 of the NGA applications for exports of natural gas to FTA countries, which allow for national treatment for trade in natural gas, are "deemed to be consistent with the public interest" and shall be granted by the DOE without "modification or delay." FTA countries currently recognized by the DOE for exports of LNG include Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea and Singapore. FTAs with Israel and Costa Rica do not require national treatment for trade in natural gas. Applications for export of LNG to non-FTA countries are considered by the DOE in a notice and comment proceeding whereby the public and other interveners are provided the opportunity to comment and may assert that such authorization would not be consistent with the public interest.

#### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Our LNG terminal as well as the Creole Trail Pipeline are subject to regulation by PHMSA. PHMSA is authorized by the applicable pipeline safety laws to establish minimum safety standards for certain pipelines and LNG facilities. The regulatory standards PHMSA has established are applicable to the design, installation, testing, construction, operation, maintenance and management of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities and LNG facilities that affect interstate or foreign commerce. PHMSA has also established training, worker qualification and reporting requirements.

PHMSA performs inspections of pipeline and LNG facilities and has authority to undertake enforcement actions, including issuance of civil penalties up to approximately \$225,000 per day per violation, with a maximum administrative civil penalty of approximately \$2.25 million for any related series of violations. Other Governmental Permits, Approvals and Authorizations

Construction and operation of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal requires additional permits, orders, approvals and consultations to be issued by various federal and state agencies, including the DOT, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"), U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA"), U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the LDEQ.

The USACE issues its permits under the authority of the Clean Water Act ("CWA") (Section 404) and the Rivers and Harbors Act (Section 10). The EPA administers the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), and has delegated authority to the LDEQ to issue the Title V Operating Permit (the "Title V Permit") and the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit (the "PSD Permit"). These two permits are issued by the LDEQ for the Sabine Pass LNG terminal and CTPL.

#### Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC")

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") amended the Commodity Exchange Act to provide for federal regulation of the over-the-counter derivatives market and entities, such as us, that participate in those markets. The CFTC has enacted a number of regulations pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, including the speculative position limit rules which became effective on March 15, 2021 and have a phased-in compliance date that began on January 1, 2022. Given the recent enactment of the speculative position limit rules, as well as the impact of other rules and regulations under the Dodd-Frank Act, the impact of such rules and regulations on our business continues to be uncertain.

As required by the Dodd-Frank Act, the CFTC and federal banking regulators also adopted rules requiring Swap Dealers (as defined in the Dodd-Frank Act), including those that are regulated financial institutions, to collect initial and/or variation margin with respect to uncleared swaps from their counterparties that are financial end users, registered swap dealers or major swap participants. These rules do not require collection of margin from non-financial-entity end users who qualify for the end user exception from the mandatory clearing requirement or from non-financial end users or certain other counterparties in certain instances. We qualify as a non-financial-entity end user with respect to the swaps that we enter into to hedge our commercial risks.

Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, the CFTC adopted additional anti-manipulation and anti-disruptive trading practices regulations that prohibit, among other things, manipulative, deceptive or fraudulent schemes or material misrepresentation in the futures, options, swaps and cash markets. In addition, separate from the Dodd-Frank Act, our use of futures and options on commodities is subject to the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC regulations, as well as the rules of futures exchanges on which any of these instruments are executed. Should we violate any of these laws and regulations, we could be subject to a CFTC or an exchange enforcement action and material penalties, possibly resulting in changes in the rates we can charge.

#### **Environmental Regulation**

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal is subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment and natural resources. These environmental laws and regulations require significant expenditures for compliance, can affect the cost and output of operations and may impose substantial penalties for non-compliance and substantial liabilities for pollution. Many of these laws and regulations, such as those noted below, restrict or prohibit impacts to the environment or the types, quantities and concentration of substances that can be released into the environment and can lead to substantial administrative, civil and criminal fines and penalties for non-compliance.



#### Clean Air Act

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal is subject to the federal CAA and comparable state and local laws. We may be required to incur certain capital expenditures over the next several years for air pollution control equipment in connection with maintaining or obtaining permits and approvals addressing air emission-related issues. We do not believe, however, that our operations, or the construction and operations of our liquefaction facilities, will be materially and adversely affected by any such requirements.

In 2009, the EPA promulgated and finalized the Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule requiring annual reporting of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions from stationary sources in a variety of industries. In 2010, the EPA expanded the rule to include reporting obligations for LNG terminals. In addition, the EPA has defined GHG emissions thresholds that would subject GHG emissions from new and modified industrial sources to regulation if the source is subject to PSD Permit requirements due to its emissions of non-GHG criteria pollutants. While the EPA subsequently took a number of additional actions primarily relating to GHG emissions from the electric power generation and the oil and gas exploration and production industries, those rules were largely stayed or repealed during the Trump Administration including by amendments adopted by the EPA on February 23, 2018 and additional amendments to new source performance standards for the oil and gas industry on September 14 and 15, 2020. On November 15, 2021, the EPA proposed new regulations to request methane emissions from both new and existing sources within the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category. We are supportive of regulations reducing GHG emissions over time.

From time to time, Congress has considered proposed legislation directed at reducing GHG emissions. In addition, many states have already taken regulatory action to monitor and/or reduce emissions of GHGs, primarily through the development of GHG emission inventories or regional GHG cap and trade programs. It is not possible at this time to predict how future regulations or legislation may address GHG emissions and impact our business. However, future regulations and laws could result in increased compliance costs, the imposition of taxes or fees related to GHG emissions or additional operating restrictions and could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

#### Coastal Zone Management Act ("CZMA")

The siting and construction of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal within the coastal zone is subject to the requirements of the CZMA. The CZMA is administered by the states (in Louisiana, by the Department of Natural Resources and in Texas by the General Land Office). This program is implemented to ensure that impacts to coastal areas are consistent with the intent of the CZMA to manage the coastal areas.

#### Clean Water Act

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal is subject to the federal CWA and analogous state and local laws. The CWA imposes strict controls on the discharge of pollutants into the navigable waters of the United States, including discharges of wastewater and storm water runoff and fill/discharges into waters of the United States. Permits must be obtained prior to discharging pollutants into state and federal waters. The CWA is administered by the EPA, the USACE and by the states (in Louisiana, by the LDEQ). The CWA regulatory programs, including the Section 404 dredge and fill permitting program and Section 401 water quality certification program carried out by the states, are frequently the subject of shifting agency interpretations and legal challenges, which at times can result in permitting delays.

#### Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA")

The federal RCRA and comparable state statutes govern the generation, handling and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes and require corrective action for releases into the environment. When such wastes are generated in connection with the operations of our facilities, we are subject to regulatory requirements affecting the handling, transportation, treatment, storage and disposal of such wastes.

#### Protection of Species, Habitats and Wetlands

Various federal and state statutes, such as the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the CWA and the Oil Pollution Act, prohibit certain activities that may adversely affect endangered or threatened animal, fish and plant species and/or their designated habitats, wetlands, or other natural resources. If the Sabine Pass LNG terminal or the Creole Trail Pipeline adversely affect a protected species or its habitat, we may be required to develop and follow a plan to avoid those impacts. In that case, siting, construction or operation may be delayed or restricted and cause us to incur increased costs.

It is not possible at this time to predict how future regulations or legislation may address protection of species, habitats and wetlands and impact our business. However, we do not believe that our operations, or the construction and operations of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, will be materially and adversely affected by such regulatory actions.

#### **Market Factors and Competition**

#### Market Factors

Our ability to enter into additional long-term SPAs to underpin the development of additional Trains, sale of LNG by Cheniere Marketing, or development of new projects is subject to market factors. These factors include changes in worldwide supply and demand for natural gas, LNG and substitute products, the relative prices for natural gas, crude oil and substitute products in North America and international markets, the rate of fuel switching for power generation from coal, nuclear or oil to natural gas, economic growth in developing countries and other related factors such as the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Cheniere's ability to obtain additional funding to execute its business strategy is subject to the investment community's appetite for investment in LNG and natural gas infrastructure and Cheniere's ability to access capital markets.

We expect that global demand for natural gas and LNG will continue to increase as nations seek more abundant, reliable and environmentally cleaner fuel alternatives to oil and coal. Players around the globe have shown commitments to environmental goals consistent with many policy initiatives that we believe are constructive for LNG demand and infrastructure growth. Currently, significant amounts of money are being invested across Europe and Asia in natural gas projects under construction, and more continues to be earmarked to planned projects globally. Some examples include India's commitment to invest over \$60 billion to usher a gas-based economy, around \$100 billion earmarked for Europe's gas infrastructure buildout, and China's hundreds of billions all along the natural gas value chain. We highlight regasification capacity, which will not only expand existing import capacities in rapidly growing markets like China and India, but also add new import markets all over the globe, raising the total number of markets to approximately 60 by 2030 from 43 in 2020 and just 15 markets as recently as 2005.

As a result of these dynamics, global demand for natural gas is projected by the International Energy Agency to grow by approximately 20 trillion cubic feet ("Tcf") between 2020 and 2030 and 33 Tcf between 2020 and 2040. LNG's share is seen growing from about 11% in 2020 to about 12% of the global gas market in 2030 and 14% in 2040. Wood Mackenzie Limited ("WoodMac") forecasts that global demand for LNG will increase by approximately 57%, from 366.6 mtpa, or 17.6 Tcf, in 2020, to 576.5 mtpa, or 27.7 Tcf, in 2030 and to 734.5 mtpa or 35.3 Tcf in 2040. WoodMac also forecasts LNG production from existing operational facilities and new facilities already under construction will be able to supply the market with approximately 517 mtpa in 2030, declining to 456 mtpa in 2040. This could result in a market need for construction of an additional approximately 60 mtpa of LNG production by 2030 and about 279 mtpa by 2040. As a cleaner burning fuel with far lower emissions than coal or liquid fuels in power generation, we expect gas and LNG to play a central role in balancing grids and contributing to a low carbon energy system globally. We believe the capital and operating costs of the uncommitted capacity of our Liquefaction Projects is competitive with new proposed projects globally and we are well-positioned to capture a portion of this incremental market need.

Our LNG terminal business has limited exposure to oil price movements as we have contracted a significant portion of our LNG production capacity under long-term sale and purchase agreements. These agreements contain fixed fees that are required to be paid even if the customers elect to cancel or suspend delivery of LNG cargoes. We have contracted approximately 75% of the total production capacity from the Liquefaction Project through long-term SPAs, with approximately 16 years of weighted average remaining life as of December 31, 2021, which includes volumes contracted under SPAs in which the customers are required to pay a fixed fee with respect to the contracted volumes irrespective of their election to cancel or suspend deliveries of LNG cargoes.



#### Competition

When SPL needs to replace any existing SPA or enter into new SPAs, SPL will compete on the basis of price per contracted volume of LNG with other natural gas liquefaction projects throughout the world, including our affiliate Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC ("CCL"), which operates three Trains at a natural gas liquefaction facility near Corpus Christi, Texas. Revenues associated with any incremental volumes of the Liquefaction Project, including those under the Cheniere Marketing SPA, will also be subject to market-based price competition. Many of the companies with which we compete are major energy corporations with longer operating histories, more development experience, greater name recognition, greater financial, technical and marketing resources and greater access to LNG markets than us.

SPLNG currently does not experience competition for its terminal capacity because the entire approximately 4 Bcf/d of regasification capacity that is available at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal has been fully contracted. If and when SPLNG has to replace any TUAs, it will compete with other then-existing LNG terminals for customers.

#### Subsidiaries

Our assets are generally held by our subsidiaries. We conduct most of our business through these subsidiaries, including the development, construction and operation of our LNG terminal business.

#### Employees

We have no employees. We rely on our general partner to manage all aspects of the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal and the Liquefaction Project and to conduct our business. Because our general partner has no employees, it relies on subsidiaries of Cheniere to provide the personnel necessary to allow it to meet its management obligations to us, SPLNG, SPL and CTPL. As of January 31, 2022, Cheniere and its subsidiaries had 1,550 full-time employees, including 513 employees who directly supported the Sabine Pass LNG terminal operations. See <u>Note 14—Related Party Transactions</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of the services agreements pursuant to which general and administrative services are provided to us, SPLNG, SPL and CTPL.

#### **Available Information**

Our common units have been publicly traded since March 21, 2007 and are traded on the NYSE American under the symbol "CQP." Our principal executive offices are located at 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900, Houston, Texas 77002, and our telephone number is (713) 375-5000. Our internet address is www.cheniere.com. We provide public access to our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to these reports as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file those materials with, or furnish those materials to, the SEC under the Exchange Act. These reports may be accessed free of charge through our internet website. We make our website content available for informational purposes only. The website should not be relied upon for investment purposes and is not incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K.

We will also make available to any unitholder, without charge, copies of our annual report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC. For copies of this, or any other filing, please contact: Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P, Investor Relations Department, 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900, Houston, Texas 77002 or call (713) 375-5000. The SEC maintains an internet site (www.sec.gov) that contains reports and other information regarding issuers.



#### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Limited partner interests are inherently different from the capital stock of a corporation, although many of the business risks to which we are subject are similar to those that would be faced by a corporation engaged in a similar business. The following are some of the important factors that could affect our financial performance or could cause actual results to differ materially from estimates or expectations contained in our forward-looking statements. We may encounter risks in addition to those described below. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us, or that we currently deem to be immaterial, may also impair or adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flows, liquidity and prospects.

The risk factors in this report are grouped into the following categories:

- <u>Risks Relating to Our Financial Matters</u>
- <u>Risks Relating to Our Operations and Industry;</u>
- <u>Risks Relating to Regulations;</u>
- <u>Risks Relating to Our Relationship with Our General Partner</u>;
- Risks Relating to an Investment in Us and Our Common Units and
- <u>Risks Relating to Tax Matters.</u>

#### **Risks Relating to Our Financial Matters**

### Our existing level of cash resources and significant debt could cause us to have inadequate liquidity and could materially and adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

As of December 31, 2021, we had \$0.9 billion of cash and cash equivalents, \$0.1 billion of restricted cash and cash equivalents, a total of \$1.6 billion of available commitments under our credit facilities and \$17.3 billion of total debt outstanding on a consolidated basis (before unamortized premium, discount and debt issuance costs). SPL and CQP operate with independent capital structures as further detailed in <u>Note 11—Debt</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. We incur, and will incur, significant interest expense relating to the assets at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. Our ability to refinance our indebtedness will depend on our ability to access additional project financing as well as the debt and equity capital markets. A variety of factors beyond our control could impact the availability or cost of capital, including domestic or international economic conditions, increases in key benchmark interest rates and/or credit spreads, the adoption of new or amended banking or capital market laws or regulations and the repricing of market risks and volatility in capital and financial markets. Our financing costs could increase or future borrowings or equity offerings may be unavailable to us or unsuccessful, which could cause us to be unable to pay or refinance our indebtedness or to fund our other liquidity needs. We also rely on borrowings under our capital expenditures. If any of the lenders in the syndicates backing these facilities was unable to perform on its commitments, we may need to seek replacement financing, which may not be available as needed, or may be available in more limited amounts or on more expensive or otherwise unfavorable terms.

#### Our ability to generate cash is substantially dependent upon the performance by customers under long-term contracts that we have entered into, and we could be materially and adversely affected if any significant customer fails to perform its contractual obligations for any reason.

Our future results and liquidity are substantially dependent upon performance by our customers to make payments under long-term contracts. As of December 31, 2021, we had SPAs with terms of 10 or more years with a total of eight different third party customers. In addition, SPLNG had TUAs with two third party customers.

While substantially all of our long-term third party customer arrangements are executed with a creditworthy parent company or secured by a parent company guarantee or other form of collateral, we are nonetheless exposed to credit risk in the event of a customer default that requires us to seek recourse.

Additionally, our long-term SPAs entitle the customer to terminate their contractual obligations upon the occurrence of certain events which include, but are not limited to: (1) if we fail to make available specified scheduled cargo quantities; (2) delays in the commencement of commercial operations; and (3) under the majority of our SPAs upon the occurrence of certain



events of force majeure. Under each of SPLNG's long-term TUAs, such termination events include, but are not limited to: if the Sabine Pass LNG terminal (1) experiences a force majeure delay for longer than 18 months; (2) fails to redeliver a specified amount of natural gas in accordance with the customer's redelivery nominations; or (3) fails to accept and unload a specified number of the customer's proposed LNG cargoes.

Although we have not had a history of material customer default or termination events, the occurrence of such events are largely outside of our control and may expose us to unrecoverable losses. We may not be able to replace these customer arrangements on desirable terms, or at all, if they are terminated. As a result, our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

### Our subsidiaries may be restricted under the terms of their indebtedness from making distributions to us under certain circumstances, which may limit our ability to pay or increase distributions to our unitholders and could materially and adversely affect the market price of our common units.

The agreements governing our subsidiaries' indebtedness restrict payments that our subsidiaries can make to us in certain events and limit the indebtedness that our subsidiaries can incur. For example, SPL is restricted from making distributions under agreements governing its indebtedness generally until, among other requirements, deposits are made into debt service reserve accounts and a debt service coverage ratio of 1.25:1.00 is satisfied.

Our subsidiaries' inability to pay distributions to us or to incur additional indebtedness as a result of the foregoing restrictions in the agreements governing their indebtedness may inhibit our ability to pay or increase distributions to our unitholders, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

### Restrictions in agreements governing our subsidiaries' indebtedness may prevent our subsidiaries from engaging in certain beneficial transactions, which could materially and adversely affect us.

In addition to restrictions on the ability of us and SPL to make distributions or incur additional indebtedness, the agreements governing their indebtedness also contain various other covenants that may prevent them from engaging in beneficial transactions, including limitations on their ability to:

- make certain investments;
- · purchase, redeem or retire equity interests;
- issue preferred stock;
- sell or transfer assets;
- incur liens;
- enter into transactions with affiliates;
- · consolidate, merge, sell or lease all or substantially all of its assets; and
- enter into sale and leaseback transactions.

Any restrictions on the ability to engage in beneficial transactions could materially and adversely affect us.

#### **Risks Relating to Our Operations and Industry**

### Catastrophic weather events or other disasters could result in an interruption of our operations, a delay in the completion of our Liquefaction Project, damage to our Liquefaction Project and increased insurance costs, all of which could adversely affect us.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, Hurricane Ike in 2008, Hurricane Harvey in 2017, Hurricanes Laura and Delta in 2020 and Winter Storm Uri in 2021 caused interruptions or temporary suspension in construction or operations at our facilities or caused minor damage to our facilities. In August 2020, SPL entered into an arrangement with its affiliate to provide the ability, in limited circumstances, to potentially fulfill commitments to LNG buyers from the other facility in the event operational conditions impact operations at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal or at its affiliate's terminal. During the year ended



December 31, 2021, eight TBtu was loaded at affiliate facilities pursuant to this agreement. Future storms and related storm activity and collateral effects, or other disasters such as explosions, fires, floods or accidents, could result in damage to, or interruption of operations at, the Sabine Pass LNG terminal or related infrastructure, as well as delays or cost increases in the construction and the development of our other facilities and increase our insurance premiums. The U.S. Global Change Research Program has reported that the U.S.'s energy and transportation systems are expected to be increasingly disrupted by climate change and extreme weather events. An increase in frequency and severity of extreme weather events such as storms, floods, fires and rising sea levels could have an adverse effect on our operations.

### Disruptions to the third party supply of natural gas to our pipeline and facilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

We depend upon third party pipelines and other facilities that provide gas delivery options to our Liquefaction Project and to and from the Creole Trail Pipeline. If the construction of new or modified pipeline connections is not completed on schedule or any pipeline connection were to become unavailable for current or future volumes of natural gas due to repairs, damage to the facility, lack of capacity, failure to replace contracted firm pipeline transportation capacity on economic terms, or any other reason, our ability to receive natural gas volumes to produce LNG or to continue shipping natural gas from producing regions or to end markets could be adversely impacted. Any significant disruption to our natural gas supply could result in a substantial reduction in our revenues under our long-term SPAs or other customer arrangements, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

### We may not be able to purchase or receive physical delivery of sufficient natural gas to satisfy our delivery obligations under the SPAs, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

Under the SPAs with our customers, we are required to make available to them a specified amount of LNG at specified times. However, we may not be able to purchase or receive physical delivery of sufficient quantities of natural gas to satisfy those obligations, which may provide affected SPA customers with the right to terminate their SPAs. Our failure to purchase or receive physical delivery of sufficient quantities of natural gas could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

#### We are subject to significant construction and operating hazards and uninsured risks, one or more of which may create significant liabilities and losses for us.

The construction and operation of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal and the operation of the Creole Trail Pipeline are, and will be, subject to the inherent risks associated with these types of operations, including explosions, breakdowns or failures of equipment, operational errors by vessel or tug operators, pollution, release of toxic substances, fires, hurricanes and adverse weather conditions and other hazards, each of which could result in significant delays in commencement or interruptions of operations and/or in damage to or destruction of our facilities or damage to persons and property. In addition, our operations and the facilities and vessels of third parties on which our operations are dependent face possible risks associated with acts of aggression or terrorism.

We do not, nor do we intend to, maintain insurance against all of these risks and losses. We may not be able to maintain desired or required insurance in the future at rates that we consider reasonable. The occurrence of a significant event not fully insured or indemnified against could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

### Cyclical or other changes in the demand for and price of LNG and natural gas may adversely affect our LNG business and the performance of our customers and could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flows, liquidity and prospects.

Our LNG business and the development of domestic LNG facilities and projects generally is based on assumptions about the future availability and price of natural gas and LNG, and the prospects for international natural gas and LNG markets. Natural gas and LNG prices have been, and are likely to continue to be, volatile and subject to wide fluctuations in response to one or more of the following factors:

- competitive liquefaction capacity in North America;
- insufficient or oversupply of natural gas liquefaction or receiving capacity worldwide;



- insufficient LNG tanker capacity;
- weather conditions, including temperature volatility resulting from climate change, and extreme weather events may lead to unexpected distortion in the balance of
  international LNG supply and demand. For example, LNG procurement in Japan rose dramatically in 2011 and several years thereafter following a tsunami that caused
  extensive destruction to its nuclear power infrastructure;
- · reduced demand and lower prices for natural gas;
- increased natural gas production deliverable by pipelines, which could suppress demand for LNG;
- decreased oil and natural gas exploration activities which may decrease the production of natural gas, including as a result of any potential ban on production of natural gas through hydraulic fracturing;
- · cost improvements that allow competitors to provide natural gas liquefaction capabilities at reduced prices;
- changes in supplies of, and prices for, alternative energy sources such as coal, oil, nuclear, hydroelectric, wind and solar energy, which may reduce the demand for natural gas;
- changes in regulatory, tax or other governmental policies regarding imported or exported LNG, natural gas or alternative energy sources, which may reduce the demand for imported or exported LNG and/or natural gas;
- · political conditions in natural gas producing regions;
- · sudden decreases in demand for LNG as a result of natural disasters or public health crises, including the occurrence of a pandemic, and other catastrophic events;
- · adverse relative demand for LNG compared to other markets, which may decrease LNG imports into or exports from North America; and
- cyclical trends in general business and economic conditions that cause changes in the demand for natural gas.

Adverse trends or developments affecting any of these factors could result in decreases in the price of LNG and/or natural gas, which could materially and adversely affect the performance of our customers, and could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flows, liquidity and prospects.

### Failure of imported or exported LNG to be a competitive source of energy for the United States or international markets could adversely affect our customers and could materially and adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

Operations of the Liquefaction Project are dependent upon the ability of our SPA customers to deliver LNG supplies from the United States, which is primarily dependent upon LNG being a competitive source of energy internationally. The success of our business plan is dependent, in part, on the extent to which LNG can, for significant periods and in significant volumes, be supplied from North America and delivered to international markets at a lower cost than the cost of alternative energy sources. Through the use of improved exploration technologies, additional sources of natural gas may be discovered outside the United States, which could increase the available supply of natural gas outside the United States and could result in natural gas in those markets being available at a lower cost than LNG exported to those markets.

Although SPL has entered into arrangements to utilize up to approximately three-quarters of the regasification capacity at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal in connection with operations of the Liquefaction Project, operations at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal are dependent, in part, upon the ability of our TUA customers to import LNG supplies into the United States, which is primarily dependent upon LNG being a competitive source of energy in North America. In North America, due mainly to a historically abundant supply of natural gas and discoveries of substantial quantities of unconventional, or shale, natural gas, imported LNG has not developed into a significant energy source. The success of the regasification services component of our business plan is dependent, in part, on the extent to which LNG can, for significant periods and in significant volumes, be produced internationally and delivered to North America at a lower cost than the cost to produce some domestic supplies of natural gas, or other alternative energy which could further increase the available supply of natural gas and could result in natural gas being available at a lower cost than imported LNG.



Political instability in foreign countries that import or export natural gas, or strained relations between such countries and the United States, may also impede the willingness or ability of LNG purchasers or suppliers and merchants in such countries to import or export LNG from or to the United States. Furthermore, some foreign purchasers or suppliers of LNG may have economic or other reasons to obtain their LNG from, or direct their LNG to, non-U.S. markets or from or to our competitors' liquefaction or regasification facilities in the United States.

In addition to natural gas, LNG also competes with other sources of energy, including coal, oil, nuclear, hydroelectric, wind and solar energy. LNG from the Liquefaction Project also competes with other sources of LNG, including LNG that is priced to indices other than Henry Hub. Some of these sources of energy may be available at a lower cost than LNG from the Liquefaction Project in certain markets. The cost of LNG supplies from the United States, including the Liquefaction Project, may also be impacted by an increase in natural gas prices in the United States.

As a result of these and other factors, LNG may not be a competitive source of energy in the United States or internationally. The failure of LNG to be a competitive supply alternative to local natural gas, oil and other alternative energy sources in markets accessible to our customers could adversely affect the ability of our customers to deliver LNG from the United States or to the United States on a commercial basis. Any significant impediment to the ability to deliver LNG to or from the United States generally, or to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal or from the Liquefaction Project specifically, could have a material adverse effect on our customers and on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

#### We face competition based upon the international market price for LNG.

Our Liquefaction Project is subject to the risk of LNG price competition at times when we need to replace any existing SPA, whether due to natural expiration, default or otherwise, or enter into new SPAs. Factors relating to competition may prevent us from entering into a new or replacement SPA on economically comparable terms as existing SPAs, or at all. Such an event could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects. Factors which may negatively affect potential demand for LNG from our Liquefaction Project are diverse and include, among others:

- · increases in worldwide LNG production capacity and availability of LNG for market supply;
- increases in demand for LNG but at levels below those required to maintain current price equilibrium with respect to supply;
- · increases in the cost to supply natural gas feedstock to our Liquefaction Project;
- · decreases in the cost of competing sources of natural gas or alternate fuels such as coal, heavy fuel oil and diesel;
- decreases in the price of non-U.S. LNG, including decreases in price as a result of contracts indexed to lower oil prices;
- · increases in capacity and utilization of nuclear power and related facilities; and
- displacement of LNG by pipeline natural gas or alternate fuels in locations where access to these energy sources is not currently available.

# A cyber attack involving our business, operational control systems or related infrastructure, or that of third party pipelines which supply the Liquefaction Project, could negatively impact our operations, result in data security breaches, impede the processing of transactions or delay financial or compliance reporting. These impacts could materially and adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow and liquidity.

The pipeline and LNG industries are increasingly dependent on business and operational control technologies to conduct daily operations. We rely on control systems, technologies and networks to run our business and to control and manage our pipeline, liquefaction and shipping operations. Cyber attacks on businesses have escalated in recent years, including as a result of geopolitical tensions, and use of the internet, cloud services, mobile communication systems and other public networks exposes our business and that of other third-parties with whom we do business to potential cyber attacks, including third party pipelines which supply natural gas to our Liquefaction Project. For example, in 2021 Colonial Pipeline suffered a ransomware attack that led to the complete shutdown of its pipeline system for six days. Should multiple of the third party pipelines which supply our Liquefaction Project suffer similar concurrent attacks, the Liquefaction Project may not be able to obtain sufficient



natural gas to operate at full capacity, or at all. A cyber attack involving our business or operational control systems or related infrastructure, or that of third party pipelines with which we do business, could negatively impact our operations, result in data security breaches, impede the processing of transactions, or delay financial or compliance reporting. These impacts could materially and adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow and liquidity.

#### Outbreaks of infectious diseases, such as the outbreak of COVID-19, at our facilities could adversely affect our operations.

Our facilities at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal are critical infrastructure and have continued to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic through our implementation of workplace controls and pandemic risk reduction measures. While the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Delta and Omicron variants, has had no adverse impact on our ongoing operations during this time, the risk of future variants is unknown. While we believe we can continue to mitigate any significant adverse impact to our employees and operations at our critical facilities related to the virus in its current form, the outbreak of a more potent variant in the future at one or more of our facilities could adversely affect our operations.

#### **Risks Relating to Regulations**

### Failure to obtain and maintain approvals and permits from governmental and regulatory agencies with respect to the design, construction and operation of our facilities, the development and operation of our pipeline and the export of LNG could impede operations and construction and could have a material adverse effect on us.

The design, construction and operation of interstate natural gas pipelines, our LNG terminal, including the Liquefaction Project, and other facilities, as well as the import and export of LNG and the purchase and transportation of natural gas, are highly regulated activities. Approvals of the FERC and DOE under Section 3 and Section 7 of the NGA, as well as several other material governmental and regulatory approvals and permits, including several under the CAA and the CWA, are required in order to construct and operate an LNG facility and an interstate natural gas pipeline and export LNG.

To date, the FERC has issued orders under Section 3 of the NGA authorizing the siting, construction and operation of the six Trains and related facilities of the Liquefaction Project, as well as orders under Section 7 of the NGA authorizing the construction and operation of the Creole Trail Pipeline. To date, the DOE has also issued orders under Section 4 of the NGA authorizing SPL to export domestically produced LNG. Additionally, we hold certificates under Section 7(c) of the NGA that grant us land use rights relating to the situation of our pipeline on land owned by third parties. If we were to lose these rights or be required to relocate our pipelines, our business could be materially and adversely affected.

Authorizations obtained from the FERC, DOE and other federal and state regulatory agencies contain ongoing conditions that we must comply with. Failure to comply with such conditions, or our inability to obtain and maintain existing or newly imposed approvals and permits, filings, which may arise due to factors outside of our control such as a U.S. government disruption or shutdown, political opposition or local community resistance to the siting of LNG facilities due to safety, environmental or security concerns, could impede the operation and construction of our infrastructure. There is no assurance that we will obtain and maintain these governmental permits, approvals and authorizations, or that we will be able to obtain them on a timely basis. Any impediment could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

### Our Creole Trail Pipeline and its FERC gas tariff are subject to FERC regulation. If we fail to comply with such regulation, we could be subject to substantial penalties and fines.

The Creole Trail Pipeline is subject to regulation by the FERC under the NGA and the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (the "NGPA"). The FERC regulates the purchase and transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce, including the construction and operation of pipelines, the rates, terms and conditions of service and abandonment of facilities. Under the NGA, the rates charged by our Creole Trail Pipeline must be just and reasonable, and we are prohibited from unduly preferring or unreasonably discriminating against any person with respect to pipeline rates or terms and conditions of service. If we fail to comply with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations and orders, our Creole Trail Pipeline could be subject to substantial penalties and fines.



In addition, as a natural gas market participant, should we fail to comply with all applicable FERC-administered statutes, rules, regulations and orders, we could be subject to substantial penalties and fines. Under the EPAct, the FERC has civil penalty authority under the NGA and the NGPA to impose penalties for current violations of up to \$1.3 million per day for each violation.

### Existing and future environmental and similar laws and governmental regulations could result in increased compliance costs or additional operating costs or construction costs and restrictions.

Our business is and will be subject to extensive federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to our construction and operation activities relating to, among other things, air quality, water quality, water management, natural resources and health and safety. Many of these laws and regulations, such as the CAA, the Oil Pollution Act, the CWA and the RCRA, and analogous state laws and regulations, restrict or prohibit the types, quantities and concentration of substances that can be released into the environment in connection with the construction and operation of our facilities, and regulations authorize regulators having jurisdiction over the construction and operation of our facilities, compliance orders, which may restrict or limit operations or increase compliance or operating costs. Violation of these laws and regulations could lead to substantial liabilities, compliance orders, fines and penalties or to capital expenditures that could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects. Federal and state laws impose liability, without regard to fault or the lawfulness of the original conduct, for the release of certain types or quantities of hazardous substances into the environment. As the owner and operator of our facilities, we could be liable for the costs of cleaning up hazardous substances released into the environment at or from our facilities and for resulting damage to natural resources.

In 2009, the EPA promulgated and finalized the Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule requiring annual reporting of GHG emissions from stationary sources in a variety of industries. In 2010, the EPA expanded the rule to include reporting obligations for LNG terminals. In addition, the EPA has defined GHG emissions thresholds that would subject GHG emissions from new and modified industrial sources to regulation if the source is subject to PSD Permit requirements due to its emissions of non-GHG criteria pollutants. While the EPA subsequently took a number of additional actions primarily relating to GHG emissions from the electric power generation and the oil and gas exploration and production industries, those rules were largely stayed or repealed during the Trump Administration including by amendments adopted by the EPA on February 23, 2018 and additional amendments to new source performance standards for the oil and gas industry on September 14 and 15, 2020. On November 15, 2021, the EPA proposed new regulations to reduce methane emissions from both new and existing sources within the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category. The proposed regulations, if finalized, would result in more stringent requirements for new sources, expand the types of new sources covered, and for the first time, establish emissions guidelines for existing sources in the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category. In addition, other federal and state initiatives may be considered in the future to address GHG emissions through, for example, United States treaty commitments, direct regulation, market-based regulations such as a carbon emissions tax or cap-and-trade programs or clean energy standards. Such initiatives could affect the demand for or cost of natural gas, which we consume at our terminals, or could increase compliance costs for our operations.We are supportive of regulations regulations requirements over time.

Other future legislation and regulations, such as those relating to the transportation and security of LNG imported to or exported from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal or climate policies of destination countries in relation to their obligations under the Paris Agreement or other national climate change-related policies, could cause additional expenditures, restrictions and delays in our business and to our proposed construction activities, the extent of which cannot be predicted and which may require us to limit substantially, delay or cease operations in some circumstances. Revised, reinterpreted or additional laws and regulations that result in increased compliance costs or additional operating or construction costs and restrictions could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.



#### Pipeline safety and compliance programs and repairs may impose significant costs and liabilities on us.

The PHMSA requires pipeline operators to develop management programs to safely operate and maintain their pipelines and to comprehensively evaluate certain areas along their pipelines and take additional measures where necessary to protect pipeline segments located in "high or moderate consequence areas" where a leak or rupture could potentially do the most harm. As an operator, we are required to:

- · perform ongoing assessments of pipeline safety and compliance;
- identify and characterize applicable threats to pipeline segments that could impact a high consequence area;
- improve data collection, integration and analysis;
- repair and remediate the pipeline as necessary; and
- implement preventative and mitigating actions.

We are required to maintain pipeline integrity testing programs that are intended to assess pipeline integrity. Any repair, remediation, preventative or mitigating actions may require significant capital and operating expenditures. Should we fail to comply with applicable statutes and the Office of Pipeline Safety's rules and related regulations and orders, we could be subject to significant penalties and fines, which for certain violations can aggregate up to as high as \$2.3 million.

#### Risks Relating to Our Relationship with Our General Partner

#### We are entirely dependent on our general partner, Cheniere, including employees of Cheniere and its subsidiaries, for key personnel, and the unavailability of skilled workers or failure to attract and retain qualified personnel could adversely affect us. In addition, changes in our general partner's senior management or other key personnel could affect our business results.

As of January 31, 2022, Cheniere and its subsidiaries had 1,550 full-time employees, including 513 employees who directly supported the Sabine Pass LNG terminal operations. We have contracted with subsidiaries of Cheniere to provide the personnel necessary for the operation, maintenance and management of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, the Creole Trail Pipeline and construction and operation of the Liquefaction Project. We depend on Cheniere's subsidiaries hiring and retaining personnel sufficient to provide support for the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. Cheniere competes with other liquefaction projects in the United States and globally, other energy companies and other employers to attract and retain qualified personnel with the technical skills and experience required to construct and operate our facilities and to provide our customers with the highest quality service. We also compete with any other project Cheniere is developing, including its liquefaction project at Corpus Christi, Texas, for the time and expertise of Cheniere's personnel. Further, we and Cheniere face competition for these highly skilled employees in the immediate vicinity of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal and more generally from the Gulf Coast hydrocarbon processing and construction industries.

The executive officers of our general partner are officers and employees of Cheniere and its affiliates. We do not maintain key person life insurance policies on any personnel, and our general partner does not have any employment contracts or other agreements with key personnel binding them to provide services for any particular term. The loss of the services of any of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, our future success will depend in part on our general partner's ability to engage, and Cheniere's ability to attract and retain, additional qualified personnel.

A shortage in the labor pool of skilled workers, remoteness of our site locations, or other general inflationary pressures, changes in applicable laws and regulations or labor disputes could make it more difficult to attract and retain qualified personnel and could require an increase in the wage and benefits packages that are offered, thereby increasing our operating costs. Any increase in our operating costs could materially and adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.



### Our general partner and its affiliates have conflicts of interest and limited fiduciary duties, which may permit them to favor their own interests to the detriment of us and our unitholders.

Cheniere owns and controls our general partner, which has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations. Some of our general partner's directors are also directors of Cheniere, and certain of our general partner's officers are officers of Cheniere. Therefore, conflicts of interest may arise between Cheniere and its affiliates, including our general partner, on the one hand, and us and our unitholders, on the other hand. In resolving these conflicts, our general partner may favor its own interests and the interests of its affiliates over the interests of us and our unitholders. These conflicts include, among others, the following situations:

- neither our partnership agreement nor any other agreement requires Cheniere to pursue a business strategy that favors us. Cheniere's directors and officers have a
  fiduciary duty to make these decisions in favor of the owners of Cheniere, which may be contrary to our interests:
- our general partner controls the interpretation and enforcement of contractual obligations between us, on the one hand, and Cheniere, on the other hand, including
  provisions governing administrative services and acquisitions;
- our general partner is allowed to take into account the interests of parties other than us, such as Cheniere and its affiliates, in resolving conflicts of interest, which has the
  effect of limiting its fiduciary duty to us and our unitholders;
- our general partner has limited its liability and reduced its fiduciary duties under the partnership agreement, while also restricting the remedies available to our unitholders for actions that, without these limitations, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty;
- Cheniere is not limited in its ability to compete with us. Please refer to the risk factor "Cheniere is not restricted from competing with us and is free to develop, operate
  and dispose of, and is currently developing, LNG facilities, pipelines and other assets without any obligation to offer us the opportunity to develop or acquire those
  assets";
- our general partner determines the amount and timing of asset purchases and sales, capital expenditures, borrowings, issuances of additional partnership securities, and the establishment, increase or decrease in the amounts of reserves, each of which can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to our unitholders;
- our general partner determines the amount and timing of any capital expenditures and whether a capital expenditure is a maintenance capital expenditure, which reduces
  operating surplus, or an expansion capital expenditure, which does not reduce operating surplus. This determination can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to
  our unitholders;
- our partnership agreement does not restrict our general partner from causing us to pay it or its affiliates for any services rendered on terms that are fair and reasonable to
  us or entering into additional contractual arrangements with any of these entities on our behalf;
- our general partner intends to limit its liability regarding our contractual and other obligations and, in some circumstances, is entitled to be indemnified by us;
- our general partner may exercise its limited right to call and purchase common units if it and its affiliates own more than 80% of the common units; and
- · our general partner decides whether to retain separate counsel, accountants or others to perform services for us.

We also have agreements to compensate and to reimburse expenses of affiliates of Cheniere. In addition, SPL has also executed agreements with Cheniere Marketing to sell: (1) at Cheniere Marketing's option, any LNG produced by SPL in excess of that required for other customers at a price of 115% of Henry Hub plus \$3.00 per MMBtu of LNG and (2) up to 306 cargoes to be delivered between 2022 and 2027 at a weighted average price of \$1.95 plus 115% of Henry Hub. All of these agreements involve conflicts of interest between us, on the one hand, and Cheniere and its other affiliates, on the other hand. In addition, Cheniere is currently operating three Trains at a natural gas liquefaction facility near Corpus Christi, Texas and CCL has entered into fixed price SPAs with third-parties for the sale of LNG from this natural gas liquefaction facility, and may continue to enter into commercial arrangements with respect to this liquefaction facility that might otherwise have been entered into with respect to Train 6 or any future Trains.

We expect that there will be additional agreements or arrangements with Cheniere and its affiliates, including future interconnection, natural gas balancing and storage agreements with one or more Cheniere-affiliated natural gas pipelines, services agreements, as well as other agreements and arrangements that cannot now be anticipated. In those circumstances



where additional contracts with Cheniere and its affiliates may be necessary or desirable, additional conflicts of interest may be involved.

In the event Cheniere favors its interests over our interests, we may have less available cash to make distributions on our units than we otherwise would have if Cheniere had favored our interests.

#### Risks Relating to an Investment in Us and Our Common Units

### Our partnership agreement limits our general partner's fiduciary duties to our unitholders and restricts the remedies available to our unitholders for actions taken by our general partner that might otherwise constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.

Our partnership agreement contains provisions that reduce the standards to which our general partner would otherwise be held by state fiduciary duty law. For example, our partnership agreement:

- permits our general partner to make a number of decisions in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner. This entitles our general partner to consider only the interests and factors that it desires, and it has no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, us, our affiliates or any limited partner. Examples include the exercise of its limited call right, the exercise of its rights to transfer or vote the units it owns, the exercise of its registration rights and its determination whether or not to consent to any merger or consolidation of the partnership or amendment to the partnership agreement;
- provides that our general partner will not have any liability to us or our unitholders for decisions made in its capacity as general partner, as long as it acted in good faith, meaning that it believed the decision was in the best interests of our partnership;
- generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not approved by the conflicts committee of the board of directors of our general partner and not involving a vote of unitholders must be on terms no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or be "fair and reasonable" to us and that, in determining whether a transaction or resolution is "fair and reasonable," our general partner may consider the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to us;
- provides that our general partner, its affiliates and their officers and directors will not be liable for monetary damages to us or our limited partners for any acts or
  omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that our general partner or those other
  persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud, willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that such conduct was criminal; and
- provides that in resolving conflicts of interest, it will be presumed that in making its decision the conflicts committee or the general partner acted in good faith, and in
  any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or us, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such
  presumption.

By purchasing a common unit, a unitholder will become bound by the provisions of our partnership agreement, including the provisions described above.

### Holders of our common units have limited voting rights and are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors, which could reduce the price at which our common units trade.

Unlike the holders of common stock in a corporation, our unitholders have only limited voting rights on matters affecting our business and, therefore, limited ability to influence management's decisions regarding our business. Our unitholders have no right to elect our general partner or its board of directors on an annual or other continuing basis. The board of directors of our general partner is chosen entirely by affiliates of Cheniere. As a result, the price at which the common units trade could be diminished because of the absence or reduction of a control premium in the trading price.

The vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of all outstanding common units (including any units owned by our general partner and its affiliates), voting together as a single class is required to remove our general partner. Cheniere owns 48.6% of



our outstanding common units, but it is contractually prohibited from voting our units that it holds in favor of the removal of our general partner.

Additionally, our partnership agreement restricts unitholders' voting rights by providing that any units held by a person that owns 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, other than our general partner and its affiliates, their transferees and persons who acquired such units with the prior approval of the board of directors of our general partner, cannot vote on any matter. Our partnership agreement also contains provisions limiting the ability of unitholders to call meetings or to acquire information about our operations, as well as other provisions limiting the unitholders' ability to influence the manner or direction of management.

### Any change of our general partner or the replacement of the board of directors or officers of our partnership, which can occur without the consent of our unitholders, can impact our future operations and have an adverse impact on the trading price of our stock.

Our general partner may transfer its general partner interest to a third party in a merger or in a sale of all or substantially all of its assets without the consent of our unitholders. Furthermore, our partnership agreement does not restrict the ability of the owners of our general partner from transferring all or a portion of their respective ownership interest in our general partner to a third party. The new owners of our general partner would then be in a position to replace the board of directors and officers of our general partner with its own choices and thereby influence the decisions taken by the board of directors and officers. Any change in our general partner or the replacement of the board of directors or officers of our partnership can impact our future operations and have an adverse impact on the trading price of our stock.

# Our partnership agreement prohibits a unitholder (other than our general partner and its affiliates) who acquires 15% or more of our limited partner units without the approval of our general partner from engaging in a business combination with us for three years unless certain approvals are obtained. This provision could discourage a change of control that our unitholders may favor, which could negatively affect the price of our common units.

Our partnership agreement effectively adopts Section 203 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("DGCL"). Section 203 of the DGCL as it applies to us prevents an interested unitholder defined as a person (other than our general partner and its affiliates) who owns 15% or more of our outstanding limited partner units from engaging in business combinations with us for three years following the time such person becomes an interested unitholder unless certain approvals are obtained. Section 203 broadly defines "business combination" to encompass a wide variety of transactions with or caused by an interested unitholder, including mergers, asset sales and other transactions in which the interested unitholder receives a benefit on other than a pro rata basis with other unitholders. This provision of our partnership agreement could have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions not approved in advance by our general partner, including discouraging takeover attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for our common units.

#### Our unitholders may not have limited liability if a court finds that unitholder action constitutes control of our business.

A general partner of a partnership generally has unlimited liability for the obligations of the partnership, except for contractual obligations of the partnership that are expressly made without recourse to the general partner. We are organized under Delaware law, and we conduct business in other states. As a limited partner in a partnership organized under Delaware law, holders of our common units could be held liable for our obligations to the same extent as a general partner if a court determined that the right or the exercise of the right by our unitholders as a group to remove or replace our general partner, to approve some amendments to our partnership agreement or to take other action under our partnership agreement constituted participation in the "control" of our business. In addition, limitations on the liability of holders of limited partner interests for the obligations of a limited partnership have not been clearly established in many jurisdictions.

#### Our unitholders may have liability to repay distributions wrongfully made.

Under certain circumstances, our unitholders may have to repay amounts wrongfully distributed to them. Under Section 17-607 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, we may not make a distribution to our unitholders if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets. Delaware law provides that, for a period of three years from the date of the impermissible distribution, partners who received such a distribution and who knew at the time of the distribution that it violated Delaware law will be liable to the partnership for the distribution amount. Liabilities to partners on account of their partner interests and liabilities that are non-recourse to the partnership are not counted for purposes of determining whether a distribution is permitted.

### Affiliates of our general partner or affiliates of Blackstone Inc. ("Blackstone") or Brookfield Asset Management Inc. ("Brookfield") may sell limited partner units, which sales could have an adverse impact on the trading price of our common units.

Sales by us or any of our affiliated unitholders or affiliates of Blackstone of a substantial number of our common units, or the perception that such sales might occur, could have a material adverse effect on the price of our common units or could impair our ability to obtain capital through an offering of equity securities. As of December 31, 2021, Cheniere owned 239,872,502 of our common units. We also filed a registration statement for the resale of 202,450,687 common units owned by Blackstone and its affiliates in 2017. Any sales of these units could have an adverse impact on the price of our common units.

#### **Risks Relating to Tax Matters**

Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, and our not being subject to a material amount of entity-level taxation by individual states. If we were treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or if we were to become subject to material additional amounts of entity-level taxation for state tax purposes, then our cash available for distribution to our unitholders would be substantially reduced.

The anticipated after-tax economic benefit of an investment in our common units depends largely on our being treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Despite the fact that we are a limited partnership under Delaware law, we will be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes unless we satisfy a "qualifying income" requirement. Based upon our current operations, we believe we satisfy the qualifying income requirement. Failing to meet the qualifying income requirement or a change in current law could cause us to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to taxation as an entity.

If we were treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, we would pay federal income tax on our taxable income at the corporate tax rate and would likely pay state and local income taxes at varying rates. Distributions to our unitholders would generally be taxed again as corporate dividends, and no income, gains, losses or deductions would flow through to our unitholders. Because a tax would be imposed upon us as a corporation, the cash available for distributions to our unitholders would result in a material reduction in the anticipated cash flow and after-tax return to our unitholders, likely causing a substantial reduction in the value of our common units.

At the state level, several states have been evaluating ways to subject partnerships to entity-level taxation through the imposition of state income, franchise and other forms of taxation. Imposition of such taxes on us in jurisdictions in which we operate, or to which we may expand our operations, may substantially reduce the cash available for distribution to our unitholders and, therefore, negatively impact the value of an investment in our common units.

Our partnership agreement provides that if a law is enacted or existing law is modified or interpreted in a manner that subjects us to taxation as a corporation or otherwise subjects us to entity-level taxation for federal, state or local income tax purposes, then the initial quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution amounts may be adjusted to reflect the impact of that law on us.

### The tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships or an investment in our common units could be subject to potential legislative, judicial or administrative changes and differing interpretations, possibly on a retroactive basis.

The present U.S. federal income tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships, including us, or an investment in our common units may be modified by administrative, legislative or judicial interpretation at any time. Members of Congress have frequently proposed and considered substantive changes to the existing U.S. federal income tax laws that would affect publicly traded partnerships or an investment in our common units, including proposals that would eliminate our ability to qualify for partnership tax treatment.

In addition, the Treasury Department has issued, and in the future may issue, regulations interpreting those laws that affect publicly traded partnerships. There can be no assurance that there will not be further changes to U.S. federal income tax



laws or the Treasury Department's interpretation of the qualifying income rules in a manner that could impact our ability to qualify as a partnership in the future.

Any changes to the U.S. federal income tax laws and interpretations thereof may or may not be applied retroactively and could make it more difficult or impossible for us to meet the exception to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes or otherwise adversely affect us. We are unable to predict whether any changes, or other proposals, will ultimately be enacted. Any such changes or interpretations thereof could negatively impact the value of an investment in our common units. Unitholders are urged to consult with their own tax advisor with respect to the status of regulatory or administrative developments and proposals and their potential effect on investments in our common units.

### We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our common units each month based upon the ownership of our common units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular common unit is transferred.

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our common units each month based upon the ownership of our common units on the first business day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. Although final Treasury Regulations allow publicly traded partnerships to use a similar monthly simplifying convention to allocate tax items among transferor and transferee unitholders, such tax items must be prorated on a daily basis and these regulations do not specifically authorize all aspects of the proration method we have adopted. If the IRS were to successfully challenge this method or new Treasury Regulations were issued, we may be required to change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders.

### A successful Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") contest of the federal income tax positions that we take, may adversely impact the market for our common units, and the costs of any contest will be borne by our unitholders and our general partner.

The IRS may adopt positions that differ from the positions that we take, even positions taken with advice of counsel. It may be necessary to resort to administrative or court proceedings to sustain some or all of the positions that we take. A court may not agree with some or all of the positions that we take. Any contest with the IRS may adversely impact the taxable income reported to our unitholders and the income taxes they are required to pay. As a result, any such contest with the IRS may materially and adversely impact the market for our common units and the price at which our common units trade. In addition, the costs of any contest with the IRS, principally legal, accounting and related fees, will result in a reduction in cash available for distribution to our unitholders and our general partner and thus will be borne indirectly by our unitholders and our general partner.

# If the IRS makes audit adjustments to our income tax returns for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, it (and some states) may assess and collect any taxes (including any applicable penalties and interest) resulting from such audit adjustment directly from us, in which case we may either pay the taxes directly to the IRS or elect to have our unitholders and former unitholders take such audit adjustment into account and pay any resulting taxes. If we bear such payment our cash available for distribution to our unitholders might be substantially reduced.

Pursuant to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, if the IRS makes audit adjustments to our income tax returns, it (and some states) may assess and collect any taxes (including any applicable penalties and interest) resulting from such audit adjustment directly from us. To the extent possible under the new rules, our general partner may either pay the taxes (including any applicable penalties and interest) directly to the IRS or, if we are eligible, elect to issue a revised Schedule K-1 to each unitholder with respect to an audited and adjusted return. Although our general partner may elect to have our unitholders and former unitholders take such audit adjustment into account and pay any resulting taxes (including applicable penalties or interest) in accordance with their interests in us during the tax year under audit, there can be no assurance that such election will be practical, permissible or effective in all circumstances. As a result, our current unitholders may bear some or all of the tax is liability resulting from such audit adjustment, even if such unitholders did not own common units in us during the tax year under audit. If, as a result of any such audit adjustment, we are required to make payments of taxes, penalties and interest, our cash available for distribution to our unitholders might be substantially reduced.



#### Our unitholders may be required to pay taxes on their share of our taxable income even if they do not receive any cash distributions from us.

Because our unitholders will be treated as partners to whom we will allocate taxable income, which could be different in amount from the cash that we distribute, our unitholders will be required to pay federal income taxes and, in some cases, state and local income taxes on their share of our taxable income even if they do not receive any cash distributions from us. Our unitholders may not receive cash distributions from us equal to their share of our taxable income or even equal to the actual tax liability which results from their share of our taxable income.

#### Tax gain or loss on the disposition of our common units could be different than expected.

If our unitholders sell any of their common units, they will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and their tax basis in those common units. Because distributions in excess of the unitholders' allocable share of our net taxable income decrease the unitholders' tax basis in their common units, the amount, if any, of such prior excess distributions with respect to the units sold will, in effect, become taxable income to the unitholder if they sell such units at a price greater than their tax basis in those units, even if the price received is less than their original cost. A substantial portion of the amount realized, whether or not representing gain, may be ordinary income due to the potential recapture items, including depreciation recapture. In addition, because the amount realized may include a unitholder's share of our nonrecourse liabilities, a unitholder that sells common units may incur a tax liability in excess of the amount of cash received from the sale.

#### Tax-exempt entities face unique tax issues from owning common units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.

Investments in common units by tax-exempt entities, such as individual retirement accounts (known as IRAs), raises issues unique to them. For example, virtually all of our income allocated to unitholders who are organizations exempt from federal income tax, including individual retirement accounts and other retirement plans, will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to them. Tax-exempt entities should consult a tax advisor before investing in our common units.

#### Non-U.S. unitholders will be subject to U.S. taxes and withholding with respect to their income and gain from owning our common units.

Non-U.S. unitholders are generally taxed and subject to income tax filing requirements by the United States on income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business ("effectively connected income"). A unitholder's share of our income, gain, loss and deduction, and any gain from the sale or disposition of our common units will generally be considered to be "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business and subject to U.S. federal income tax. As a result, distributions to a non-U.S. unitholder will be subject to withholding at the highest applicable effective tax rate and a non-U.S. unitholder who sells or otherwise disposes of a common unit will also be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the gain realized from the sale or disposition of that common unit.

Moreover, upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of a common unit by a non-U.S. unitholder, withholding may be required on the amount realized unless the disposing unitholder certifies that it is not a foreign person. Treasury regulations provide that the "amount realized" on a transfer of an interest in a publicly traded partnership, such as our common units, will generally be the amount of gross proceeds paid to the broker effecting the applicable transfer on behalf of the unitholder. The Treasury regulations further provide that withholding on a transfer of an interest in a publicly traded partnership will not be imposed on a transfer that occurs prior to January 1, 2022, and after that date, if effected through a broker, the obligation to withhold is imposed on the transferor's broker. In Notice 2021-51, the IRS announced that it intends to amend the Treasury regulations to defer the applicability date for withholding on a transfer of an interest in a publicly traded partnership to January 1, 2023. Non-U.S. unitholders should consult their tax advisors regarding the impact of these rules on an investment in our common units.

#### Our unitholders will likely be subject to state and local taxes and return filing requirements as a result of an investment in our common units.

In addition to federal income taxes, our unitholders will likely be subject to other taxes, including state and local income taxes, unincorporated business taxes and estate, inheritance or intangible taxes that are imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we do business or own property, even if the unitholder does not live in any of those jurisdictions. Our unitholders may be required to file state and local income tax returns and pay state and local income taxes in some or all of these various

jurisdictions. Furthermore, our unitholders may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. As we make acquisitions or expand our business, we may own property or conduct business in additional states or foreign countries that impose a personal tax or an entity level tax. Unitholders may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. It is the responsibility of our unitholders to file all United States federal, state and local tax returns.

### We have adopted certain valuation methodologies in determining a unitholder's allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction. The IRS may challenge these methodologies or the resulting allocations, and such a challenge could adversely affect the value of our common units.

In determining the items of income, gain, loss and deduction allocable to our unitholders, we must routinely determine the fair market value of our assets. Although we may from time to time consult with professional appraisers regarding valuation matters, we make many fair market value estimates ourselves using a methodology based on the market value of our common units as a means to determine the fair market value of our assets. The IRS may challenge these valuation methods and the resulting allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction.

A successful IRS challenge to these methods or allocations could adversely affect the timing or amount of taxable income or loss being allocated to our unitholders. It also could affect the amount of gain from our unitholders' sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of the common units or result in audit adjustments to our unitholders' tax returns without the benefit of additional deductions.

#### ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

#### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We may in the future be involved as a party to various legal proceedings, which are incidental to the ordinary course of business. We regularly analyze current information and, as necessary, provide accruals for probable liabilities on the eventual disposition of these matters.

#### LDEQ Matter

Certain of our subsidiaries are in discussions with the LDEQ to resolve self-reported deviations arising from operation of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal and the commissioning of the Liquefaction Project, and relating to certain requirements under its Title V Permit. The matter involves deviations self-reported to LDEQ pursuant to the Title V Permit and covering the time period from January 1, 2012 through March 25, 2016. On April 11, 2016, certain of our subsidiaries received a Consolidated Compliance Order and Notice of Potential Penalty (the "Compliance Order") from LDEQ covering deviations self-reported during that time period. Certain of our subsidiaries continue to work with LDEQ to resolve the matters identified in the Compliance Order. We do not expect that any ultimate sanction will have a material adverse impact on our financial results.

#### PHMSA Matter

In February 2018, the PHMSA issued a Corrective Action Order (the "CAO") to SPL in connection with a minor LNG leak from one tank and minor vapor release from a second tank at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. These two tanks have been taken out of operational service while we conduct analysis, repair and remediation. On April 20, 2018, SPL and PHMSA executed a Consent Agreement and Order (the "Consent Order") that replaces and supersedes the CAO. On July 9, 2019, PHMSA and FERC issued a joint letter setting out operating conditions required to be met prior to SPL returning the tanks to service. In July 2021, PHMSA issued a Notice of Probable Violation ("NOPV") and Proposed Civil Penalty to SPL alleging violations of federal pipeline safety regulations relating to the 2018 SPL tank incident and proposing civil penalties totaling \$2,214,900. On September 16, 2021, PHMSA issued an Amended NOPV that reduced the proposed penalty to \$1,458,200. On October 12, 2021, SPL responded to the Amended NOPV, electing not to contest the alleged violations in the Amended NOPV and electing to pay the proposed reduced penalty. PHMSA notified SPL in a letter dated November 9, 2021 that the case was considered "closed." SPL continues to coordinate with PHMSA and FERC to address the matters relating to the February 2018 leak, including repair approach and related analysis. We do not expect that the Consent Order and related analysis, repair and remediation or resolution of the NOPV will have a material adverse impact on our financial results or operations.



#### ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

#### PART II

#### ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED UNITHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Our common units began trading on the NYSE American under the symbol "CQP" commencing with our initial public offering on March 21, 2007. As of February 18, 2022, we had 484.0 million common units outstanding held by 10 record owners.

We consider cash distributions to unitholders on a quarterly basis, although there is no assurance as to the future cash distributions since they are dependent upon future earnings, cash flows, capital requirements, financial condition and other factors. The 2019 CQP Credit Facilities described in <u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations</u> may also limit our ability to make distributions.

Upon the closing of our initial public offering, Cheniere received 135.4 million subordinated units. In July 2020, the board of directors of our general partner confirmed and approved that, following the distribution with respect to the three months ended June 30, 2020, the financial tests required for conversion of our subordinated units had been met under the terms of the partnership agreement. Accordingly, effective August 17, 2020, the first business day following the payment of the distribution, all of our subordinated units were automatically converted into common units on a one-for-one basis and the subordination period was terminated.

#### **Cash Distribution Policy**

Our cash distribution policy is consistent with the terms of our partnership agreement, which requires that we distribute all of our available cash quarterly.

#### General Partner Units and Incentive Distribution Rights ("IDRs")

IDRs represent the right to receive an increasing percentage of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the initial quarterly distribution. Our general partner currently holds the IDRs but may transfer these rights separately from its general partner interest.

Assuming we do not issue any additional classes of units that are paid distributions and our general partner maintains its 2% interest, if we have made distributions to our unitholders from operating surplus in an amount equal to the initial quarterly distribution for any quarter, assuming no arrearages, then we will distribute any additional available cash from operating surplus for that quarter among the unitholders and our general partner as follows:

		Marginal Pere Interest Distri	
	Total Quarterly Distribution Target Amount	Common and Subordinated Unitholders	General Partner
Initial quarterly distribution	\$0.425	98%	2%
First Target Distribution	Above \$0.425 up to \$0.489	98%	2%
Second Target Distribution	Above \$0.489 up to \$0.531	85%	15%
Third Target Distribution	Above \$0.531 up to \$0.638	75%	25%
Thereafter	Above \$0.638	50%	50%

ITEM 6. [Reserved]



#### ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Introduction

The following discussion and analysis presents management's view of our business, financial condition and overall performance and should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes. This information is intended to provide investors with an understanding of our past performance, current financial condition and outlook for the future. Discussion of 2019 items and variance drivers between the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to December 31, 2019 are not included herein, and can be found in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our <u>annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020</u>.

Our discussion and analysis includes the following subjects:

- <u>Overview</u>
- <u>Overview of Significant Events</u>
- <u>Market Environment</u>
- <u>Results of Operations</u>
- Liquidity and Capital Resources
- Summary of Critical Accounting Estimates
- <u>Recent Accounting Standards</u>

#### Overview

We are a limited partnership formed by Cheniere to provide clean, secure and affordable LNG to integrated energy companies, utilities and energy trading companies around the world. We operate a natural gas liquefaction and export facility at Sabine Pass, Louisiana (the "Sabine Pass LNG terminal") with six operational natural gas liquefaction Trains, regasification facilities and a pipeline that interconnects the Sabine Pass LNG terminal with a number of large interstate natural gas pipelines (collectively, the "Liquefaction Project"). For further discussion of our business, see Items 1. and 2. Business and Properties.

Our long-term customer arrangements form the foundation of our business and provide us with significant, stable, long-term cash flows. We have contracted approximately 75% of the total production capacity from the Liquefaction Project with approximately 16 years of weighted average remaining life as of December 31, 2021. Our contracts are fixed-priced, long-term SPAs consisting of a fixed fee per MMBtu of LNG plus a variable fee per MMBtu of LNG, with the variable fees generally structured to cover the cost of natural gas purchases and transportation and liquefaction fuel to produce LNG, thus limiting our exposure to fluctuations in U.S. natural gas prices. We believe that continued global demand for natural gas and LNG, as further described in Items 1. and 2. Business and Properties—Market Factors and Competition, will provide a foundation for additional growth in our business in the future.

#### **Overview of Significant Events**

Our significant events since January 1, 2021 and through the filing date of this Form 10-K include the following:

#### Strategic

In February 2022, Cheniere Marketing entered into agreements to novate to SPL SPAs entered into with ENN LNG (Singapore) Pte Ltd. and a subsidiary of Glencore
plc, aggregating approximately 21 million tonnes of LNG to be delivered between 2023 and 2035, in connection with a prior commitment by Cheniere to collateralize
financing for Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project.

#### Operational

- As of February 18, 2022, over 1,550 cumulative LNG cargoes totaling approximately 110 million tonnes of LNG have been produced, loaded and exported from the Liquefaction Project.
- On February 4, 2022, substantial completion of Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project was achieved.

#### Financial

- In February 2022, we announced the initiation of quarterly distributions to be comprised of a base amount plus a variable amount, which are expected to begin with the distribution related to the first quarter of 2022. It is anticipated that the quarterly distribution with respect to the first quarter of 2022 will be comprised of a base amount equal to \$0.775 (\$3.10 annualized), and a variable amount equal to the remaining available cash per unit, which will take into consideration, among other things, amounts reserved for annual debt repayment and capital allocation goals, anticipated capital expenditures to be funded with cash, and cash reserves to provide for the proper conduct of the business.
- We completed the following debt transactions:
  - In December 2021, SPL issued Senior Secured Notes due 2037 on a private placement basis for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$482 million (the "2037 SPL Private Placement Senior Secured Notes"). The 2037 SPL Private Placement Senior Secured Notes are fully amortizing, with a weighted average life of over 10 years and a weighted average interest rate of 3.07%.
  - In September 2021, we issued an aggregate principal amount of \$1.2 billion of 3.25% Senior Notes due 2032 (the "2032 CQP Senior Notes").
  - The proceeds, net of related fees, costs and expenses ("net proceeds") of the 2032 CQP Senior Notes were used to redeem a portion of the outstanding \$1.1 billion aggregate principal amount of the 5.625% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "2026 CQP Senior Notes"). The remaining net proceeds of the 2032 CQP Senior Notes, along with the net proceeds of the 2037 SPL Private Placement Senior Secured Notes and cash on hand, were used to redeem the outstanding \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of the 6.25% Senior Secured Notes due 2022 (the "2022 SPL Senior Notes").
  - In March 2021, we issued an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$1.5 billion of 4.000% Senior Notes due 2031 (the "2031 CQP Senior Notes"). The
    net proceeds of the 2031 CQP Senior Notes, along with cash on hand, were used to redeem the 5.250% Senior Notes due 2025 (the "2025 CQP Senior Notes").
- In April 2021, S&P Global Ratings changed the outlook on our ratings to positive from negative, and in February 2022, upgraded our issuer credit rating from BB to BB+.
- In February 2021, Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") changed the outlook of SPL's senior secured notes rating to positive from stable and the outlook of our long-term issuer default rating and senior unsecured notes rating to positive from stable.

#### **Market Environment**

The LNG market in 2021 saw unprecedented price increases across all natural gas and LNG benchmarks. Colder than normal temperatures early in the year, concerns over low natural gas and LNG inventories, low additional LNG supply availability and forecasts of a cold 2021/2022 winter in Europe and Asia increased price volatility and supported a run-up in natural gas and LNG prices. These conditions were exacerbated by rising coal and carbon prices in Europe, persistent under-performance from some non-US LNG supply projects and reduced Russian pipe exports to Europe, precipitating the early stages of a price-based energy crisis in Europe.

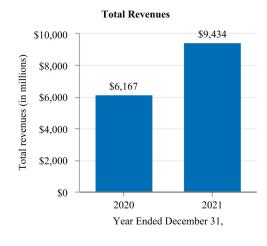
High demand for LNG during the recovery from the initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in intense competition for supplies between the Atlantic and Pacific basins. Global LNG demand grew by about approximately 5% from the comparable 2020 period, adding an additional 18 mtpa to the overall market. A robust economic recovery in China powered an 8% increase in Asia's LNG demand of approximately 19.5 million tonnes from the comparable 2020 period. This led to competition for supplies between Asia, Europe and Latin America, exposing the supply constraints that the industry has had while emerging from the pandemic. In turn, this drove international natural gas and LNG prices higher and widened the price spreads between the U.S. and other parts of the world. As an example, the Dutch Title Transfer Facility ("TTF") monthly

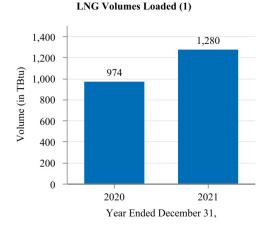


settlement prices averaged \$14.4/MMBtu in 2021, approximately 375% higher than the \$3.0/MMBtu average in 2020, and the TTF monthly settlement prices averaged \$28.9/MMBtu in the fourth quarter of 2021, approximately 512% higher than the \$4.72/MMBtu average in the fourth quarter of 2020. Similarly, the 2021 average settlement price for the Japan Korea Marker ("JKM") increased 292% year-over-year to an average of \$15.0/MMBtu in 2021, and the fourth quarter of 2021 average settlement price for the JAPA Korea Marker ("JKM") increased 292% year-over-year to an average of \$15.0/MMBtu in 2021, and the fourth quarter of 2021 average settlement price for the JKM increased over 412% year-over-year to an average of \$15.0/MMBtu. This extreme price increase triggered a strong supply response from the U.S., which played a significant role in balancing the global LNG market. The U.S. exported 70 million tonnes of LNG, a gain of approximately 49% from the comparable 2020 period, as the market continued to pull on supplies from our facilities and those of our competitors. Exports from our Liquefaction Project reached 25 million tonnes, representing over 35% of the gain in the U.S. total over the same period.

#### **Results of Operations**

The following charts summarize the total revenues and total LNG volumes loaded from our Liquefaction Project (including both operational and commissioning volumes) during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:





 The years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 excludes eight TBtu and 17 TBtu, respectively, that were loaded at our affiliate's facility.

Net income

	Year Ended December 31,				
(in millions, except per share data)		2021	2020		Variance (\$)
Net income	\$	1,630	\$	1,183	\$ 447
Basic and diluted net income per common unit		3.00		2.32	0.68

Net income increased by \$447 million during the year ended December 31, 2021 from the comparable period in 2020, primarily as a result of increased margin on LNG delivered as a result of increases in both volume delivered and gross margin on LNG delivered per MMBtu, partially offset by non-recurrence of revenues recognized on LNG cargoes for which customers notified us that they would not take delivery.

We enter into derivative instruments to manage our exposure to commodity-related marketing and price risk. Derivative instruments are reported at fair value on our Consolidated Financial Statements. In some cases, the underlying transactions being economically hedged are accounted for under the accrual method of accounting, whereby revenues and expenses are recognized only upon delivery, receipt or realization of the underlying transaction. Because the recognition of derivative instruments at fair value has the effect of recognizing gains or losses relating to future period exposure, and given the significant volumes, long-term duration and volatility in price basis for certain of our derivative contracts, use of derivative



instruments may result in continued volatility of our results of operations based on changes in market pricing, counterparty credit risk and other relevant factors, notwithstanding the operational intent to mitigate risk exposure over time.

Revenues

	Year Ended December 31,				
(in millions, except volumes)		2021		Variance (\$)	
LNG revenues	\$	7,639	\$ 5,195	\$ 2,444	
LNG revenues—affiliate		1,472	662	810	
LNG revenues—related party		1	—	1	
Regasification revenues		269	269	—	
Other revenues		53	41	12	
Total revenues	\$	9,434	\$ 6,167	\$ 3,267	
LNG volumes recognized as revenues (in TBtu) (1)		1,288	991	297	

(1) Excludes volume associated with cargoes for which customers notified us that they would not take delivery. The years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 include eight TBtu and 17 TBtu, respectively, that were loaded at our affiliate's facility.

Total revenues increased by approximately \$3.3 billion during the year ended December 31, 2021, from the comparable period in 2020, primarily due to increased revenues per MMBtu as a result of variable fees that are received in addition to fixed fees when customers take delivery of scheduled cargoes as opposed to exercising their contractual right to not take delivery, as well as from increases in Henry Hub prices and higher volumes of LNG delivered between the periods due to the delivery of all available volume of LNG in 2021. During the year ended December 31, 2020, we recognized \$553 million in LNG revenues associated with LNG cargoes for which customers notified us that they would not take delivery.

Prior to substantial completion of a Train, amounts received from the sale of commissioning cargoes from that Train are offset against LNG terminal construction-inprocess, because these amounts are earned or loaded during the testing phase for the construction of that Train. During the year ended December 31, 2021, we realized offsets to LNG terminal costs of \$105 million, corresponding to 12 TBtu that were related to the sale of commissioning cargoes from the Liquefaction Project. We did not realize any offsets to LNG terminal costs during the year ended December 31, 2020.

Also included in LNG revenues are sales of certain unutilized natural gas procured for the liquefaction process and gains and losses from derivative instruments, which include the realized value associated with a portion of derivative instruments that settle through physical delivery. We recognized revenues of \$173 million and \$255 million during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, related to these transactions.

We expect the volume of LNG produced and available for sale to increase in the future as Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project achieved substantial completion on February 4, 2022.

Operating costs and expenses

	Year Ended		
(in millions)	2021	2020	Variance (\$)
Cost of sales	\$ 5,290	\$ 2,505	\$ 2,785
Cost of sales—affiliate	84	77	7
Cost of sales—related party	17	—	17
Operating and maintenance expense	635	629	6
Operating and maintenance expense—affiliate	142	152	(10)
Operating and maintenance expense—related party	46	13	33
Development expense	1	—	1
Development expense-affiliate	1	_	1
General and administrative expense	9	14	(5)
General and administrative expense-affiliate	85	96	(11)
Depreciation and amortization expense	557	551	6
Impairment expense and loss on disposal of assets	10	5	5
Total operating costs and expenses	\$ 6,877	\$ 4,042	\$ 2,835

Total operating costs and expenses increased during the year ended December 31, 2021 from the year ended December 31, 2020, primarily as a result of increased cost of sales. Cost of sales includes costs incurred directly for the production and delivery of LNG from the Liquefaction Project, to the extent those costs are not utilized for the commissioning process. Cost of sales increased during the year ended December 31, 2021 from the comparable period in 2020 primarily due to the increase in pricing of natural gas feedstock as a result of higher US natural gas prices and increased volume of LNG delivered, partially offset by a decrease in net costs associated with the sale of certain unutilized natural gas procured for the liquefaction process and the increased fair value of commodity derivatives to secure natural gas feedstock for the Liquefaction Project due to favorable shifts in long-term forward prices relative to our hedged position. Cost of sales also includes variable transportation and storage costs and other costs to convert natural gas into LNG.

Other expense				
	Year Ended	December	31,	
(in millions)	2021		2020	Variance (\$)
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	\$ 831	\$	909	\$ (78)
Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt	101		43	58
Other income, net	(3)		(8)	5
Other income—affiliate	(2)		(2)	_
Total other expense	\$ 927	\$	942	\$ (15)

Interest expense, net of capitalized interest, decreased during the year ended December 31, 2021 from the comparable period in 2020 primarily due to lower interest costs as a result of refinancing higher cost debt and reduction of outstanding debt during the year, as well as an increase in the portion of total interest costs that is eligible for capitalization due to the continued construction of the remaining assets of the Liquefaction Project. During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, we incurred \$963 million and \$1,005 million of total interest cost, respectively, of which we capitalized \$132 million and \$96 million, respectively.

Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt increased during the year ended December 31, 2021 from the comparable period in 2020. The loss on modification of debt recognized in each of the years included the incurrence of fees paid to lenders, third party fees and write off of unamortized debt issuance costs recognized upon the early redemption of our senior notes, as further discussed in *Liquidity and Capital Resources—Sources and Uses of Cash—Financing Cash Flows*.



### Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following information describes our ability to generate and obtain adequate amounts of cash to meet our requirements in the short term and the long term. In the short term, we expect to meet our cash requirements using operating cash flows and available liquidity, consisting of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and available commitments under our credit facilities. In the long term, we expect to meet our cash requirements using operating cash flows and other future potential sources of liquidity, which may include debt offerings by us or our subsidiaries and equity offerings by us. The table below provides a summary of our available liquidity as of December 31, 2021 (in millions). Future material sources of liquidity are discussed below.

	Dece	mber 31, 2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	876
Restricted cash and cash equivalents designated for the Liquefaction Project		98
Available commitments under our credit facilities (1):		
\$1.2 billion Working Capital Revolving Credit and Letter of Credit Reimbursement Agreement (the "2020 SPL Working Capita Facility")	1	805
CQP Credit Facilities executed in 2019 ("2019 CQP Credit Facilities")		750
Total available commitments under our credit facilities		1,555
Total available liquidity	\$	2,529

(1) Available commitments represent total commitments less loans outstanding and letters of credit issued under each of our credit facilities as of December 31, 2021. See <u>Note 11—Debt</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on our credit facilities and other debt instruments.

Our liquidity position subsequent to December 31, 2021 is driven by future sources of liquidity and future cash requirements. Future sources of liquidity are expected to be composed of (1) cash receipts from executed contracts, under which we are contractually entitled to future consideration, and (2) additional sources of liquidity, from which we expect to receive cash although the cash is not underpinned by executed contracts. Future cash requirements are expected to be composed of (1) cash payments under executed contracts, under which we are contractually obligated to make payments, and (2) additional cash requirements, under which we expect to make payments although we are not contractually obligated to make the payments under executed contracts. Future sources of liquidity and future cash requirements are estimates based on management's assumptions and currently known market conditions and other factors as of December 31, 2021.

Although material sources of liquidity and material cash requirements are presented below from a consolidated standpoint, we and our subsidiary SPL operate with independent capital structures. Certain restrictions under debt instruments executed by our subsidiaries limit its ability to distribute cash, including the following:

- SPL is required to deposit all cash received into restricted cash and cash equivalents accounts under certain of their debt agreements. The usage or withdrawal of such cash is restricted to the payment of liabilities related to the Liquefaction Project and other restricted payments. The majority of the cash held by SPL that is restricted to CQP relates to advance funding for operation and construction of the Liquefaction Project; and
- SPL is restricted by affirmative and negative covenants included in certain of its debt agreements in its ability to make certain payments, including distributions, unless specific requirements are satisfied.

Notwithstanding the restrictions noted above, we believe that sufficient flexibility exists to enable each independent capital structure to meet its currently anticipated cash requirements. The sources of liquidity at SPL primarily fund the cash requirements of SPL, and any remaining liquidity not subject to restriction, as supplemented by liquidity provided by SPLNG, is available to enable CQP to meet its cash requirements.

### Supplemental Guarantor Information

The \$1.5 billion of 4.500% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "2029 CQP Senior Notes"), the 2031 CQP Senior Notes and the 2032 CQP Senior Notes (collectively, the "CQP Senior Notes"), are jointly and severally guaranteed by each of our subsidiaries other than SPL and, subject to certain conditions governing its guarantee, Sabine Pass LP (each a "Guarantor" and collectively, the "CQP Guarantors").



The CQP Guarantors' guarantees are full and unconditional, subject to certain release provisions including (1) the sale, disposition or transfer (by merger, consolidation or otherwise) of the capital stock or all or substantially all of the assets of the CQP Guarantors, (2) upon the liquidation or dissolution of a Guarantor, (3) following the release of a Guarantor from its guarantee obligations and (4) upon the legal defeasance or satisfaction and discharge of obligations under the indenture governing the CQP Senior Notes. In the event of a default in payment of the principal or interest by us, whether at maturity of the CQP Senior Notes or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise, legal proceedings may be instituted against the CQP Guarantors to enforce the guarantee.

The rights of holders of the CQP Senior Notes against the CQP Guarantors may be limited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or state fraudulent transfer or conveyance law. Each guarantee contains a provision intended to limit the Guarantor's liability to the maximum amount that it could incur without causing the incurrence of obligations under its guarantee to be a fraudulent conveyance or transfer under U.S. federal or state law. However, there can be no assurance as to what standard a court will apply in making a determination of the maximum liability of the CQP Guarantors. Moreover, this provision may not be effective to protect the guarantee from being voided under fraudulent conveyance laws. There is a possibility that the entire guarantee may be set aside, in which case the entire liability may be extinguished.

The following tables include summarized financial information of CQP ("Parent Issuer"), and the CQP Guarantors (together with the Parent Issuer, the "Obligor Group") on a combined basis. Investments in and equity in the earnings of SPL and, subject to certain conditions governing its guarantee, Sabine Pass LP (collectively with SPL, the "Non-Guarantors"), which are not currently members of the Obligor Group, have been excluded. Intercompany balances and transactions between entities in the Obligor Group have been eliminated. Although the creditors of the Obligor Group have no claim against the Non-Guarantors, the Obligor Group may gain access to the assets of the Non-Guarantors upon bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of the Non-Guarantors due to its investment in these entities. However, such claims to the assets of the Non-Guarantors would be subordinated to the any claims by the Non-Guarantors' creditors, including trade creditors.

	December 31,					
	 2021	2020				
ASSETS						
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 876 \$	1,210				
Accounts receivable from Non-Guarantors	49	46				
Other current assets	53	42				
Current assets—affiliate	137	137				
Current assets with Non-Guarantors	 1	—				
Total current assets	1,116	1,435				
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	2,422	2,493				
Other non-current assets, net	 119	117				
Total assets	\$ 3,657 \$	4,045				
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities						
Due to affiliates	\$ 167 \$	156				
Deferred revenue from Non-Guarantors	22	22				
Other current liabilities	95	100				
Total current liabilities	284	278				
Long-term debt, net of premium, discount and debt issuance costs	4,154	4,060				
Other non-current liabilities	87	85				
Non-current liabilities—affiliate	15	17				
Total liabilities	\$ 4,540 \$	4,440				

Summarized Statement of Income (in millions)	Year Ended D	ecember 31, 2021
Revenues	\$	323
Revenues from Non-Guarantors		512
Total revenues		835
Operating costs and expenses		191
Operating costs and expenses—affiliate		178
Total operating costs and expenses		369
Income from operations		466
Net income		165

### Future Sources and Uses of Liquidity

### Future Sources of Liquidity under Executed Contracts

Because many of our sales contracts have long-term durations, we are contractually entitled to significant future consideration under our SPAs and TUAs which has not yet been recognized as revenue. This future consideration is in most cases not yet legally due to us and was not reflected on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2021. In addition, a significant portion of this future consideration is subject to variability as discussed more specifically below. We anticipate that this consideration will be available to meet liquidity needs in the future. The following table summarizes our estimate of future material sources of liquidity to be received from executed contracts as of December 31, 2021 (in billions):

	Estimated Revenues Under Executed Contracts by Period (1)											
	2022			2023 - 2026		Thereafter		Total				
LNG revenues (fixed fees) (2)	\$	3.4	\$	13.8	\$	34.2	\$	51.4				
LNG revenues (variable fees) (2) (3)		5.4		19.1		50.5		75.0				
Regasification revenues		0.3		1.0		0.6		1.9				
Total	\$	9.1	\$	33.9	\$	85.3	\$	128.3				

(1) Excludes contracts for which conditions precedent have not been met. Agreements in force as of December 31, 2021 that have terms dependent on project milestone dates are based on the estimated dates as of December 31, 2021. The timing of revenue recognition under GAAP may not align with cash receipts, although we do not consider the timing difference to be material. The estimates above reflect management's assumptions and currently known market conditions and other factors as of December 31, 2021. Estimates are not guarantees of future performance and actual results may differ materially as a result of a variety of factors described in this annual report on Form 10-K.

- (2) LNG revenues (including \$2.1 billion and \$4.0 billion of fixed fees and variable fees, respectively, from affiliates) exclude revenues from contracts with original expected durations of one year or less. Fixed fees are fees that are due to us regardless of whether a customer exercises their contractual right to not take delivery of an LNG cargo under the contract. Variable fees are receivable only in connection with LNG cargoes that are delivered.
- (3) LNG revenues (variable fees, including affiliate) reflect the assumption that customers elect to take delivery of all cargoes made available under the contract. LNG revenues (variable fees, including affiliate) are based on estimated forward prices and basis spreads as of December 31, 2021. The pricing structure of our SPA arrangements with our customers incorporates a variable fee per MMBtu of LNG generally equal to 115% of Henry Hub, which is paid upon delivery, thus limiting our net exposure to future increases in natural gas prices. Certain of our contracts contain additional variable consideration based on the outcome of contingent events and the movement of various indexes. We have not included such variable consideration to the extent the consideration is considered constrained due to the uncertainty of ultimate pricing and receipt.

# LNG Revenues

We have contracted approximately 75% of the total production capacity from the Liquefaction Project through long-term SPAs, with approximately 16 years of weighted average remaining life as of December 31, 2021. The majority of this contracted capacity is comprised of fixed-price, long-term SPAs that SPL has executed with third parties to sell LNG from



Trains 1 through 6 of the Liquefaction Project. Under the SPAs, the customers purchase LNG on a free on board ("FOB") basis for a price consisting of a fixed fee per MMBtu of LNG (a portion of which is subject to annual adjustment for inflation) plus a variable fee per MMBtu of LNG generally equal to 115% of Henry Hub. Certain customers may elect to cancel or suspend deliveries of LNG cargoes, with advance notice as governed by each respective SPA, in which case the customers would still be required to pay the fixed fee with respect to the contracted volumes that are not delivered as a result of such cancellation or suspension. The variable fees under our SPAs were generally sized with the intention to cover the costs of gas purchases and variable transportation and liquefaction fuel to produce the LNG to be sold under each such SPA. In aggregate, the annual fixed fee portion to be paid by the third-party SPA customers is approximately \$2.9 billion for Trains 1 through 5 of the Liquefaction Project. After giving effect to an SPA that Cheniere has committed to provide to SPL and upon the date of first commercial delivery of Train 6, the annual fixed fee portion to be paid by the third-party SPA customers consist of creditworthy counterparties, with an average credit rating of A, A2 and A- by S&P Global Ratings, Moody's Corporation and Fitch Ratings, respectively. A discussion of revenues under our SPAs can be found in <u>Note 13—Revenues from Contracts with Customers</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

In addition to the third party SPAs discussed above, SPL has also executed agreements with Cheniere Marketing to sell: (1) at Cheniere Marketing's option, any LNG produced by SPL in excess of that required for other customers at a price of 115% of Henry Hub plus \$3.00 per MMBtu of LNG and (2) up to 306 cargoes to be delivered between 2022 and 2027 at a weighted average price of \$1.95 plus 115% of Henry Hub (included in the table above).

In August 2020, we entered into an arrangement with subsidiaries of Cheniere to provide the ability, in limited circumstances, to potentially fulfill commitments to LNG buyers in the event certain conditions impact operations at either the Sabine Pass or Corpus Christi liquefaction facilities. The purchase price for such cargoes would be (i) 115% of the applicable natural gas feedstock purchase price or (ii) a free-on-board U.S. Gulf Coast LNG market price, whichever is greater.

#### Regasification Revenues

SPLNG has entered into two long-term, third party TUAs, under which SPLNG's customers are required to pay fixed monthly fees, whether or not they use the approximately 2 Bcf/d of the regasification capacity they have reserved at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. TotalEnergies Gas & Power North America, Inc. ("Total") and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. ("Chevron") are each obligated to make monthly capacity payments to SPLNG aggregating approximately \$125 million annually, prior to inflation adjustments, for 20 years that commenced in 2009. Total S.A. has guaranteed Total's obligations under its TUA up to \$2.5 billion, subject to certain exceptions, and Chevron Corporation has guaranteed Chevron's obligations under its TUA up to 80% of the fees payable by Chevron.

SPLNG has also entered into a TUA with SPL to reserve the remaining capacity at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. SPL is obligated to make monthly capacity payments to SPLNG aggregating approximately \$250 million annually, prior to inflation adjustments, continuing until at least May 2036. SPL entered into a partial TUA assignment agreement with Total, whereby SPL gained access to substantially all of Total's capacity and other services provided under Total's TUA with SPLNG that started in 2019. Notwithstanding any arrangements between Total and SPL, payments required to be made by Total to SPLNG will continue to be made by Total to SPLNG in accordance with its TUA. Payments made by SPL to Total under this partial TUA assignment agreement are included in other purchase obligations in the Future Cash Requirements for Operations and Capital Expenditures under Executed Contracts table below. Full discussion of SPLNG's revenues under the TUA agreements and the partial TUA assignment can be found in <u>Note 13—Revenues from Contracts with Customers</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Additional Future Sources of Liquidity

### Available Commitments under Credit Facilities

As of December 31, 2021, we had \$1.6 billion in available commitments under our credit facilities, subject to compliance with the applicable covenants, to potentially meet liquidity needs. Our credit facilities mature between 2024 and 2025.

### Future Cash Requirements for Operations and Capital Expenditures under Executed Contracts

We are committed to make future cash payments for operations and capital expenditures pursuant to certain of our contracts. The following table summarizes our estimate of material cash requirements for operations and capital expenditures under executed contracts as of December 31, 2021 (in billions):

	Estimated Payments Due Under Executed Contracts by Period (1)											
	 2022	2023 - 2026		Thereafter		Total						
Purchase obligations (2):	 											
Natural gas supply agreements (3)	\$ 5.0	\$ 7.9	\$	3.2	\$	16.1						
Natural gas transportation and storage service agreements (4)	0.2	0.9		1.7		2.8						
Capital expenditures (5)	0.2	_		—		0.2						
Other purchase obligations (6)	0.2	0.8		1.1		2.1						
Leases (7)	—	0.1		0.1		0.2						
Total	\$ 5.6	\$ 9.7	\$	6.1	\$	21.4						

- (1) Excludes contracts for which conditions precedent have not been met. Agreements in force as of December 31, 2021 that have terms dependent on project milestone dates are based on the estimated dates as of December 31, 2021. The estimates above reflect management's assumptions and currently known market conditions and other factors as of December 31, 2021. Estimates are not guarantees of future performance and actual results may differ materially as a result of a variety of factors described in this annual report on Form 10-K.
- (2) Purchase obligations consist of agreements to purchase goods or services that are enforceable and legally binding that specify fixed or minimum quantities to be purchased. As project milestones and other conditions precedent are achieved, our obligations are expected to increase accordingly. We include contracts for which we have an early termination option if the option is not currently expected to be exercised.
- (3) Pricing of natural gas supply agreements is based on estimated forward prices and basis spreads as of December 31, 2021.
- (4) Includes \$0.3 billion of purchase obligations to related parties under the natural gas transportation and storage service agreements.
- (5) Capital expenditures primarily consist of costs incurred through our EPC contract with Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. ("Bechtel") for the engineering, procurement and construction of Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project, which achieved substantial completion on February 4, 2022, and the third marine berth that is currently under construction.
- (6) Other purchase obligations primarily include payments under SPL's partial TUA assignment agreement with Total, as discussed in <u>Note 13—Revenues from Contracts</u> with Customers of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Includes \$0.9 million of purchase obligations to affiliates under service agreements.
- (7) Leases include payments under operating leases and forward-starting leases. Certain of our leases also contain variable payments, such as inflation, which are not included above unless the contract terms require the payment of a fixed amount that is unavoidable. Payments during renewal options that are exercisable at our sole discretion are included only to the extent that the option is currently believed to be reasonably certain to be exercised.

#### Natural Gas Supply, Transportation and Storage Service Agreements

We have secured natural gas feedstock for the Sabine Pass LNG terminal through long-term natural gas supply agreements. As of December 31, 2021, we have secured 86% of the natural gas supply required to support the total forecasted production capacity of the Liquefaction Project during 2022. Natural gas supply secured decreases as a percentage of forecasted production capacity beyond 2022. Natural gas supply is generally secured on an indexed pricing basis, with title transfer occurring upon receipt of the commodity. As further described in the *LNG Revenues* section above, the pricing structure of our SPA arrangements with our customers incorporates a variable fee per MMBtu of LNG generally equal to 115% of Henry Hub, thus limiting our net exposure to future increases in natural gas prices. Inclusive of amounts under contracts with unsatisfied conditions precedent as of December 31, 2021, we have secured up to 5,102 TBtu of natural gas feedstock through agreements with remaining terms that range up to 10 years. A discussion of our natural gas supply agreements can be found in <u>Note 8—Derivative Instruments</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

To ensure that we are able to transport natural gas feedstock to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, we have entered into transportation precedent and other agreements to secure firm pipeline transportation capacity from third party pipeline companies. We have also entered into firm storage services agreements with third parties to assist in managing variability in natural gas needs for the Liquefaction Project.

#### Capital Expenditures

We enter into lump sum turnkey contracts with third party contractors for the EPC of our Liquefaction Project. The historical contracts have been executed with Bechtel, who has charged a lump sum for all work performed and generally bore project cost, schedule and performance risks unless certain specified events occurred, in which case Bechtel caused us to enter into a change order, or we agreed with Bechtel to a change order. The future capital expenditures included in the table above primarily consist of costs incurred under the Bechtel EPC contract for Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project. The total contract price of the EPC contract for Train 6, which achieved substantial completion on February 4, 2022, and the third marine berth that is currently under construction is approximately \$2.5 billion.

#### Leases

We have entered into leases for the use of tug vessels and land sites. A discussion of our lease obligations can be found in <u>Note 12—Leases</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Additional Future Cash Requirements for Operations and Capital Expenditures

#### Corporate Activities

We rely on our general partner to manage all aspects of the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal and the Liquefaction Project and to conduct our business. Because our general partner has no employees, it relies on subsidiaries of Cheniere to provide the personnel necessary to allow it to meet its management obligations to us, SPLNG, SPL and CTPL. As of January 31, 2022, Cheniere and its subsidiaries had 1,550 full-time employees, including 513 employees who directly supported the Sabine Pass LNG terminal operations. See <u>Note 14—Related Party Transactions</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of the services agreements pursuant to which general and administrative services are provided to us, SPLNG, SPL and CTPL.

#### Financially Disciplined Growth

Our significant land position at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal provide potential development and investment opportunities for further liquefaction capacity expansion at strategically advantaged locations with proximity to pipeline infrastructure and resources. We expect that any potential future expansion at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal would increase cash requirements to support expanded operations, although expansion could be designed to leverage shared infrastructure to reduce the incremental costs of any potential expansion.

#### Future Cash Requirements for Financing under Executed Contracts

We are committed to make future cash payments for financing pursuant to certain of our contracts. The following table summarizes our estimate of material cash requirements for financing under executed contracts as of December 31, 2021 (in billions):

	Estimated Payments Due Under Executed Contracts by Period (1)											
	2022			2023 - 2026	Thereafter		Total					
Debt (2)	\$	_	\$	7.1	\$	10.2	\$	17.3				
Interest payments (2)		0.8		2.6		1.4		4.8				
Total	\$	0.8	\$	9.7	\$	11.6	\$	22.1				

(1) The estimates above reflect management's assumptions and currently known market conditions and other factors as of December 31, 2021. Estimates are not guarantees of future performance and actual results may differ materially as a result of a variety of factors described in this annual report on Form 10-K.

(2) Debt and interest payments are based on the total debt balance, scheduled contractual maturities and fixed or estimated forward interest rates in effect at December 31, 2021. Debt and interest payments do not contemplate repurchases, repayments and retirements that we expect to make prior to contractual maturity. See further discussion in <u>Note 11—Debt</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Debt

As of December 31, 2021, our debt complex was comprised of senior notes with an aggregate outstanding principal balance of \$17.3 billionand credit facilities with an aggregate outstanding balance of zero. As of December 31, 2021, we and SPL were in compliance with all covenants related to their respective debt agreements. Further discussion of our debt obligations, including the restrictions imposed by these arrangements, can be found in <u>Note 11—Debt</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Interest

As of December 31, 2021, our senior notes had a weighted average interest rate of 4.86%. Borrowings under our credit facilities are indexed to LIBOR, which is expected to be phased out by 2023. It is currently unclear whether LIBOR will be utilized beyond that date or whether it will be replaced by a particular rate. We intend to continue working with our lenders and counterparties to pursue amendments to our debt agreements that are currently indexed to LIBOR. Undrawn commitments under our credit facilities are subject to commitment fees ranging from 0.20% to 0.49%. Issued letters of credit under our credit facilities are subject to letter of credit fees ranging from 1.50% to 1.625%. We had \$395 million of issued letters of credit under our credit facilities as of December 31, 2021.

#### Additional Future Cash Requirements for Financing

### CQP Distribution

Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement). Our available cash is our cash on hand at the end of a quarter less the amount of any reserves established by our general partner. All distributions paid to date have been made from accumulated operating surplus.

#### Sources and Uses of Cash

The following table summarizes the sources and uses of our cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 (in millions). The table presents capital expenditures on a cash basis; therefore, these amounts differ from the amounts of capital expenditures, including accruals, which are referred to elsewhere in this report. Additional discussion of these items follows the table.

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2021		2020			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 2,291	\$	1,751			
Net cash used in investing activities	(648)		(972)			
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,976)		(1,434)			
Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ (333)	\$	(655)			

### **Operating Cash Flows**

Our operating cash net inflows during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were \$2,291 million and \$1,751 million, respectively. The \$540 million increase in operating cash inflows in 2021 compared to 2020 was primarily related to cash provided by working capital primarily from payment timing differences and timing of cash receipts from the sale of LNG cargoes.

# Investing Cash Flows

Cash outflows for property, plant and equipment were primarily for the construction costs for Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project, which was nearing substantial completion in the fourth quarter of 2021. These costs are capitalized as construction-in-process until achievement of substantial completion.

### Financing Cash Flows

During the year ended December 31, 2021, we had total debt issuances of \$3,182 million, which were comprised of \$2,700 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes and aggregate borrowings of \$482 million under our credit facilities. The proceeds from these issuances and borrowings, together with cash on hand, were used to redeem \$3,600 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, we entered into the 2020 SPL Working Capital Facility to replace the previous working capital facility, as well as issued an aggregate principal amount of \$2.0 billion of the 4.500% Senior Secured Notes due 2030 (the "2030 SPL Senior Notes") that was used to redeem all of SPL's 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2021 (the "2021 SPL Senior Notes").

### Debt Issuances and Related Financing Costs

The following table shows the issuances of debt during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, including intra-quarter borrowings (in millions):

		Year Ended December 31,					
	20	21	2020				
SPL:							
2030 SPL Senior Notes	\$	— \$	1,995				
2037 SPL Private Placement Senior Secured Notes		482					
CQP:							
2031 CQP Senior Notes		1,500	_				
2032 CQP Senior Notes		1,200					
Total issuances	\$	3,182 \$	1,995				

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During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, we incurred debt issuance costs and other financing costs of \$39 millionand \$35 million, respectively, related to the debt issuances above and closing of credit facilities during the respective periods.

### Debt Redemptions and Repayments and Related Extinguishment Costs

The following table shows the redemptions and repayments of debt during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, including intra-quarter repayments (in millions):

Year Ended December 31,						
2021		2020				
\$	_	\$	(2,000)			
	(1,000)					
	(1,500)		—			
_	(1,100)					
\$	(3,600)	\$	(2,000)			
		2021 \$	2021 2020 \$			

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, we incurred debt extinguishment costs of \$76 million and \$39 million, respectively, related to these redemptions and repayments, primarily for the payment of early redemption fees and write off of unamortized issuance costs.

### Cash Distributions to Unitholders

Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement). Our available cash is our cash on hand at the end of a quarter less the amount of any reserves established by our general partner. All distributions paid to date have been made from accumulated operating surplus. The following provides a summary of distributions paid by us during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

						Total Distribution (in millions)																									
Date Paid	Period Covered by Distribution		Distribution Per Common Unit																					Common Units		Subordinated Units		General Partner Units		Incentive Distribution Rights	
November 12, 2021	July 1 - September 30, 2021	\$	0.680	\$	—	\$	329	\$	—	\$	8	\$	39																		
August 13, 2021	April 1 - June 30, 2021		0.665				322				7		32																		
May 14, 2021	January 1 - March 31, 2021		0.660				320		—		7		30																		
February 12, 2021	October 1 - December 31, 2020		0.655				316				7		27																		
November 13, 2020	July 1 - September 30, 2020	\$	0.65	\$		\$	315	\$		\$	7	\$	25																		
August 14, 2020	April 1 - June 30, 2020		0.645		0.645		225		88		7		22																		
May 15, 2020	January 1 - March 31, 2020		0.64		0.64		223		86		7		20																		
February 14, 2020	October 1 - December 31, 2019		0.63		0.63		220		85		6		18																		

On January 28, 2022, we declared a \$0.700 distribution per common unit and the related distribution to our general partner and incentive distribution right holders that was paid on February 14, 2022 to unitholders of record as of February 7, 2022 for the period from October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

# **Summary of Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes. Management evaluates its estimates and related assumptions regularly, including those related to the valuation of derivative instruments. Changes in facts and circumstances or additional information may result in revised estimates, and actual results may differ from these estimates. Management considers the following to be its most critical accounting estimates that involve significant judgment.



#### Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

All derivative instruments, other than those that satisfy specific exceptions, are recorded at fair value. We record changes in the fair value of our derivative positions through earnings based on the value for which the derivative instrument could be exchanged between willing parties. If market quotes are not available to estimate fair value, management's best estimate of fair value is based on the quoted market price of derivatives with similar characteristics or determined through industry-standard valuation approaches. Such evaluations may involve significant judgment and the results are based on expected future events or conditions, particularly for those valuations using inputs unobservable in the market as discussed below.

Our derivative instruments consist of financial commodity derivative contracts transacted in an over-the-counter market and physical commodity contracts. Valuation of our financial commodity derivative contracts is determined using observable commodity price curves and other relevant data.

Valuation of our physical commodity derivative contracts, consisting primarily of natural gas supply contracts for the operation of our liquified natural gas facilities is often developed through the use of internal models which incorporate significant unobservable inputs. In instances where observable data is unavailable, consideration is given to the assumptions that market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability. This includes assumptions about market risks, such as future prices of energy units for unobservable periods, liquidity and volatility.

The valuation of certain physical commodity derivatives requires the use of significant unobservable inputs and judgment in estimating underlying forward commodity curves due to periods of unobservability or limited liquidity. Such valuations are more susceptible to variability particularly when markets are volatile. Provided below is the change in unrealized valuation gain (loss) of instruments valued through the use of internal models which incorporate significant unobservable inputs, inclusive of certain LNG term deals, for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 (in millions). The changes shown are limited to instruments held at the end of each respective period.

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2021	2020		
Change in unrealized gain (loss) relating to instruments still held at end of period	\$ 74	\$ (43)		

The ultimate fair value of our derivative instruments is uncertain, and we believe that it is reasonably possible that a material change in the estimated fair value could occur in the near future, particularly as it relates to commodity prices given the level of volatility in the current year. See <u>Item 7A</u>. <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures</u> <u>About Market Risk</u> for further analysis of the sensitivity of the fair value of our derivatives to hypothetical changes in underlying prices.

### **Recent Accounting Standards**

For a summary of recently issued accounting standards, see Note 3-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

### **Marketing and Trading Commodity Price Risk**

We have entered into commodity derivatives consisting of natural gas supply contracts for the commissioning and operation of the Liquefaction Project ("Liquefaction Supply Derivatives"). In order to test the sensitivity of the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives to changes in underlying commodity prices, management modeled a 10% change in the commodity price for natural gas for each delivery location as follows (in millions):

	December 31, 2021			December 31, 2020				
	 Fair Value		Change in Fair Value		Fair Value	Change in Fa	ir Value	
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	\$ 27	\$	1	\$	(21)	\$	4	

See Note 8-Derivative Instruments of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details about our derivative instruments.

# ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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## MANAGEMENT'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.

## Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As management, we are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. ("Cheniere Partners") and its subsidiaries. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we have conducted an assessment, including testing using the criteria in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). Cheniere Partners' system of internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements and, even when determined to be effective, can only provide reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Based on our assessment, we have concluded that Cheniere Partners maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the COSO.

Cheniere Partners' independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG LLP, has issued an audit report on Cheniere Partners' internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, which is contained in this Form 10-K.

# **Management's Certifications**

The certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Cheniere Partners' general partner required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 have been included as Exhibits 31 and 32 in Cheniere Partners' Form 10-K.

Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

By: Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, Its general partner

By:

/s/ Jack A. Fusco

Jack A. Fusco

President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

By:

/s/ Zach Davis

Zach Davis Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Unitholders of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and Board of Directors of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.:

### Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and subsidiaries (the Partnership) as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related consolidated statements of income, partners' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes and financial statement schedule I (collectively, the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Partnership as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2021, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated February 23, 2022 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

## Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Partnership in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of a critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

## Fair value of the level 3 physical liquefaction supply derivatives

As discussed in Notes 3 and 8 to the consolidated financial statements, the Partnership recorded fair value of level 3 physical liquefaction supply derivatives of \$38 million, as of December 31, 2021. The physical liquefaction supply derivatives consist of natural gas supply contracts for the operation of the liquefied natural gas facility. The fair value of the level 3 physical liquefaction supply derivatives is developed using internal models that incorporate significant unobservable inputs.

We identified the evaluation of the fair value of the level 3 physical liquefaction supply derivatives as a critical audit matter. Specifically, there is subjectivity in certain assumptions used to estimate the fair value, including assumptions for future prices of energy units for unobservable periods and liquidity.



The following are the primary procedures we performed to address this critical audit matter. We evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of certain internal controls related to the valuation of the level 3 physical liquefaction supply derivatives. This included controls related to the assumptions for significant unobservable inputs. For a sample of level 3 liquefaction supply derivatives, we involved valuation professionals with specialized skills and knowledge who assisted in:

- · evaluating the future prices of energy units for observable periods by comparing to market data, including quoted or published forward prices
- · developing independent fair value estimates and comparing the independently developed estimates to the Company's fair value estimates.

In addition, we evaluated the Partnership's assumptions for future prices of energy units for unobservable periods and liquidity by comparing them to market or third-party data, including adjustments for third party quoted transportation prices.

/s/ KPMG LLP

KPMG LLP

We have served as the Partnership's auditor since 2014.

Houston, Texas February 23, 2022

# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Unitholders of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and Board of Directors of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.:

### Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have audited Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and subsidiaries' (the Partnership) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. In our opinion, the Partnership maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring organizations of the Treadway Commission. In our opinion, the *Partnership maintained*, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Partnership as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related consolidated statements of income, partners' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes and financial statement schedule I (collectively, the consolidated financial statements), and our report dated February 23, 2022 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

#### Basis for Opinion

The Partnership's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Partnership in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

# Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.



Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ KPMG LLP KPMG LLP

Houston, Texas February 23, 2022

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(in millions, except per unit data)

	Year Ended December 31,							
		2021	2020			2019		
Revenues								
LNG revenues	\$	7,639	\$	5,195	\$	5,211		
LNG revenues—affiliate		1,472		662		1,312		
LNG revenues—related party		1		—				
Regasification revenues		269		269		266		
Other revenues		53		41		49		
Total revenues		9,434		6,167		6,838		
Operating costs and expenses								
Cost of sales (excluding items shown separately below)		5,290		2,505		3,374		
Cost of sales—affiliate		84		77				
Cost of sales—related party		17		_		_		
Operating and maintenance expense		635		629		632		
Operating and maintenance expense-affiliate		142		152		13		
Operating and maintenance expense—related party		46		13		_		
Development expense		1		_		_		
Development expense—affiliate		1		_		_		
General and administrative expense		9		14		1		
General and administrative expense-affiliate		85		96		102		
Depreciation and amortization expense		557		551		52		
Impairment expense and loss on disposal of assets		10		5		,		
Total operating costs and expenses		6,877		4,042		4,79		
Income from operations		2,557		2,125		2,040		
Other income (expense)								
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest		(831)		(909)		(885		
Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt		(101)		(43)		(13		
Other income, net		3		8		3		
Other income—affiliate		2		2		2		
Total other expense		(927)		(942)		(865		
Net income	\$	1,630	\$	1,183	\$	1,17		
Basic and diluted net income per common unit	\$	3.00	<u>\$</u>	2.32	<u>\$</u>	2.2		
Weighted average number of common units outstanding used for basic and diluted net income per common unit calculation		484.0		399.3		348.6		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in millions, except unit data)

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	General partner's interest (2% interest with 9.9 million units issued and outstanding at December 31, 2021 and 2020)		(306)		(175)		
Total liabilities and partners' equity\$ 19,358\$ 19,145	Total partners' equity		718		539		
	Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$	19,358	\$	19,145		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PARTNERS' EQUITY

(in millions)

	<b>Common Unitholders' Interest</b>		Subordinated Unitholder's Interest			General Partner's Interest			Total Partners'	
	Units	_	Amount	Units		Amount	Units		Amount	Equity
Balance at December 31, 2018	348.6	\$	1,806	135.4	\$	(990)	9.9	\$	(16)	\$ 800
Net income	—		829	_		322	_		24	1,175
Distributions										
Common units, \$2.57/unit	_		(843)				_		_	(843)
Subordinated units, \$2.57/unit			—	_		(328)	—			(328)
General partner units			_	—		—			(89)	(89)
Balance at December 31, 2019	348.6		1,792	135.4		(996)	9.9		(81)	715
Net income	_		930			229	_		24	1,183
Conversion of subordinated units into common units	135.4		(1,026)	(135.4)		1,026	—		—	—
Distributions										
Common units, \$2.57/unit	—		(982)	_			_		_	(982)
Subordinated units, \$2.57/unit	_		_			(259)	_		_	(259)
General partner units			_				—		(118)	(118)
Balance at December 31, 2020	484.0		714	_	-	_	9.9		(175)	539
Net income	_		1,597				_		33	1,630
Distributions										
Common units, \$2.660/unit			(1,287)				—		—	(1,287)
General partner units	_		_	_			_		(164)	(164)
Balance at December 31, 2021	484.0	\$	1,024		\$		9.9	\$	(306)	\$ 718

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in millions)

			ear Ended December	
		2021	2020	2019
Cash flows from operating activities	¢	1 (20)	¢ 1.102	0 117
Net income	\$	1,630	\$ 1,183	\$ 1,175
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				505
Depreciation and amortization expense		557	551	527
Amortization of debt issuance costs, premium and discount		29	32	34
Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt		101	43	13
Total losses (gains) on derivatives, net		(29)	49	(72
Total gains on derivatives, net—related party		(2)		—
Net cash provided by (used for) settlement of derivative instruments		(17)	(4)	5
Impairment expense and loss on disposal of assets		10	5	1
Other		17	14	11
Other—affiliate		—	(2)	(2
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses		(204)	(21)	16
Accounts receivable—affiliate		(32)	(80)	ç
Accounts receivable—related party		(1)	—	-
Advances to affiliate		2	8	(41
Inventory		(68)	8	(16
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		321		(126
Accrued liabilities—related party		(1)	4	_
Due to affiliates		1	9	(
Deferred revenue		18	(18)	39
Other, net		(41)	(28)	(36
Other, net—affiliate		—	(2)	(2
Net cash provided by operating activities		2,291	1,751	1,547
Cash flows from investing activities				
Property, plant and equipment		(648)	(972)	(1,331
Other		_	_	(1
Net cash used in investing activities		(648)	(972)	(1,332
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from issuances of debt		3,182	1,995	2,230
Redemptions and repayments of debt		(3,600)	(2,000)	(730
Debt issuance and other financing costs		(39)	(35)	(35
Debt extinguishment costs		(76)	(39)	(4
Distributions to owners		(1,451)	(1,359)	(1,260
Other		8	4	4
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(1,976)	(1,434)	206
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents		(333)	(655)	421
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents-beginning of period		1,307	1,962	1,541
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents—end of period	\$	974	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,962

# **Balances per Consolidated Balance Sheets:**

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	December 31,				
	2021			2020	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	876	\$	1,210	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		98		97	
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$	974	\$	1,307	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# NOTE 1—ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal is located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and has natural gas liquefaction facilities consisting ofsix operational natural gas liquefaction Trains, with Train 6 achieving substantial completion on February 4, 2022, for a total production capacity of approximately 30 mtpa of LNG (the "Liquefaction Project"). The Sabine Pass LNG terminal also has operational regasification facilities that include five LNG storage tanks, vaporizers and two marine berths, with an additional marine berth that is under construction. We also own a 94-mile pipeline through our subsidiary, CTPL, that interconnects the Sabine Pass LNG terminal with a number of large interstate pipelines (the "Creole Trail Pipeline").

As of December 31, 2021, Cheniere owned48.6% of our limited partner interest in the form of 239.9 million of our common units. Cheniere also owns 100% of our general partner interest and our incentive distribution rights ("IDRs").

# NOTE 2-UNITHOLDERS' EQUITY

The common units represent limited partner interests in us. The holders of the units are entitled to participate in partnership distributions and exercise the rights and privileges available to limited partners under our partnership agreement. Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement). Generally, our available cash is our cash on hand at the end of a quarter less the amount of any reserves established by our general partner. All distributions paid to date have been made from accumulated operating surplus as defined in the partnership agreement.

Although common unitholders are not obligated to fund losses of the Partnership, its capital account, which would be considered in allocating the net assets of the Partnership were it to be liquidated, continues to share in losses.

The general partner interest is entitled to at least2% of all distributions made by us. In addition, the general partner holds IDRs, which allow the general partner to receive a higher percentage of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus as additional target levels are met, but may transfer these rights separately from its general partner interest. The higher percentages range from 15% to 50%, inclusive of the general partner interest.

As of December 31, 2021, our total securities beneficially owned in the form of common units were held 8.6% by Cheniere, 41.4% by CQP Target Holdco L.L.C. ("CQP Target Holdco") and other affiliates of Blackstone Inc. ("Blackstone") and Brookfield Asset Management Inc. ("Brookfield") and 8.0% by the public. All of our 2% general partner interest was held by Cheniere. CQP Target Holdco's equity interests are 50.00% owned by BIP Chinook Holdco L.L.C., an affiliate of Blackstone and 50.00% owned by BIF IV Cypress Aggregator (Delaware) LLC, an affiliate of Brookfield. The ownership of CQP Target Holdco, Blackstone and Brookfield are based on their most recent filings with the SEC.

# NOTE 3—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of Presentation**

Our Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of CQP and its majority owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. When necessary, reclassifications that are not material to our Consolidated Financial Statements are made to prior period financial information to conform to the current year presentation.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes. Management evaluates its estimates and related assumptions regularly, including those related to fair value measurements of derivatives and other instruments, useful lives of property, plant and equipment, certain valuations including leases and asset retirement obligations ("AROs") as further discussed under the respective sections within this note. Changes in facts and circumstances or additional information may result in revised estimates, and actual results may differ from these estimates.



### **Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Hierarchy Level 1, 2 and 3 are terms for the priority of inputs to valuation approaches used to measure fair value. Hierarchy Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Hierarchy Level 2 inputs are inputs that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability, other than quoted prices included within Level 1. Hierarchy Level 3 inputs are not observable in the market.

In determining fair value, we use observable market data when available, or models that incorporate observable market data. In addition to market information, we incorporate transaction-specific details that, in management's judgment, market participants would take into account in measuring fair value. We maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize our use of unobservable inputs in arriving at fair value estimates.

Recurring fair-value measurements are performed for derivative instruments, as disclosed inNote 8-Derivative Instruments.

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable reported on the Consolidated Balance Sheets approximates fair value. The fair value of debt is the estimated amount we would have to pay to repurchase our debt in the open market, including any premium or discount attributable to the difference between the stated interest rate and market interest rate at each balance sheet date. Debt fair values, as disclosed in <u>Note 11—Debt</u>, are based on quoted market prices for identical instruments, if available, or based on valuations of similar debt instruments using observable or unobservable inputs.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

We recognize revenues when we transfer control of promised goods or services to our customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. See <u>Note 13—Revenues from Contracts with Customers</u> for further discussion of our revenue streams and accounting policies related to revenue recognition.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

We consider all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

### **Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Restricted cash and cash equivalents consist of funds that are contractually or legally restricted as to usage or withdrawal and have been presented separately from cash and cash equivalents on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

#### Accounts and Other Receivables

Accounts and other receivables are reported net of any current expected credit losses. Current expected credit losses consider the risk of loss based on past events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. A counterparty's ability to pay is assessed through a credit review process that considers payment terms, the counterparty's established credit rating or our assessment of the counterparty's credit worthiness, contract terms, payment status, and other risks or available financial assurances. Adjustments to current expected credit losses are recorded in general and administrative expense in our Consolidated Statements of Income. As of both December 31, 2021 and 2020, we had current expected credit losses on our accounts and other receivables of \$5 million.

#### Inventory

LNG and natural gas inventory are recorded at the lower of weighted average cost and net realizable value. Materials and other inventory are recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Inventory is charged to expense when sold, or capitalized to property, plant and equipment when issued, primarily using the weighted average method.



## Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost. Expenditures for construction and commissioning activities, major renewals and betterments that extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized, while expenditures for maintenance and repairs (including those for planned major maintenance projects) to maintain property, plant and equipment in operating condition are generally expensed as incurred.

Generally, we begin capitalizing the costs of our LNG terminal once the individual project meets the following criteria: (1) regulatory approval has been received, (2) financing for the project is available and (3) management has committed to commence construction. Prior to meeting these criteria, most of the costs associated with a project are expensed as incurred. These costs primarily include professional fees associated with preliminary front-end engineering and design work, costs of securing necessary regulatory approvals and other preliminary investigation and development activities related to our LNG terminal.

Generally, costs that are capitalized prior to a project meeting the criteria otherwise necessary for capitalization include: land acquisition costs, detailed engineering design work and certain permits that are capitalized as other non-current assets.

We realize offsets to LNG terminal costs for sales of commissioning cargoes that were earned or loaded prior to the start of commercial operations of the respective Train during the testing phase for its construction.

We depreciate our property, plant and equipment using the straight-line depreciation method over assigned useful lives. Refer to <u>Note 7—Property, Plant and Equipment</u>, <u>Net of Accumulated Depreciation</u> for additional discussion of our useful lives by asset category. Upon retirement or other disposition of property, plant and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the account, and the resulting gains or losses are recorded in impairment expense and loss (gain) on disposal of assets.

Management tests property, plant and equipment for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances have indicated that the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment might not be recoverable. Assets are grouped at the lowest level for which there are identifiable cash flows that are largely independent of the cash flows of other groups of assets for purposes of assessing recoverability. Recoverability generally is determined by comparing the carrying value of the asset to the expected undiscounted future cash flows of the asset. If the carrying value of the asset is not recoverable, the amount of impairment loss is measured as the excess, if any, of the carrying value of the asset over its estimated fair value.

We recorded \$5 million of impairments related to property, plant and equipment during the year ended December 31, 2021. We did not record any impairments related to property, plant and equipment during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

#### **Interest Capitalization**

We capitalize interest costs during the construction period of our LNG terminal and related assets as construction-in-process. Upon commencement of operations, these costs are transferred out of construction-in-process into terminal and interconnecting pipeline facilities assets and are amortized over the estimated useful life of the asset.

#### **Regulated Natural Gas Pipelines**

The Creole Trail Pipeline is subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC in accordance with the Natural Gas Act of 1938 and the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978. The economic effects of regulation can result in a regulated company recording as assets those costs that have been or are expected to be approved for recovery from customers, or recording as liabilities those amounts that are expected to be required to be returned to customers, in a rate-setting process in a period different from the period in which the amounts would be recorded by an unregulated enterprise. Accordingly, we record assets and liabilities that result from the regulated rate-making process that may not be recorded under GAAP for non-regulated entities. We continually assess whether regulatory assets are probable of future recovery by considering factors such as applicable recovery. These regulatory assets and liabilities are primarily classified in our Consolidated Balance Sheets as other assets and other liabilities. We periodically evaluate their applicability under GAAP and consider

factors such as regulatory changes and the effect of competition. If cost-based regulation ends or competition increases, we may have to write off the associated regulatory assets and liabilities.

Items that may influence our assessment are:

- inability to recover cost increases due to rate caps and rate case moratoriums;
- inability to recover capitalized costs, including an adequate return on those costs through the rate-making process and the FERC proceedings;
- excess capacity;
- · increased competition and discounting in the markets we serve; and
- impacts of ongoing regulatory initiatives in the natural gas industry.

Natural gas pipeline costs include amounts capitalized as an Allowance for Funds Used During Construction ("AFUDC"). The rates used in the calculation of AFUDC are determined in accordance with guidelines established by the FERC. AFUDC represents the cost of debt and equity funds used to finance our natural gas pipeline additions during construction. AFUDC is capitalized as a part of the cost of our natural gas pipeline. Under regulatory rate practices, we generally are permitted to recover AFUDC, and a fair return thereon, through our rate base after the natural gas pipelines are placed in service.

## **Derivative Instruments**

We use derivative instruments to hedge our exposure to cash flow variability from commodity price risk. Derivative instruments are recorded at fair value and included in our Consolidated Balance Sheets as assets or liabilities depending on the derivative position and the expected timing of settlement, unless they satisfy criteria for, and we elect, the normal purchases and sales exception, under which we account for the instrument under the accrual method of accounting, whereby revenues and expenses are recognized only upon delivery, receipt or realization of the underlying transaction. When we have the contractual right and intent to net settle, derivative assets and liabilities are reported on a net basis.

Changes in the fair value of our derivative instruments are recorded in earnings, unless we elect to apply hedge accounting and meet specified criteria. We did not have any derivative instruments designated as cash flow or fair value hedges during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019. See <u>Note 8—Derivative Instruments</u> for additional details about our derivative instruments.

#### Leases

We determine if an arrangement is, or contains, a lease at inception of the arrangement. When we determine the arrangement is, or contains, a lease, we classify the lease as either an operating lease or a finance lease. We did not have any financing leases as of December 31, 2021. Operating leases are recognized on our Consolidated Balance Sheets by recording a lease liability representing the obligation to make future lease payments and a right-of-use asset representing the right to use the underlying asset for the lease term.

Operating lease right-of-use assets and liabilities are generally recognized based on the present value of minimum lease payments over the lease term. In determining the present value of minimum lease payments, we use the implicit interest rate in the lease if readily determinable. In the absence of a readily determinable implicitly interest rate, we discount our expected future lease payments using our relevant subsidiary's incremental borrowing rate. The incremental borrowing rate is an estimate of the interest rate that a given subsidiary would have to pay to borrow on a collateralized basis over a similar term to that of the lease term. Options to renew a lease are included in the lease term and recognized as part of the right-of-use asset and lease liability, only to the extent they are reasonably certain to be exercised.

We have elected practical expedients to (1) omit leases with an initial term of 12 months or less from recognition on our balance sheet and (2) to combine both the lease and non-lease components of an arrangement in calculating the right-of-use asset and lease liability for all classes of leased assets.

Lease expense for operating lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.



Certain of our leases also contain variable payments, such as inflation, that are included in the right-of-use asset and lease liability only when the contract terms require the payment of a fixed amount that is unavoidable.

See Note 12-Leases for additional details about our leases.

### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to a concentration of credit risk consist principally of derivative instruments and accounts receivable related to our longterm SPAs and regasification contracts, each discussed further below. Additionally, we maintain cash balances at financial institutions, which may at times be in excess of federally insured levels. We have not incurred credit losses related to these cash balances to date.

The use of derivative instruments exposes us to counterparty credit risk, or the risk that a counterparty will be unable to meet its commitments. Certain of our commodity derivative transactions are executed through over-the-counter contracts which are subject to nominal credit risk as these transactions are settled on a daily margin basis with investment grade financial institutions. Collateral deposited for such contracts is recorded within other current assets. We monitor counterparty creditworthiness on an ongoing basis; however, we cannot predict sudden changes in counterparties' creditworthiness. In addition, even if such changes are not sudden, we may be limited in our ability to mitigate an increase in counterparty credit risk. Should one of these counterparties not perform, we may not realize the benefit of some of our derivative instruments.

SPL has entered into fixed price long-term SPAs generally with terms of 20 years with eight third parties and has entered into agreements with Cheniere Marketing. SPL is dependent on the respective customers' creditworthiness and their willingness to perform under their respective SPAs.

SPLNG has entered into two long-term TUAs with third parties for regasification capacity at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. SPLNG is dependent on the respective customers' creditworthiness and their willingness to perform under their respective TUAs. SPLNG has mitigated this credit risk by securing TUAs for a significant portion of its regasification capacity with creditworthy third party customers with a minimum Standard & Poor's rating of A.

See Note 17-Customer Concentration for additional details about our customer concentration.

Our arrangements with our customers incorporate certain provisions to mitigate our exposure to credit losses and include, under certain circumstances, customer collateral, netting of exposures through the use of industry standard commercial agreements and margin deposits with certain counterparties in the over-the-counter derivative market, with such margin deposits primarily facilitated by independent system operators and by clearing brokers. Payments on margin deposits, either by us or by the counterparty depending on the position, are required when the value of a derivative exceeds our pre-established credit limit with the counterparty. Margin deposits are returned to us (or to the counterparty) on or near the settlement date for non-exchange traded derivatives, and we exchange margin calls on a daily basis for exchange traded transactions.

### Debt

Our debt consists of current and long-term secured and unsecured debt securities and credit facilities with banks and other lenders. Debt issuances are placed directly by us or through securities dealers or underwriters and are held by institutional and retail investors.

Debt is recorded on our Consolidated Balance Sheets at par value adjusted for unamortized discount or premium and net of unamortized debt issuance costs related to term notes. Debt issuance costs consist primarily of arrangement fees, professional fees, legal fees and printing costs. If debt issuance costs are incurred in connection with a line of credit arrangement or on undrawn funds, the debt issuance costs are presented as an asset on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Discounts, premiums and debt issuance costs directly related to the issuance of debt are amortized over the life of the debt and are recorded in interest expense, net of capitalized interest using the effective interest method. Gains and losses on the extinguishment or modification of debt are recorded in loss on modification or extinguishment of debt on our Consolidated Statements of Income.

We classify debt on our Consolidated Balance Sheets based on contractual maturity, with the following exceptions:

- We classify term debt that is contractually due within one year as long-term debt if management has the intent and ability to refinance the current portion of such debt with future cash proceeds from an executed long-term debt agreement.
- We evaluate the classification of long-term debt extinguished after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued based on facts and circumstances existing as of the balance sheet date.

## Asset Retirement Obligations

We recognize AROs for legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and/or normal use of the asset and for conditional AROs in which the timing or method of settlement are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within our control. The fair value of a liability for an ARO is recognized in the period in which it is incurred, if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The fair value of the liability is added to the carrying amount of the associated asset. This additional carrying amount is depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset.

We have not recorded an ARO associated with the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. Based on the real property lease agreements at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, at the expiration of the term of the leases we are required to surrender the LNG terminal in good working order and repair, with normal wear and tear and casualty expected. Our property lease agreements at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal have terms of up to 90 years including renewal options. We have determined that the cost to surrender the Sabine Pass LNG terminal in good order and repair, with normal wear and tear and casualty expected, is immaterial.

We have not recorded an ARO associated with the Creole Trail Pipeline. We believe that it is not feasible to predict when the natural gas transportation services provided by the Creole Trail Pipeline will no longer be utilized. In addition, our right-of-way agreements associated with the Creole Trail Pipeline have no stipulated termination dates. We intend to operate the Creole Trail Pipeline as long as supply and demand for natural gas exists in the United States and intend to maintain it regularly.

## Income Taxes

We are not subject to federal or state income taxes, as our partners are taxed individually on their allocable share of our taxable income. At December 31, 2021, the tax basis of our assets and liabilities was \$8.3 billion less than the reported amounts of our assets and liabilities. See <u>Note 14—Related Party Transactions</u> for details about income taxes under our tax sharing agreements.

#### **Business Segment**

Our liquefaction and regasification operations at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal represent a single reportable segment. Our chief operating decision maker reviews the financial results of CQP in total when evaluating financial performance and for purposes of allocating resources.

#### **Recent Accounting Standards**

In March 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting.* This guidance primarily provides temporary optional expedients which simplify the accounting for contract modifications to existing debt agreements expected to arise from the market transition from LIBOR to alternative reference rates. The optional expedients were available to be used upon issuance of this guidance but we have not yet applied the guidance because we have not yet modified any of our existing contracts for reference rate reform. Once we apply an optional expedient to a modified contract and adopt this standard, the guidance will be applied to all subsequent applicable contract modifications until December 31, 2022, at which time the optional expedients are no longer available.

# NOTE 4—RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Restricted cash and cash equivalents consists of funds that are contractually or legally restricted as to usage or withdrawal and have been presented separately from cash and cash equivalents on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, we had \$98 million and \$97 million of restricted cash and cash equivalents, respectively.

Pursuant to the accounts agreement entered into with the collateral trustee for the benefit of SPL's debt holders, SPL is required to deposit all cash received into reserve accounts controlled by the collateral trustee. The usage or withdrawal of such cash is restricted to the payment of liabilities related to the Liquefaction Project and other restricted payments.

# NOTE 5—ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, NET OF CURRENT EXPECTED CREDIT LOSSES

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, accounts and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses consisted of the following (in millions):

	Detember eri,				
	2021	2020			
SPL trade receivable	\$ 546	\$ 300			
Other accounts receivable	34	18			
Total accounts and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses	\$ 580	\$ 318			

December 31.

# NOTE 6—INVENTORY

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, inventory consisted of the following (in millions):

December 31,					
2021			2020		
\$	86	\$	81		
	45		8		
	43		17		
	2		1		
\$	176	\$	107		
		Decem 2021 \$ 86 45 43 2	December 31,           2021         \$         \$           \$         86         \$           45         43         2		

## NOTE 7—PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation consisted of the following (in millions):

	December 31,				
		2021		2020	
LNG terminal					
LNG terminal and interconnecting pipeline facilities	\$	16,973	\$	16,908	
LNG terminal construction-in-process		2,746		2,154	
Accumulated depreciation		(2,893)		(2,344)	
Total LNG terminal, net of accumulated depreciation		16,826		16,718	
Fixed assets					
Fixed assets		29		29	
Accumulated depreciation		(25)		(24)	
Total fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation		4		5	
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$	16,830	\$	16,723	

The following table shows depreciation expense and offsets to LNG terminal costs during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 (in millions):

		Year Ended December 31,						
	2	021	2020	2019				
Depreciation expense	\$	552 \$	547	\$	523			
Offsets to LNG terminal costs (1)		105	_		48			

(1) We recognize offsets to LNG terminal costs related to the sale of commissioning cargoes because these amounts were earned or loaded prior to the start of commercial operations of the respective Trains of the Liquefaction Project during the testing phase for its construction.

## LNG Terminal Costs

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal is depreciated using the straight-line depreciation method applied to groups of LNG terminal assets with varying useful lives. The identifiable components of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal have depreciable lives between 6 and 50 years, as follows:

Components	Useful life (years)
LNG storage tanks	50
Natural gas pipeline facilities	40
Marine berth, electrical, facility and roads	35
Water pipelines	30
Regasification processing equipment	30
Sendout pumps	20
Liquefaction processing equipment	6-50
Other	10-30

# **Fixed Assets and Other**

Our fixed assets and other are recorded at cost and are depreciated on a straight-line method based on estimated lives of the individual assets or groups of assets.

## NOTE 8—DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

We have entered into commodity derivatives consisting of natural gas supply contracts for the commissioning and operation of the Liquefaction Project ("Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives," and collectively with the Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives, the "Liquefaction Supply Derivatives").

We recognize our derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities and measure those instruments at fair value. None of our derivative instruments are designated as cash flow or fair value hedging instruments, and changes in fair value are recorded within our Consolidated Statements of Income to the extent not utilized for the commissioning process, in which case it is capitalized.

The following table shows the fair value of our derivative instruments that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 (in millions):

								Fair Value M	easur	ements as of				
	-	December 31, 2021							December	r 31, 20	020			
	Quoted P Active M (Leve	arkets	Obser	ificant Other rvable Inputs (Level 2)	Unol	Significant bservable Inputs (Level 3)		Total		Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	gnificant Other servable Inputs (Level 2)	Uno	Significant bservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives asset (liability)	\$	2	\$	(13)	\$	38	\$	27	\$	1	\$ (1)	\$	(21)	\$ (21)



We value our Liquefaction Supply Derivatives using a market-based approach incorporating present value techniques, as needed, using observable commodity price curves, when available, and other relevant data.

The fair value of our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives is predominantly driven by observable and unobservable market commodity prices and, as applicable to our natural gas supply contracts, our assessment of the associated events deriving fair value.

We include a portion of our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives as Level 3 within the valuation hierarchy as the fair value is developed through the use of internal models which incorporate significant unobservable inputs. In instances where observable data is unavailable, consideration is given to the assumptions that market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability. This includes assumptions about market risks, such as future prices of energy units for unobservable periods, liquidity, volatility and contract duration.

The Level 3 fair value measurements of natural gas positions within our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives could be materially impacted by a significant change in certain natural gas prices. The following table includes quantitative information for the unobservable inputs for our Level 3 Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives as of December 31, 2021:

	Net Fair Value Asset (in millions)	Valuation Approach	Significant Unobservable Input	Range of Significant Unobservable Inputs / Weighted Average (1)
Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	\$38	Market approach incorporating present value techniques	Henry Hub basis spread	\$(1.368) - \$0.250 / \$0.012

(1) Unobservable inputs were weighted by the relative fair value of the instruments.

Increases or decreases in basis, in isolation, would decrease or increase, respectively, the fair value of our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives.

The following table shows the changes in the fair value of our Level 3 Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,					
		2021	2020	2019		
Balance, beginning of period	\$	(21)	\$ 24	\$ (25)		
Realized and mark-to-market gains (losses):						
Included in cost of sales		74	(43)	6		
Purchases and settlements:						
Purchases		(10)	5	—		
Settlements		(5)	(7)	42		
Transfers out of Level 3, net (1)		—		1		
Balance, end of period	\$	38	\$ (21)	\$ 24		
Change in unrealized gain (loss) relating to instruments still held at end of period	\$	74	\$ (43)	\$ 6		

(1) Transferred into Level 3 as a result of unobservable market, or out of Level 3 as a result of observable market for the underlying natural gas purchase agreements.

All counterparty derivative contracts provide for the unconditional right of set-off in the event of default. We have elected to report derivative assets and liabilities arising from our derivative contracts with the same counterparty on a net basis. The use of derivative instruments exposes us to counterparty credit risk, or the risk that a counterparty will be unable to meet its commitments in instances when our derivative instruments are in an asset position. Additionally, counterparties are at risk that we will be unable to meet our commitments in instances where our derivative instruments are in a liability position. We incorporate both our own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of our derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, we have considered the impact of any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings, set-off rights and guarantees.



## **Liquefaction Supply Derivatives**

SPL has entered into primarily index-based physical natural gas supply contracts and associated economic hedges to purchase natural gas for the commissioning and operation of the Liquefaction Project. The remaining terms of the physical natural gas supply contracts range up to 10 years, some of which commence upon the satisfaction of certain events or states of affairs. The terms of the Financial Liquefaction Supply Derivatives range up to approximately three years.

The notional natural gas position of our Liquefaction Supply Derivatives was approximately5,194 TBtu and 4,970 TBtu as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

# Fair Value and Location of Derivative Assets and Liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets

The following table shows the fair value and location of our Liquefaction Supply Derivatives on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions):

	Fair Value Measurements as of (1)						
Consolidated Balance Sheets Location	Decemb	er 31, 2021	December 31, 2020				
Current derivative assets	\$	21 \$		14			
Derivative assets		33		11			
Total derivative assets		54		25			
Current derivative liabilities		(16)		(11)			
Derivative liabilities		(11)		(35)			
Total derivative liabilities		(27)		(46)			
Derivative asset (liability), net	\$	27 \$		(21)			

(1) Does not include collateral posted with counterparties by us of \$7 million and \$4 million, which are included in other current assets in our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Includes a natural gas supply contract that SPL had with a related party, which had a fair value of zero as of December 31, 2020. This agreement is not considered a related party agreement as of December 31, 2021 as discussed in <u>Note 14—Related Party Transactions</u>.

The following table shows the effect and location of our Liquefaction Supply Derivatives recorded on our Consolidated Statements of Income during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 (in millions):

		Gain (Loss) Recognized in Consolidated Statements of Income					
	Year Ended December 31,						
<b>Consolidated Statements of Income Location (1)</b>		2021	2020	2019			
LNG revenues	\$	(1) \$	— \$	1			
Cost of sales		30	(49)	71			
Cost of sales—related party (2)		2	—	_			

(1) Does not include the realized value associated with derivative instruments that settle through physical delivery. Fair value fluctuations associated with commodity derivative activities are classified and presented consistently with the item economically hedged and the nature and intent of the derivative instrument.

(2) Includes amounts recorded related to natural gas supply contracts that SPL had with a related party. This agreement ceased to be considered a related party agreement during 2021, as discussed in <u>Note 14—Related Party Transactions</u>.



# **Consolidated Balance Sheets Presentation**

Our derivative instruments are presented on a net basis on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as described above. The following table shows the fair value of our derivatives outstanding on a gross and net basis (in millions):

	Liquefaction	Liquefaction Supply Derivatives			
As of December 31, 2021					
Gross assets	\$	79			
Offsetting amounts		(25)			
Net assets	<u>\$</u>	54			
Gross liabilities	\$	(33)			
Offsetting amounts		6			
Net liabilities	\$	(27)			
As of December 31, 2020					
Gross assets	\$	69			
Offsetting amounts		(44)			
Net assets	\$	25			
Gross liabilities	\$	(48)			
Offsetting amounts		2			
Net liabilities	\$	(46)			

# NOTE 9-OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS, NET

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, other non-current assets, net consisted of the following (in millions):

		December 31,					
	2	021	2020				
Advances made to municipalities for water system enhancements	\$	81 \$	84				
Advances and other asset conveyances to third parties to support LNG terminal		37	33				
Advances made under EPC and non-EPC contracts		5	9				
Tax-related prepayments and receivables		15	17				
Information technology service prepayments		5	6				
Other		30	11				
Total other non-current assets, net	\$	173 \$	160				

# NOTE 10—ACCRUED LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, accrued liabilities consisted of the following (in millions):

	December 31,				
		2021		2020	
Accrued natural gas purchases	\$	786	\$	374	
Interest costs and related debt fees		180		203	
LNG terminal and related pipeline costs		101		71	
Other accrued liabilities		6		10	
Total accrued liabilities	\$	1,073	\$	658	

# NOTE 11-DEBT

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, our debt consisted of the following (in millions):

	December 31,			
		2021		2020
SPL:				
Senior Secured Notes:				
6.25% due 2022	\$	_	\$	1,000
5.625% due 2023		1,500		1,500
5.75% due 2024		2,000		2,000
5.625% due 2025		2,000		2,000
5.875% due 2026		1,500		1,500
5.00% due 2027		1,500		1,500
4.200% due 2028		1,350		1,350
4.500% due 2030		2,000		2,000
4.27% weighted average rate due 2037		1,282		800
Total SPL Senior Secured Notes		13,132		13,650
\$1.2 billion Working Capital Revolving Credit and Letter of Credit Reimbursement Agreement ("2020 SPL Working Capital Facility")		_		_
Total debt - SPL		13,132		13,650
CQP:				
Senior Notes:				
5.250% due 2025		_		1,500
5.625% due 2026		_		1,100
4.500% due 2029		1,500		1,500
4.000% due 2031		1,500		_
3.25% due 2032		1,200		_
Total CQP Senior Notes		4,200		4,100
CQP Credit Facilities executed in 2019 ("2019 CQP Credit Facilities")		_		_
Total debt - COP		4,200		4,100
Total debt		17,332		17,750
Unamortized premium, discount and debt issuance costs, net		(155)		(170)
Total long-term debt, net of premium, discount and debt issuance costs	\$	17,177	\$	17,580

### Senior Notes

### SPL Senior Secured Notes

The SPL Senior Secured Notes are senior secured obligations of SPL, ranking equally in right of payment with SPL's other existing and future senior debt and secured by the same collateral and senior in right of payment to any of its future subordinated debt. Subject to permitted liens, the SPL Senior Secured Notes are secured on a *pari passu* first-priority basis by a security interest in all of the membership interests in SPL and substantially all of SPL's assets. SPL may, at any time, redeem all or part of the SPL Senior Secured Notes at specified prices set forth in the respective indentures governing the SPL Senior Secured Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. The series of SPL Senior Secured Notes due in 2037 are fully amortizing according to a fixed sculpted amortization schedule, as set forth in the respective indentures.

### CQP Senior Notes

The CQP Senior Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed by each of our subsidiaries other than SPL and, subject to certain conditions governing its guarantee, Sabine Pass LP (each a "Guarantor" and collectively, the "CQP Guarantors"). The CQP Senior Notes are our senior obligations, ranking equally in right of payment with our other existing and future unsubordinated debt and senior to any of its future subordinated debt. In the event that the aggregate amount of our secured indebtedness and the secured indebtedness of the CQP Guarantors (other than the CQP Senior Notes or any other series of notes issued under the CQP Base Indenture) outstanding at any one time exceeds the greater of (1) \$1.5 billion and (2) 10% of net tangible assets, the CQP Senior Notes will be secured to the same extent as such obligations under the 2019 CQP Credit

Facilities. The obligations under the 2019 CQP Credit Facilities are unconditionally guaranteed and secured by a first-priority lien (subject to permitted encumbrances) on substantially all of our existing and future tangible and intangible assets and rights and the CQP Guarantors and equity interests in the CQP Guarantors (except, in each case, for certain excluded properties set forth in the 2019 CQP Credit Facilities). The liens securing the CQP Senior Notes, if applicable, will be shared equally and ratably (subject to permitted liens) with the holders of other senior secured obligations, which include the 2019 CQP Credit Facilities obligations and any future additional senior secured debt obligations. We may, at any time, redeem all or part of the CQP Senior Notes at specified prices set forth in the respective indentures governing the CQP Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

Below is a schedule of future principal payments that we are obligated to make, based on current construction schedules, on our outstanding debt at December 31, 2021 (in millions):

Years Ending December 31,	Principal Payments
2022	\$ —
2023	1,500
2024	2,000
2025	2,037
2026	1,579
Thereafter	10,216
Total	\$ 17,332

# **Credit Facilities**

Below is a summary of our credit facilities outstanding as of December 31, 2021 (in millions):

	2020 SPL V	2020 SPL Working Capital Facility (1)		t Facilities (2)
Original facility size	\$	1,200	\$	1,500
Less:				
Outstanding balance		—		—
Commitments prepaid or terminated		—		750
Letters of credit issued		395		—
Available commitment	\$	805	\$	750
Priority ranking		Senior secured	Senior se	ecured
Interest rate on available balance	LIBOR plus 1.125%	% - 1.750% or base rate plus 0.125% - 0.750%	LIBOR plus 1.25% - 2.125% 1.125	
Weighted average interest rate of outstanding balance		n/a	n/a	1
Commitment fees on undrawn balance		0.20%	0.49	%
Maturity date		March 19, 2025	May 29	2024

(1) The obligations of SPL under the 2020 SPL Working Capital Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of SPL as well as a pledge of all of the membership interests in SPL and certain future subsidiaries of SPL on a *pari passu* basis by a first priority lien with the SPL Senior Secured Notes.

(2) The rights and privileges of the 2019 CQP Credit Facilities are discussed above in CQP Senior Notes.

## **Restrictive Debt Covenants**

The indentures governing our senior notes and other agreements underlying our debt contain customary terms and events of default and certain covenants that, among other things, may limit us and our restricted subsidiaries' ability to make certain investments or pay dividends or distributions. We and SPL are restricted from making distributions under agreements governing our and SPL's indebtedness generally until, among other requirements, deposits are made into any required debt service reserve accounts and a historical debt service coverage ratio and projected debt service coverage ratio of at least 1.25:1.00 is satisfied. At December 31, 2021, our restricted net assets of consolidated subsidiaries were approximately \$1.6 billion.

As of December 31, 2021, we and SPL were in compliance with all covenants related to our respective debt agreements.

## Interest Expense

Total interest expense, net of capitalized interest consisted of the following (in millions):

	 Year Ended December 31,					
	 2021		2020		2019	
Total interest cost	\$ 963	\$	1,005	\$	972	
Capitalized interest	(132)		(96)		(87)	
Total interest expense, net of capitalized interest	\$ 831	\$	909	\$	885	

## **Fair Value Disclosures**

The following table shows the carrying amount and estimated fair value of our debt (in millions):

		Decembe		December 31, 2020					
	Carryin Amour		Estimated Fair Value		Carrying Amount		Estimated Fair Value		
Senior notes — Level 2 (1)	\$	16,050	\$ 17	496 \$	16,950	\$	19,113		
Senior notes — Level 3 (2)		1,282	1	466	800		1,036		
Credit facilities — Level 3 (3)		_			_		_		

(1) The Level 2 estimated fair value was based on quotes obtained from broker-dealers or market makers of these senior notes and other similar instruments.

(2) The Level 3 estimated fair value was calculated based on inputs that are observable in the market or that could be derived from, or corroborated with, observable market data, including interest rates based on debt issued by parties with comparable credit ratings to us and inputs that are not observable in the market.

(3) The Level 3 estimated fair value approximates the principal amount because the interest rates are variable and reflective of market rates and the debt may be repaid, in full or in part, at any time without penalty.

## NOTE 12—LEASES

Our leased assets consist primarily of tug vessels and land sites, all of which are classified as operating leases.

The following table shows the classification and location of our right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions):

		December 31,		
	<b>Consolidated Balance Sheets Location</b>	 2021		2020
Right-of-use assets—Operating	Operating lease assets	\$ 98	\$	99
Current operating lease liabilities	Current operating lease liabilities	8		7
Non-current operating lease liabilities	Operating lease liabilities	89		90

The following table shows the classification and location of our lease costs on our Consolidated Statements of Income (in millions):

			Tear Ended Detember 51,				
	<b>Consolidated Statements of Income Location</b>	2	2021		2020		2019
Operating lease cost (1)	Operating costs and expenses (2)	\$	12	\$	12	\$	11

Vear Ended December 31

(1) Includes \$1 million of variable lease costs paid to the lessor during each of the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

(2) Presented in cost of sales, operating and maintenance expense, general and administrative expense or general and administrative expense—affiliate consistent with the nature of the asset under lease.



Future annual minimum lease payments for operating leases as of December 31, 2021 are as follows (in millions):

Years Ending December 31,	Operating Leases (1)	1
2022	\$	11
2023		12
2024		12
2025		12
2026		12
Thereafter		106
Total lease payments		165
Less: Interest		(68)
Present value of lease liabilities	\$	97

(1) Does not include \$26 million of legally binding minimum lease payments primarily for tugboats which were executed as of December 31, 2021 but will commence in future periods primarily in the next year and have fixed minimum lease terms of up to six years.

The following table shows the weighted-average remaining lease term and the weighted-average discount rate for our operating leases:

	Dec	mber 51,
	2021	2020
Weighted-average remaining lease term (in years)	23.	4 24.5
Weighted-average discount rate	3.6 %	<sup>6</sup> 4.1 %

The following table includes other quantitative information for our operating leases (in millions):

		Year Ended December 31,				
	2	2021 2	2020	2019		
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:						
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$	11 \$	11 \$	10		
Leased assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities		7	11	5		

## NOTE 13—REVENUES FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

The following table represents a disaggregation of revenue earned from contracts with customers during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,				
		2021	2020		2019
LNG revenues (1)	\$	7,640	\$ 5,195	\$	5,210
LNG revenues—affiliate		1,472	662		1,312
LNG revenues—related party		1	_		
Regasification revenues		269	269		266
Other revenues		53	41		49
Total revenues from customers		9,435	6,167		6,837
Net derivative gain (loss) (2)		(1)			1
Total revenues	\$	9,434	\$ 6,167	\$	6,838

(1) LNG revenues include revenues for LNG cargoes in which our customers exercised their contractual right to not take delivery but remained obligated to pay fixed fees irrespective of such election. During the year ended December 31, 2020, we recognized \$553 million in LNG revenues associated with LNG cargoes for which customers notified us that they would not take delivery. We did not have revenues associated with LNG cargoes for which customers notified us that they would not take delivery during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2019. Revenue is generally recognized upon receipt of irrevocable notice that a customer will not take delivery because our customers have no contractual right to take delivery of such LNG cargo in future periods and our performance obligations with respect to such LNG cargo have been satisfied.

<sup>(2)</sup> See <u>Note 8—Derivative Instruments</u> for additional information about our derivatives.

### LNG Revenues

We have entered into numerous SPAs with third party customers for the sale of LNG on a free on board ("FOB") (delivered to the customer at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal) basis. Our customers generally purchase LNG for a price consisting of a fixed fee per MMBtu of LNG (a portion of which is subject to annual adjustment for inflation) plus a variable fee per MMBtu of LNG generally equal to 115% of Henry Hub. The fixed fee component is the amount payable to us regardless of a cancellation or suspension of LNG cargo deliveries by the customers. The variable fee component is the amount generally payable to us only upon delivery of LNG plus all future adjustments to the fixed fee for inflation. The SPAs and contracted volumes to be made available under the SPAs are not tied to a specific Train; however, the term of each SPA generally commences upon the date of first commercial delivery of a specified Train. Additionally, we have agreements with Cheniere Marketing for which the related revenues are recorded as LNG revenues—affiliate. See <u>Note 14—Related Party Transactions</u> for additional information regarding these agreements.

Revenues from the sale of LNG are recognized at a point in time when the LNG is delivered to the customer, at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, which is the point legal title, physical possession and the risks and rewards of ownership transfer to the customer. Each individual molecule of LNG is viewed as a separate performance obligation. The stated contract price (including both fixed and variable fees) per MMBtu in each LNG sales arrangement is representative of the stand-alone selling price for LNG at the time the contract was negotiated. We have concluded that the variable fees meet the exception for allocating variable consideration to specific parts of the contract. As such, the variable consideration for these contracts is allocated to each distinct molecule of LNG and recognized when that distinct molecule of LNG is delivered to the customer. Because of the use of the exception, variable consideration related to the sale of LNG is also not included in the transaction price.

Fees received pursuant to SPAs are recognized as LNG revenues only after substantial completion of the respective Train. Prior to substantial completion, sales generated during the commissioning phase are offset against the cost of construction for the respective Train, as the production and removal of LNG from storage is necessary to test the facility and bring the asset to the condition necessary for its intended use.

#### **Regasification Revenues**

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal has operational regasification capacity of approximately4 Bcf/d. Approximately 2 Bcf/d of the regasification capacity at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal has been reserved under two long-term TUAs with unaffiliated third party customers, under which they are required to pay fixed monthly fees regardless of their use of the LNG terminal. Each of the customers has reserved approximately 1 Bcf/d of regasification capacity. The customers are each obligated to make monthly capacity payments to SPLNG aggregating approximately \$125 million annually for 20 years that commenced in 2009, which is representative of fixed consideration in the contract. A portion of this fee is adjusted annually for inflation which is considered variable consideration. The remaining capacity of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal has been reserved by SPL, for which the associated revenues are eliminated in consolidation.

Because SPLNG is continuously available to provide regasification service on a daily basis with the same pattern of transfer, we have concluded that SPLNG provides a single performance obligation to its customers on a continuous basis over time. We have determined that an output method of recognition based on elapsed time best reflects the benefits of this service to the customer and accordingly, LNG regasification capacity reservation fees are recognized as regasification revenues on a straight-line basis over the term of the respective TUAs.

In 2012, SPL entered into a partial TUA assignment agreement with TotalEnergies Gas & Power North America, Inc. ("Total"), whereby upon substantial completion of Train 5 of the Liquefaction Project, SPL gained access to substantially all of Total's capacity and other services provided under Total's TUA with SPLNG. This agreement provides SPL with additional berthing and storage capacity at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal that may be used to provide increased flexibility in managing LNG cargo loading and unloading activity and permit SPL to more flexibly manage its LNG storage capacity. Notwithstanding any arrangements between Total and SPL, payments required to be made by Total to SPLNG will continue to be made by Total to SPLNG in accordance with its TUA and we continue to recognize the payments received from Total as revenue. During the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, SPL recorded \$129 million, \$129 million and \$104 million, respectively, as operating and maintenance expense under this partial TUA assignment agreement.



# **Contract Assets and Liabilities**

The following table shows our contract assets, net of current expected credit losses, which are classified as other current assets and other non-current assets, net on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions):

	December 31,			
	2021	l	2020	
Contract assets, net of current expected credit losses	\$	1 \$		—

Contract assets represent our right to consideration for transferring goods or services to the customer under the terms of a sales contract when the associated consideration is not yet due. Changes in contract assets during the year ended December 31, 2021 were primarily attributable to revenue recognized due to the delivery of LNG under certain SPAs for which the associated consideration was not yet due.

The following table reflects the changes in our contract liabilities, which we classify as deferred revenue on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions):

	Year Ended Do	cember 51, 2021
Deferred revenue, beginning of period	\$	137
Cash received but not yet recognized in revenue		155
Revenue recognized from prior period deferral		(137)
Deferred revenue, end of period	\$	155

The following table reflects the changes in our contract liabilities to affiliate, which we classify as deferred revenue—affiliate and other non-current liabilities—affiliate on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions):

	Year Ended Dece	mber 31, 2021
Deferred revenue-affiliate, beginning of period	\$	1
Cash received but not yet recognized in revenue		3
Revenue recognized from prior period deferral		(1)
Deferred revenue—affiliate, end of period	\$	3

We record deferred revenue when we receive consideration, or such consideration is unconditionally due from a customer, prior to transferring goods or services to the customer under the terms of a sales contract. Changes in deferred revenue during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 are primarily attributable to differences between the timing of revenue recognition and the receipt of advance payments related to delivery of LNG under certain SPAs.

### **Transaction Price Allocated to Future Performance Obligations**

Because many of our sales contracts have long-term durations, we are contractually entitled to significant future consideration which we have not yet recognized as revenue. The following table discloses the aggregate amount of the transaction price that is allocated to performance obligations that have not yet been satisfied as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

		Decemb	ber 31, 2021	December 31, 2020			
		Unsatisfied ransaction Price (in billions)	Weighted Average Recognition Timing (years) (1)		Unsatisfied Transaction Price (in billions)	Weighted Average Recognition Timing (years) (1)	
LNG revenues	\$	49.3	9	\$	52.1	9	
LNG revenues—affiliate		2.1	3		0.1	1	
Regasification revenues		1.9	4		2.1	5	
Total revenues	\$	53.3		\$	54.3		

(1) The weighted average recognition timing represents an estimate of the number of years during which we shall have recognized half of the unsatisfied transaction price.



We have elected the following exemptions which omit certain potential future sources of revenue from the table above:

- (1) We omit from the table above all performance obligations that are part of a contract that has an original expected duration of one year or less.
- (2) The table above excludes substantially all variable consideration under our SPAs and TUAs. We omit from the table above all variable consideration that is allocated entirely to a wholly unsatisfied performance obligation or to a wholly unsatisfied promise to transfer a distinct good or service that forms part of a single performance obligation when that performance obligation qualifies as a series. The amount of revenue from variable fees that is not included in the transaction price will vary based on the future prices of Henry Hub throughout the contract terms, to the extent customers elect to take delivery of their LNG, and adjustments to the consumer price index. Certain of our contracts contain additional variable consideration based on the outcome of contingent events and the movement of various indexes. We have not included such variable consideration in the transaction price to the extent the consideration is considered constrained due to the uncertainty of ultimate pricing and receipt. Approximately 61% and 42% of our LNG revenues from customers. Approximately 96% and 100% of our LNG revenues—affiliate from contracts included in the table above during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, were related to variable consideration received from customers. During each of the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, approximately 5% of our regasification revenues were related to variable consideration received from customers.

We may enter into contracts to sell LNG that are conditioned upon one or both of the parties achieving certain milestones such as reaching a final investment decision on a certain liquefaction Train, obtaining financing or achieving substantial completion of a Train and any related facilities. These contracts are considered completed contracts for revenue recognition purposes and are included in the transaction price above when the conditions are considered probable of being met.

# NOTE 14—RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Below is a summary of our related party transactions as reported on our Consolidated Statements of Income during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 (in millions):

Year Ended December 31,				
	2021	2020		2019
\$	1,453	\$ 632	\$	1,309
	19	30		3
	1,472	662		1,312
	1	—		_
	34	61		
	50	16		7
	84	77		7
	1	_		
	16	_		_
	17	—		
	142	152		138
	46	13		
	85	96		102
	2	2		2
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(1) Includes amounts recorded related to natural gas supply contracts that SPL had with a related party. This agreement ceased to be considered a related party agreement during 2021, as discussed below.

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, we had \$232 million and \$184 million, respectively, of accounts receivable—affiliate under the agreements described below.

#### **Cheniere Marketing Agreements**

### Cheniere Marketing SPA

Cheniere Marketing has an SPA ("Base SPA") with SPL to purchase, at Cheniere Marketing's option, any LNG produced by SPL in excess of that required for other customers at a price of 115% of Henry Hub plus \$3.00 per MMBtu of LNG.

In May 2019, SPL and Cheniere Marketing entered into an amendment to the Base SPA to remove certain conditions related to the sale of LNG from Trains 5 and 6 of the Liquefaction Project and provide that cargoes rejected by Cheniere Marketing under the Base SPA can be sold by SPL to Cheniere Marketing at a contract price equal to a portion of the estimated net profits from the sale of such cargo.

#### Cheniere Marketing Master SPA

SPL has an agreement with Cheniere Marketing that allows the parties to sell and purchase LNG with each other by executing and delivering confirmations under this agreement.

#### Cheniere Marketing Letter Agreements

Cheniere Marketing has letter agreements with SPL to purchase up to306 cargoes to be delivered between 2022 and 2027 at a weighted average price of \$1.95 plus 115% of Henry Hub.

In December 2020, SPL and Cheniere Marketing entered into a letter agreement for the sale of up to30 cargoes that were delivered in 2021 at a price of 115% of Henry Hub plus \$0.728 per MMBtu.

In December 2019, SPL and Cheniere Marketing entered into a letter agreement for the sale of up to43 cargoes that were delivered in 2020 at a price of 115% of Henry Hub plus \$1.67 per MMBtu.

In May 2019, SPL and Cheniere Marketing entered into a letter agreement for the sale of up to20 cargoes totaling approximately 70 million MMBtu that were delivered between May 3 and December 31, 2019 at a price of 115% of Henry Hub plus \$2.00 per MMBtu.

### Facility Swap Agreement

In August 2020, SPL entered into an arrangement with subsidiaries of Cheniere to provide the ability, in limited circumstances, to potentially fulfill commitments to LNG buyers in the event operational conditions impact operations at either the Sabine Pass or Corpus Christi liquefaction facilities. The purchase price for such cargoes would be (i) 115% of the applicable natural gas feedstock purchase price or (ii) a free-on-board U.S. Gulf Coast LNG market price, whichever is greater.

# Natural Gas Transportation and Storage Agreements

SPL is party to various natural gas transportation and storage agreements and CTPL is party to an operational balancing agreement with a related party in the ordinary course of business for the operation of the Liquefaction Project, with initial primary terms of up to 10 years with extension rights. This related party is partially owned by Brookfield, who indirectly acquired a portion of our limited partner interests in September 2020 through its purchase of a portion of CQP Target Holdco's equity interests. In addition to the amounts recorded on our Consolidated Statements of Income in the table above, we recorded accrued liabilities—related party of \$4 million as of both December 31, 2021 and 2020 with this related party.

#### Services Agreements

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, we had \$141 million and \$144 million of advances to affiliates, respectively, under the services agreements described below. The non-reimbursement amounts incurred under these agreements are recorded in general and administrative expense—affiliate.

# CQP Services Agreement

We have a services agreement with Cheniere Terminals, a subsidiary of Cheniere, pursuant to which Cheniere Terminals is entitled to a quarterly non-accountable overhead reimbursement charge of \$3 million (adjusted for inflation) for the provision of various general and administrative services for our benefit. In addition, Cheniere Terminals is entitled to reimbursement for all audit, tax, legal and finance fees incurred by Cheniere Terminals that are necessary to perform the services under the agreement.

#### Cheniere Investments Information Technology Services Agreement

Cheniere Investments has an information technology services agreement with Cheniere, pursuant to which Cheniere Investments' subsidiaries receive certain information technology services. On a quarterly basis, the various entities receiving the benefit are invoiced by Cheniere Investments according to the cost allocation percentages set forth in the agreement. In



addition, Cheniere is entitled to reimbursement for all costs incurred by Cheniere that are necessary to perform the services under the agreement.

#### SPLNG O&M Agreement

SPLNG has a long-term operation and maintenance agreement (the "SPLNG O&M Agreement") with Cheniere Investments pursuant to which SPLNG receives all necessary services required to operate and maintain the Sabine Pass LNG receiving terminal. SPLNG pays a fixed monthly fee of \$130,000 (indexed for inflation) under the SPLNG O&M Agreement and the cost of a bonus equal to 50% of the salary component of labor costs in certain circumstances to be agreed upon between SPLNG and Cheniere Investments at the beginning of each operating year. In addition, SPLNG is required to reimburse Cheniere Investments for its operating expenses, which consist primarily of labor expenses. Cheniere Investments provides the services required under the SPLNG O&M Agreement pursuant to a secondment agreement with a wholly owned subsidiary of Cheniere. All payments received by Cheniere Investments under the SPLNG O&M Agreement are required to such subsidiary.

#### SPLNG MSA

SPLNG has a long-term management services agreement (the "SPLNG MSA") with Cheniere Terminals, pursuant to which Cheniere Terminals manages the operation of the Sabine Pass LNG receiving terminal, excluding those matters provided for under the SPLNG O&M Agreement. SPLNG pays a monthly fixed fee of \$520,000 (indexed for inflation) under the SPLNG MSA.

#### SPL O&M Agreement

SPL has an operation and maintenance agreement (the "SPL O&M Agreement") with Cheniere Investments pursuant to which SPL receives all of the necessary services required to construct, operate and maintain the Liquefaction Project. Before each Train of the Liquefaction Project is operational, the services to be provided include, among other services, obtaining governmental approvals on behalf of SPL, preparing an operating plan for certain periods, obtaining insurance, preparing staffing plans and preparing status reports. After each Train is operational, the services include all necessary services required to operate and maintain the Train. Prior to the substantial completion of each Train of the Liquefaction Project, in addition to reimbursement of operating expenses, SPL is required to pay a monthly fee equal to 0.6% of the capital expenditures incurred in the previous month. After substantial completion of each Train, for services with respect to the Train. Cheniere Investments provides the services required under the SPL O&M Agreement pursuant to a secondment agreement with a wholly owned subsidiary of Cheniere. All payments received by Cheniere Investments under the SPL O&M Agreement are required to be remitted to such subsidiary.

#### SPL MSA

SPL has a management services agreement (the "SPL MSA") with Cheniere Terminals pursuant to which Cheniere Terminals manages the construction and operation of the Liquefaction Project, excluding those matters provided for under the SPL O&M Agreement. The services include, among other services, exercising the day-to-day management of SPL's affairs and business, managing SPL's regulatory matters, managing bank and brokerage accounts and financial books and records of SPL's business and operations, entering into financial derivatives on SPL's behalf and providing contract administration services for all contracts associated with the Liquefaction Project. Prior to the substantial completion of each Train of the Liquefaction Project, SPL pays a monthly fee equal to 2.4% of the capital expenditures incurred in the previous month. After substantial completion of each Train, SPL will pay a fixed monthly fee of \$541,667 (indexed for inflation) for services with respect to such Train.

#### CTPL O&M Agreement

CTPL has an amended long-term operation and maintenance agreement (the "CTPL O&M Agreement") with Cheniere Investments pursuant to which CTPL receives all necessary services required to operate and maintain the Creole Trail Pipeline. CTPL is required to reimburse Cheniere Investments for its operating expenses, which consist primarily of labor expenses. Cheniere Investments provides the services required under the CTPL O&M Agreement pursuant to a secondment agreement



with a wholly owned subsidiary of Cheniere. All payments received by Cheniere Investments under the CTPL O&M Agreement are required to be remitted to such subsidiary.

#### CTPL MSA

CTPL has a management services agreement (the "CTPL MSA") with Cheniere Terminals pursuant to which Cheniere Terminals manages the operations and business of the Creole Trail Pipeline, excluding those matters provided for under the CTPL O&M Agreement. The services include, among other services, exercising the day-to-day management of CTPL's affairs and business, managing CTPL's regulatory matters, managing bank and brokerage accounts and financial books and records of CTPL's business and operations, providing contract administration services for all contracts associated with the Creole Trail Pipeline and obtaining insurance. CTPL is required to reimburse Cheniere Terminals for the aggregate of all costs and expenses incurred in the course of performing the services under the CTPL MSA.

#### Natural Gas Supply Agreement

SPL was party to a natural gas supply agreement with a related party in the ordinary course of business, to obtain a fixed minimum daily volume of feed gas for the operation of the Liquefaction Project. This related party was partially owned by Blackstone, who also indirectly owns a portion of our limited partner interests. However, this entity was acquired by a non-related party on December 31, 2021; therefore, as of such date, this agreement ceased to be considered a related party agreement.

#### Agreement to Fund SPLNG's Cooperative Endeavor Agreements

SPLNG has executed Cooperative Endeavor Agreements ("CEAs") with various Cameron Parish, Louisiana taxing authorities that allowed them to collect certain advanced payments of annual ad valorem taxes from SPLNG from 2007 through 2016. This initiative represented an aggregate commitment of \$25 million over 10 years in order to aid in their reconstruction efforts following Hurricane Rita. In exchange for SPLNG's advance payments of annual ad valorem taxes, Cameron Parish shall grant SPLNG a dollar-for-dollar credit against future ad valorem taxes to be levied against the Sabine Pass LNG terminal as early as 2019. Beginning in September 2007, SPLNG entered into various agreements with Cheniere Marketing, pursuant to which Cheniere Marketing would pay SPLNG additional TUA revenues equal to any and all amounts payable by SPLNG to the Cameron Parish taxing authorities under the CEAs. In exchange for such amounts received as TUA revenues from Cheniere Marketing, SPLNG will make payments to Cheniere Marketing equal to the dollar-for-dollar credit applied to the ad valorem tax levied against the Sabine Pass LNG terminal in the given year.

On a consolidated basis, these advance tax payments were recorded to other non-current assets, and payments from Cheniere Marketing that SPLNG utilized to make the ad valorem tax payments were recorded as obligations. We had \$2 million and \$2 million in due to affiliates and \$15 million and \$17 million of other non-current liabilities— affiliate as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, from these payments received from Cheniere Marketing.

#### Contracts for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas and LNG

SPLNG is able to sell and purchase natural gas and LNG under agreements with Cheniere Marketing. Under these agreements, SPLNG purchases natural gas or LNG from Cheniere Marketing at a sales price equal to the actual purchase price paid by Cheniere Marketing to suppliers of the natural gas or LNG, plus any third party costs incurred by Cheniere Marketing with respect to the receipt, purchase and delivery of natural gas or LNG to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal.

SPL has an agreement with CCL that allows them to sell and purchase natural gas from each other. Natural gas purchased under this agreement is initially recorded as inventory and then to cost of sales—affiliate upon its sale, except for purchases related to commissioning activities which are capitalized as LNG terminal construction-inprocess. Natural gas sold under this agreement is recorded as LNG revenues—affiliate.

# **Terminal Marine Services Agreement**

In connection with its tug boat lease, Tug Services entered into an agreement with Cheniere Terminals to provide its LNG cargo vessels with tug boat and marine services at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. The agreement also provides that Tug

Services shall contingently pay Cheniere Terminals a portion of its future revenues. Accordingly, Tug Services distributed \$9 million, \$6 million and \$8 million during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively, to Cheniere Terminals, which is recognized as part of the distributions to our general partner interest holders on our Consolidated Statements of Partners' Equity.

#### LNG Terminal Export Agreement

SPLNG and Cheniere Marketing have an LNG terminal export agreement that provides Cheniere Marketing the ability to export LNG from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. SPLNG did not record any revenues associated with this agreement during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

#### State Tax Sharing Agreements

SPLNG has a state tax sharing agreement with Cheniere. Under this agreement, Cheniere has agreed to prepare and file all state and local tax returns which SPLNG and Cheniere are required to file on a combined basis and to timely pay the combined state and local tax liability. If Cheniere, in its sole discretion, demands payment, SPLNG will pay to Cheniere an amount equal to the state and local tax that SPLNG would be required to pay if its state and local tax liability were calculated on a separate company basis. There have been no state and local taxes paid by Cheniere and Cheniere has not demanded any such payments from SPLNG under the agreement. The agreement is effective for tax returns due on or after January 1, 2008.

SPL has a state tax sharing agreement with Cheniere. Under this agreement, Cheniere has agreed to prepare and file all state and local tax returns which SPL and Cheniere are required to file on a combined basis and to timely pay the combined state and local tax liability. If Cheniere, in its sole discretion, demands payment, SPL will pay to Cheniere an amount equal to the state and local tax that SPL would be required to pay if SPL's state and local tax liability were calculated on a separate company basis. There have been no state and local taxes paid by Cheniere and Cheniere has not demanded any such payments from SPL under the agreement. The agreement is effective for tax returns due on or after August 2012.

CTPL has a state tax sharing agreement with Cheniere. Under this agreement, Cheniere has agreed to prepare and file all state and local tax returns which CTPL and Cheniere are required to file on a combined basis and to timely pay the combined state and local tax liability. If Cheniere, in its sole discretion, demands payment, CTPL will pay to Cheniere an amount equal to the state and local tax that CTPL would be required to pay if CTPL's state and local tax liability were calculated on a separate company basis. There have been no state and local taxes paid by Cheniere and Cheniere has not demanded any such payments from CTPL under the agreement. The agreement is effective for tax returns due on or after May 2013.

#### NOTE 15-NET INCOME PER COMMON UNIT

Net income per common unit for a given period is based on the distributions that will be made to the unitholders with respect to the period plus an allocation of undistributed net income (loss) based on provisions of the partnership agreement, divided by the weighted average number of common units outstanding. Distributions paid by us are presented on the Consolidated Statements of Partners' Equity. On January 28, 2022, we declared a \$0.700 distribution per common unit and the related distribution to our general partner and IDR holders that was paid on February 14, 2022 to unitholders of February 7, 2022 for the period from October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

The two-class method dictates that net income for a period be reduced by the amount of available cash that will be distributed with respect to that period and that any residual amount representing undistributed net income to be allocated to common unitholders and other participating unitholders to the extent that each unit may share in net income as if all of the net income for the period had been distributed in accordance with the partnership agreement. Undistributed income is allocated to participating securities based on the distribution waterfall for available cash specified in the partnership agreement. Undistributed losses (including those resulting from distributions in excess of net income) are allocated to common units and other participating securities on a pro rata basis based on provisions of the partnership agreement. Distributions are treated as distributed earnings in the computation of earnings per common unit even though cash distributions are not necessarily derived from current or prior period earnings.

The following table provides a reconciliation of net income and the allocation of net income to the common units, the subordinated units, the general partner units and IDRs for purposes of computing basic and diluted net income per unit (in millions, except per unit data).

	Limited Partner Units				
	 Total	Common Units	Subordinated Units	General Partner Units	IDR
Year Ended December 31, 2021					
Net income	\$ 1,630				
Declared distributions	 1,486	1,309	—	30	147
Assumed allocation of undistributed net income (1)	\$ 144	141	—	3	
Assumed allocation of net income		\$ 1,450	\$	\$ 33	\$ 147
Weighted average units outstanding		484.0		_	
Basic and diluted net income per unit		\$ 3.00	<u>\$                                    </u>		
Year Ended December 31, 2020					
Net income	\$ 1,183				
Declared distributions	 1,375	1,080	174	27	94
Assumed allocation of undistributed net loss (1)	\$ (192)	(155)	(33)	(4)	
Assumed allocation of net income		\$ 925	\$ 141	\$ 23	\$ 94
Weighted average units outstanding		399.3	84.7		
Basic and diluted net income per unit		\$ 2.32	\$ 1.67		
Year Ended December 31, 2019					
Net income	\$ 1,175				
Declared distributions	 1,278	858	333	26	62
Assumed allocation of undistributed net loss (1)	\$ (103)	(73)	(28)	(2)	—
Assumed allocation of net income		\$ 785	\$ 305	\$ 24	\$ 62
Weighted average units outstanding		348.6	135.4		
Basic and diluted net income per unit		\$ 2.25	\$ 2.25	:	

(1) Under our partnership agreement, the IDRs participate in net income only to the extent of the amount of cash distributions actually declared, thereby excluding the IDRs from participating in undistributed net income (loss).

### NOTE 16—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

We have various contractual obligations which are recorded as liabilities in our Consolidated Financial Statements. Other items, such as certain unconditional purchase commitments and other executed contracts which do not meet the definition of a liability as of December 31, 2021, are not recognized as liabilities but require disclosures in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

# LNG Terminal Commitments and Contingencies

## EPC Contract

SPL has a lump sum turnkey contract with Bechtel for the engineering, procurement and construction of Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project. The total contract price of the EPC contract for Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project, which achieved substantial completion on February 4, 2022, and the third marine berth that is currently under construction is approximately \$2.5 billion, reflecting amounts incurred under change orders through December 31, 2021. As of December 31, 2021, we had approximately \$0.2 billion remaining under this contract.



#### Natural Gas Supply, Transportation and Storage Service Agreements

SPL entered into a physical natural gas supply contracts to secure natural gas feedstock for the Liquefaction Project. The remaining terms of these contracts range up to 10 years.

Additionally, SPL has natural gas transportation and storage service agreements for the Liquefaction Project. The initial terms of the natural gas transportation agreements range up to 20 years, with renewal options for certain contracts, and commence upon the occurrence of conditions precedent. The initial terms of the SPL natural gas storage service agreements range up to 10 years.

As of December 31, 2021, SPL's obligations under natural gas supply, transportation and storage service agreements for contracts in which conditions precedent were met were as follows (in billions):

#### Years Ending December 31, Payments Due (1) 2022 5.2 \$ 2023 3.6 2024 2.5 2025 1.7 2026 1.0Thereafter 4.9 Total 18.9

(1) Pricing of natural gas supply contracts are variable based on market commodity basis prices adjusted for basis spread Amounts included are based on estimated forward prices and basis spreads as of December 31, 2021. Some of our contracts may not have been negotiated as part of arranging financing for the underlying assets providing the natural gas supply, transportation and storage services.

# Services Agreements

We have certain services agreements with affiliates. See Note 14-Related Party Transactions for information regarding such agreements.

# **Environmental and Regulatory Matters**

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal and CTPL are subject to extensive regulation under federal, state and local statutes, rules, regulations and laws. These laws require that we engage in consultations with appropriate federal and state agencies and that we obtain and maintain applicable permits and other authorizations. Failure to comply with such laws could result in legal proceedings, which may include substantial penalties. We believe that, based on currently known information, compliance with these laws and regulations will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

### Legal Proceedings

We may in the future be involved as a party to various legal proceedings, which are incidental to the ordinary course of business. We regularly analyze current information and, as necessary, provide accruals for probable liabilities on the eventual disposition of these matters. We recognize legal costs in connection with legal and regulatory matters as they are incurred. In the opinion of management, as of December 31, 2021, there were no pending legal matters that would reasonably be expected to have a material impact on our operating results, financial position or cash flows.

# NOTE 17—CUSTOMER CONCENTRATION

The following table shows external customers with revenues of 10% or greater of total revenues from external customers and external customers with accounts receivable, net of current expected credit losses balances of 10% or greater of total accounts receivable, net of current expected credit losses from external customers, respectively:

-	Percentage of	Fotal Revenues from Extern	al Customers		vable, Net and Contract Assets, rnal Customers	
		Year Ended December 31,		December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	
Customer A	24%	24%	27%	28%	31%	
Customer B	17%	18%	20%	17%	22%	
Customer C	17%	17%	19%	*	*	
Customer D	16%	15%	18%	14%	21%	
Customer E	11%	11%	*	12%	*	
Customer F	*	*	*	12%	*	

\* Less than 10%

The following table shows revenues from external customers attributable to the country in which the revenues were derived (in millions). We attribute revenues from external customers to the country in which the party to the applicable agreement has its principal place of business. Substantially all of our long-lived assets are located in the United States.

	Revenues from External Customers					
		Year Ended December 31,				
	2021	2020	2019			
United States	\$ 2,872	\$ 2,285	\$	2,169		
India	1,342	970		1,113		
South Korea	1,336	924		1,071		
Ireland	1,237	842		989		
United Kingdom	966	456		184		
Other countries	208	28		—		
Total	\$ 7,961	\$ 5,505	\$	5,526		

# NOTE 18—SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The following table provides supplemental disclosure of cash flow information (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,				
	 2021		2020		2019
Cash paid during the period for interest on debt, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 812	\$	904	\$	829

The balance in property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation funded with accounts payable and accrued liabilities (including affiliate) was \$24 million, \$212 million and \$291 million as of both years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

#### ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our general partner's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Based on their evaluation as of the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, our general partner's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act are (1) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and (2) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

During the most recent fiscal quarter, there have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting is included in our Consolidated Financial Statements and is incorporated herein by reference.

# **ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

# ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

Not applicable.



#### PART III

#### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF OUR GENERAL PARTNER AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Management of Cheniere Partners**

Cheniere Partners GP, as our general partner, manages our operations and activities. Our general partner is not elected by our unitholders and is not subject to re-election on a regular basis in the future. The directors of our general partner are elected by the sole member of the general partner. Unitholders are not entitled to elect the directors of our general partner or to participate directly or indirectly in our management or operations.

#### Audit Committee

The board of directors of our general partner has appointed an audit committee composed of Lon McCain, chairman, Vincent Pagano, Jr. and Oliver G. Richard, III, each of whom is an independent director and satisfies the additional independence and other requirements for audit committee members provided for in the listing standards of the NYSE American and the Exchange Act. In addition, the board of directors of our general partner has determined that Lon McCain and Oliver G. Richard, III meet the qualifications of a "financial expert" and are "financially sophisticated" as such terms are defined by the SEC and the NYSE American, respectively.

The audit committee assists the board of directors of our general partner in its oversight of the integrity of our Consolidated Financial Statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and partnership policies and controls. The audit committee has the sole authority to retain and terminate our independent registered public accounting firm, approve all audit services and related fees and the terms thereof and pre-approve any non-audit services to be rendered by our independent registered public accounting firm. The audit committee is also responsible for confirming the independence and objectivity of our independent registered public accounting firm. Our independent registered public accounting firm has been given unrestricted access to the audit committee. Our audit committee charter is posted at *https://cqpir.cheniere.com/company-information/governance-documents.* 

#### **Conflicts** Committee

Under our partnership agreement, the board of directors of our general partner has appointed a conflicts committee composed of the independent directors, Vincent Pagano, Jr., chairman, James R. Ball, Lon McCain and Oliver G. Richard, III, to review specific matters that the board believes may involve conflicts of interest. The conflicts committee will determine if the resolution of a conflict of interest is fair and reasonable to us. The members of the conflicts committee may not be security holders, officers or employees of our general partner, directors, officers, or employees of affiliates of the general partner or holders of any ownership interest in us other than common units or other publicly traded units and must meet the independence standards established by the NYSE American, the Exchange Act and other federal securities laws. Any matter approved by the conflicts committee is conclusively deemed to be fair and reasonable to us, approved by all of our partners and not a breach by our general partner of any duties that it may owe us or our unitholders.

# CMI SPA Committee

The board of directors of our general partner has formed a CMI SPA Committee, composed of James Ball, chairman, Eric Bensaude and Scott Peak, to approve LNG sales entered into between Cheniere Marketing and SPL.

#### Other

We do not have a nominating committee because the directors of our general partner manage our operations.

We also do not have a compensation committee. We have no employees, directors or officers. We are managed by our general partner, Cheniere Partners GP. Our general partner has paid no cash compensation to its executive officers since its inception. All of the executive officers of our general partner are also executive officers of Cheniere. Cheniere compensates these officers for the performance of their duties as executive officers of Cheniere, which includes managing our partnership. Cheniere does not allocate this compensation between services for us and services for Cheniere and its affiliates.



### **Directors and Executive Officers of Our General Partner**

The following sets forth information, as of February 18, 2022, regarding the individuals who currently serve on the board of directors and as executive officers of our general partner. The appointments of Messrs. Murski, Peak and Runkle to the board of directors of our general partner were made pursuant to the rights of Blackstone CQP Holdco LP ("Blackstone CQP Holdco") under the Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of our general partner to appoint certain directors to the board of directors of our general partner.

Name	Age	Election Date	Position with Our General Partner
Jack A. Fusco	59	May 2016	Chairman of the Board and President and Chief Executive Officer
James R. Ball	71	September 2012	Director
Eric Bensaude	55	September 2016	Director
Zach Davis	37	August 2020	Director and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Lon McCain	73	March 2007	Director
Mark Murski	46	September 2020	Director
Vincent Pagano, Jr.	71	December 2012	Director
Scott Peak	41	September 2020	Director
Oliver G. Richard, III	69	September 2012	Director
Matthew Runkle	43	July 2021	Director
Aaron Stephenson	66	November 2019	Director and Senior Vice President, Operations

#### Jack A. Fusco

#### Chairman of the Board and President and Chief Executive Officer of our general partner

Mr. Fusco has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Cheniere since May 2016 and as a director since June 2016. Mr. Fusco also serves as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of our general partner. Mr. Fusco is also a Manager, President and Chief Executive Officer of the general partner of Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. and Chief Executive Officer of Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC. Mr. Fusco received recognition as Best CEO in the electric industry by Institutional Investor in 2012 as ranked by all industry analysts and for Best Investor Relations by a CEO or Chairman among all mid-cap companies by IR Magazine in 2013. Institutional Investor again recognized Mr. Fusco for the 2020 All-American Executive Team Best CEO in the natural gas industry.

Mr. Fusco served as Chief Executive Officer of Calpine Corporation ("Calpine") from August 2008 to May 2014 and as Executive Chairman of Calpine from May 2014 through May 11, 2016. Mr. Fusco served as a member of the board of directors of Calpine from August 2008 until March 2018, when the sale of Calpine to an affiliate of Energy Capital Partners and a consortium of other investors was completed. Mr. Fusco was recruited by Calpine's key shareholders in 2008, just as that company was emerging from bankruptcy. Calpine grew to become America's largest generator of electricity from natural gas, safely and reliably meeting the needs of an economy that demands cleaner, more fuel-efficient and dependable sources of electricity. As Chief Executive Officer of Calpine, Mr. Fusco managed a team of approximately 2,300 employees and led one of the largest purchasers of natural gas in America, a successful developer of new gas-fired power generation facilities and a company that prudently managed the inherent commodity trading and balance sheet risks associated with being a merchant power producer.

Mr. Fusco's career of over 35 years in the energy industry began with his employment at Pacific Gas & Electric Company upon graduation from California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1984. He joined Goldman Sachs 13 years later as a Vice President with responsibility for commodity trading and marketing of wholesale electricity, a role that led to the creation of Orion Power Holdings, an independent power producer that Mr. Fusco helped found with backing from Goldman Sachs, where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1998-2002. In 2004, he was asked to serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Texas Genco LLC by a group of private institutional investors, and successfully managed the transition of that business from a subsidiary of a regulated utility to a strong and profitable independent company, generating more than 5-fold return for shareholders upon its merger with NRG in 2006. It was determined that Mr. Fusco should serve as a director of our general partner because of his prior experience leading successful energy industry companies and his perspective as President and Chief Executive Officer of Cheniere.



### James R. Ball

#### Director of our general partner, Chairman of the Executive Committee and the CMI SPA Committee and a member of the Conflicts Committee

Mr. Ball served as a senior advisor to Tachebois Limited, an energy and equities advisory firm, from 2011 to 2019. Mr. Ball served as a Non-Executive Director of Gas Strategies Group Ltd, a professional services company providing commercial energy advisory services, from September 2011 to June 2013. From 1988 until August 2011, he also served as an Executive Director of Gas Strategies Group. Mr. Ball is a Fellow of the Energy Institute and Companion of the Institute of Gas Engineers and Managers. Mr. Ball received a B.A. in Economics from the University of Colorado and an M.S. from City University Business School (now Bayes Business School). It was determined that Mr. Ball should serve as a director of our general partner because of his background as an advisor in the energy industry. Mr. Ball has not held any other directorship positions in the past five years.

#### Eric Bensaude

# Director of our general partner and a member of the CMI SPA Committee

Mr. Bensaude joined Cheniere in September 2013 and currently serves as Managing Director, Commercial Operations and Asset Optimization of Cheniere Marketing Ltd., a subsidiary of Cheniere. Mr. Bensaude also serves as Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations of SPL. Mr. Bensaude has more than 20 years of experience in the energy, oil and natural gas trading and marketing business. Prior to joining Cheniere, Mr. Bensaude served as Head of Global LNG at EDF Trading where he set up and ran the LNG trading and marketing department and General Manager for natural gas and LNG origination. Prior to EDF Trading, Mr. Bensaude was an Associate at Booz Allen & Hamilton in the Energy Practice, working on a variety of gas & power assignments. Mr. Bensaude started his career in energy as a trader of middle distillates for Total and previously served as the representative for the French bank, Société Générale, in Canton, People's Republic of China. He held the position of Vice-Chairman of the European Federation of Energy Traders Gas Committee while at EDF Trading. Mr. Bensaude holds an M.B.A. from ESSEC business school in France, and studied Mandarin at Paris 7 Jussieu. It was determined that Mr. Bensaude should serve as a director of our general partner because of his experience in the energy, oil and natural gas trading and marketing industry. Mr. Bensaude has not held any other directorship positions in the past five years.

#### Zach Davis

### Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, a Director of our general partner and a member of the Executive Committee

Mr. Davis currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cheniere and our general partner. Mr. Davis joined Cheniere in November 2013. He previously served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from August 2020 to February 2022; Senior Vice President, Finance from February 2020 to August 2020; and Vice President, Finance and Planning from October 2016 to February 2020. Mr. Davis has over 14 years of energy finance experience, focusing on strategic advisory assignments and financings for companies, projects and assets in the LNG, power, renewable energy, midstream and infrastructure sectors. Prior to joining Cheniere, Mr. Davis held energy investment banking and project finance roles at Credit Suisse, Marathon Capital and HSH Nordbank. Mr. Davis received a B.S. in Economics from Duke University. It was determined that Mr. Davis should serve as a director of our general partner because of his background in energy finance and his perspective as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cheniere. Mr. Davis has not held any other directorship positions in the past five years.

#### Lon McCain

# Director of our general partner, Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Conflicts Committee

Mr. McCain was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ellora Energy Inc., a private, independent exploration and production company from July 2009 to August 2010. Prior to that, he was Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Westport Resources Corporation, a publicly traded exploration and production company, from 2001 until the sale of that company to Kerr-McGee Corporation in 2004. From 1992 until joining Westport, Mr. McCain was Senior Vice President and Principal of Petrie Parkman & Co., an investment banking firm specializing in the oil and gas industry. From 1978 until joining Petrie Parkman, Mr. McCain held senior financial management positions with Presidio Oil Company, Petro-Lewis Corporation and Production companies. Prior to serving on the board of Crescent Energy Company, Mr. McCain served on the board of Contango Oil and Gas Company, which combined with Independence Energy, LLC to form Crescent Energy Company in December 2021. Mr. McCain received a B.S. in Business Administration and M.B.A in Finance from the University of Denver. Mr. McCain was also an Adjunct Professor of Finance at the University of Denver from 1982 to 2005. It was determined that Mr. McCain should serve as a director of our

general partner because of his experience as a chief financial officer for energy companies and his background as an investment banker in the energy industry.

#### Mark Murski

### Director of our general partner and a member of the Executive Committee

Mr. Murski is a Managing Partner and Chief Operating Officer in the Americas for Brookfield Infrastructure, where he is responsible for North American infrastructure operations. From 2006 to 2015 he worked for Brookfield's global advisory practice, where he ran the mergers and acquisitions practice. Mr. Murski joined Brookfield in 2003 where he focused on financings, acquisitions and divestitures. Mr. Murski currently serves as a director of City Office REIT Inc., a real estate company focused on office properties in the southern and western United States. Mr. Murski is a Chartered Professional Accountant, a CFA charterholder and is a graduate of the Richard Ivey School of Business. It was determined that Mr. Murski should serve as a director of our general partner because of his significant investment experience with Brookfield Infrastructure.

### Vincent Pagano, Jr.

#### Director of our general partner, Chairman of the Conflicts Committee and a member of the Audit Committee

Mr. Pagano served as a senior corporate partner of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, a law firm, with a focus on capital markets transactions and public company advisory matters from 1981 until his retirement at the end of 2012. Mr. Pagano earned his law degree, cum laude, from Harvard Law School and his B.S. in Engineering, summa cum laude, from Lehigh University and an M.S. in Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Pagano also serves as a director of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., a publicly traded homebuilding company, and served as a director of L3 Technologies, Inc., an aerospace and defense company, from 2013 until its merger with Harris Corporation in June 2019. It was determined that Mr. Pagano should serve as a director of our general partner because of his capital markets expertise and his experience as an advisor to public companies on a variety of corporate matters.

#### Scott Peak

#### Director of our general partner and a member of the Executive Committee and CMI SPA Committee

Mr. Peak is a Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer for Brookfield Infrastructure, where he is responsible for utilities and energy infrastructure investments. Prior to joining Brookfield in January 2016, Mr. Peak spent almost a decade at Macquarie Group Ltd. based in New York and Houston focused on the infrastructure sector. Previously, Mr. Peak worked in the mergers and acquisitions group at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein in New York. Mr. Peak holds a Master of Finance with distinction from INSEAD and a B.A. in Economics from Bates College. It was determined that Mr. Peak should serve as a director of our general partner because of his extensive background in infrastructure finance and investments.

#### Oliver G. Richard, III

# Director of our general partner and a member of the Audit Committee and Conflicts Committee

Mr. Richard is the owner and president of Empire of the Seed, LLC, a private consulting firm in the energy and management industries. Mr. Richard served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Energy Group, a natural gas company, from 1995 until 2000, and as a director of Buckeye Partners, L.P., a publicly traded petroleum product pipeline and terminal company, from 2009 through its acquisition in 2019. Mr. Richard was a Commissioner on the FERC from 1982 until 1985. Mr. Richard currently serves as a director of American Electric Power Company, Inc., a publicly traded electric utility. Mr. Richard received a B.S. in Journalism, a J.D. from Louisiana State University and a Master of Law in Taxation from Georgetown University. It was determined that Mr. Richard should serve as a director of our general partner because of his extensive background in the energy industry, including his experience in both the public and private sectors of the energy industry.

### Matthew Runkle

#### Director of our general partner and a member of the Executive Committee

Mr. Runkle is a Senior Managing Director in the Infrastructure Group for Blackstone Inc., where he focuses on investments in the renewables, utility, and midstream sectors. Since joining Blackstone in October 2017, Mr. Runkle has been involved in the execution of Blackstone investments, including CQP and Tallgrass Energy. Prior to joining Blackstone, Mr. Runkle served as a Principal at ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC from August 2002 to September 2017, where he sourced, executed and managed infrastructure investments across the midstream and renewables sectors. Mr. Runkle also served from July 2000 to July 2002 as an Analyst at the NorthBridge Group, where he provided strategic and management consulting to utility and energy companies. Mr. Runkle currently serves as a director of Tallgrass Energy Partners GP, L.P., a midstream energy infrastructure company. Mr. Runkle holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology and Geophysics from Yale University. It was determined that Mr. Runkle should serve as a director of or urgeneral partner because of his significant energy and infrastructure investment experience.



### Aaron Stephenson

#### Senior Vice President, Operations and a Director of our general partner

Mr. Stephenson joined Cheniere in April 2013 as Director, Production, Sabine Pass Operations, leading the effort to prepare for liquefaction operations. In May 2016, he moved into the position of Vice President and General Manager for the Sabine Pass facility. Mr. Stephenson has over 40 years of experience in the energy industry, focusing for the past 17 years on LNG. He has worked in various locations around the world, including Yemen, London and Peru. Before joining Cheniere, he served as Plant Manager at Peru LNG. His professional experience includes filling the roles of LNG Plant Manager, E&P Manager, Commissioning Manager, Plant Engineering Manager and Project Engineer. Prior company affiliations include Cities Service Oil Co., Oxy USA and Hunt Oil Co. Mr. Stephenson has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Lamar University. It was determined that Mr. Stephenson should serve as a director of our general partner because of his background in the LNG industry. Mr. Stephenson has not held any other directorship positions in the past five years.

#### **Code of Ethics**

Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics covers a wide range of business practices and procedures and furthers our fundamental principles of honesty, loyalty, fairness and forthrightness. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics was approved by the directors of our general partner. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is applicable to all of our directors, officers and employees, is posted at *https://cqpir.cheniere.com/company-information/governance-documents*. We also intend to post any changes to or waivers of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for the executive officers of our general partner on our website.

#### **Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports**

Section 16 of the Exchange Act requires the directors and executive officers of our general partner and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership with the SEC. Such persons are required by SEC regulation to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on our review of the copies of such forms furnished to us and written representations from the directors and executive officers of our general partner (or otherwise based on our knowledge), we believe that all Section 16(a) filing requirements were met during 2021 in a timely manner, other than one late Form 4 filing for Mr. Pagano due to administrative error, relating to the vesting of four prior grants of phantom units and a new grant of phantom units.

#### ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

Our general partner has paid no cash compensation to its executive officers since its inception. All of the executive officers of our general partner are also executive officers of Cheniere. Cheniere compensates these officers for the performance of their duties as executive officers of Cheniere, which includes managing our partnership. Cheniere does not allocate this compensation between services for us and services for Cheniere and its affiliates. Instead, an affiliate of Cheniere provides us various general and administrative services for our benefit, such as technical, commercial, regulatory, financial, accounting, treasury, tax and legal staffing and related support services, pursuant to a services agreement for which we pay a quarterly non-accountable overhead reimbursement charge of \$3 million (adjusted for inflation). For a description of the services agreement, see <u>Note 14—Related Party Transactions</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

In 2007, the board of directors of our general partner adopted the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan for employees, consultants and directors of our general partner, employees of its affiliates and consultants to its subsidiaries. The purpose of the plan is to enhance attraction and retention of qualified individuals who are essential for the successful operation of our partnership and to encourage them to align their interests with our interests through an equity ownership stake in us. The plan allows for the grant of options, restricted units, phantom units and unit appreciation rights. Up to 1,250,000 units may be granted under the plan. The only awards that have been granted under the plan have been made to the non-management directors of our general partner in the form of phantom units to be settled, at the director's election, in common units, cash or in equal amounts over a four-year vesting period.

#### **Compensation Committee Report**

As discussed above, the board of directors of our general partner does not have a compensation committee. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the board of directors of our general partner, acting in lieu of a compensation committee, has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management. Based on this review and discussion, the board of directors of our general partner recommended that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this annual report on Form 10-K.

By the members of the board of directors of our general partner:

Jack A. Fusco James R. Ball Eric Bensaude Zach Davis Lon McCain Mark Murski Vincent Pagano, Jr. Scott Peak Oliver G. Richard, III Matthew Runkle Aaron Stephenson

#### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

As discussed above, the board of directors of our general partner does not have a compensation committee. If any compensation is to be paid to our general partners' officers, the compensation would be reviewed and approved by the entire board of directors of our general partner because they perform the functions of a compensation committee in the event such committee is needed. None of the directors or executive officers of our general partner served as a member of a compensation committee of another entity that has or has had an executive officer who served as a member of the board of directors of our general partner during 2021.

#### **Director Compensation**

On July 22, 2014, the board of directors of our general partner approved an annual fee of \$70,000 to each non-management director of our general partner for services as a director effective pro-rata as of the date of the approval. Also approved were annual fees of \$30,000 for the chairman of the audit committee; \$15,000 for the members of the audit committee other than the chairman; \$10,000 for the chairman of the conflicts committee; \$2,500 per meeting for the members of the executive committee, including the chairman; \$10,000 for the chairman of the executive committee; \$2,500 per meeting for the non-employee members of the executive committee, including the chairman; \$10,000 for the chairman of the CMI SPA Committee. All directors' fees are pro-rated from the date of election to the board and are payable quarterly.

In addition to the annual fees paid to the non-management directors, Messrs. Ball, McCain, Pagano and Richard each receive 3,000 phantom units annually. Vesting will occur for one-fourth of the phantom units on each anniversary of the grant date beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. Upon vesting, the phantom units will be payable, at the director's election, in common units, cash in an amount equal to fair market value of a common unit on such date, or an equal amount of both. The directors receive no distributions, and no distributions accrue, on the outstanding phantom units. Mr. Murski serves as a Managing Partner and Chief Operating Officer in the Americas for Brookfield Infrastructure, Mr. Peak serves as a Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer for Brookfield Infrastructure and Mr. Runkle serves as a Senior Managing Director in the Infrastructure Group for Blackstone Inc. They do not receive additional compensation for service as directors.



The following table shows the compensation paid for service as a member of the board of directors of our general partner for the 2021 fiscal year:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Unit Awards (1)	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation	Total
Jack A. Fusco (2)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$
James R. Ball (3)	112,500	126,000	_	_	_	_	238,500
Eric Bensaude (2)		_	_	_	_	_	_
Zach Davis (2)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Lon McCain (4)	100,000	123,780	_	_	_	_	223,780
Mark Murski (5)	_	—	_	—	_	—	_
Vincent Pagano, Jr. (6)	95,000	122,520	—	—	—	—	217,520
Scott Peak (5)	_		—	_		_	_
Oliver G. Richard, III (7)	85,000	126,000	_	_	_	_	211,000
Matthew Runkle (5)	_	—	_	_	_	_	_
Aaron Stephenson (2)	—	—	_	—	—	—	_

(1) Reflects aggregate grant date fair value. The phantom units are to be settled, at the director's election, in common units, cash, or an equal amount of both. The units are valued using the closing unit price on the date of grant and are revalued on a quarterly basis through the date of vesting.

- (2) Mr. Fusco served as an executive officer of our general partner and as an executive officer of Cheniere during fiscal year 2021. Mr. Bensaude served as an officer of Cheniere Marketing Ltd., a subsidiary of Cheniere during fiscal year 2021. Mr. Davis served as an executive officer of our general partner and as an executive officer of Cheniere during fiscal year 2021. Mr. Stephenson served as an officer of our general partner and as an executive officer of Cheniere during fiscal year 2021. Cheniere compensates these officers for the performance of their duties as employees of Cheniere, which includes managing our partnership. They do not receive additional compensation for service as directors.
- (3) Mr. Ball was granted 3,000 phantom units in 2021 with a grant date fair value of \$126,000. In addition, Mr. Ball received \$63,000 in cash and 1,500 common units on account of 3,000 phantom units granted in earlier years that vested in 2021. As of December 31, 2021, he held 7,500 phantom units and 7,950 common units for a total of 15,450 units.
- (4) Mr. McCain was granted 3,000 phantom units in 2021 with a grant date fair value of \$123,780. In addition, Mr. McCain received \$61,890 in cash and 1,500 common units on account of 3,000 phantom units granted in earlier years that vested in 2021. As of December 31, 2021, he held 7,500 phantom units and 9,750 common units for a total of 17,250 units.
- (5) Mr. Murski is a Managing Partner and Chief Operating Officer in the Americas for Brookfield Infrastructure, Mr. Peak is a Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer for Brookfield Infrastructure and Mr. Runkle is a Senior Managing Director in the Infrastructure Group for Blackstone Inc. They do not receive additional compensation for service as directors.
- (6) Mr. Pagano was granted 3,000 phantom units in 2021 with a grant date fair value of \$122,520. In addition, Mr. Pagano received \$61,260 in cash and 1,500 common units on account of 3,000 phantom units granted in earlier years that vested in 2021. As of December 31, 2021, he held 7,500 phantom units and 8,625 common units for a total of 16,125 units.
- (7) Mr. Richard was granted 3,000 phantom units in 2021 with a grant date fair value of \$126,000. In addition, Mr. Richard received \$63,000 in cash and 1,500 common units on account of 3,000 phantom units granted in earlier years that vested in 2021. As of December 31, 2021, he held 7,500 phantom units and 11,250 common units for a total of 18,750 units.



### **Indemnification of Directors**

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors, which provide for indemnification with respect to all expenses and claims that a director incurs as a result of actions taken, or not taken, on our behalf while serving as a director, officer, employee, controlling person, selling unitholder, agent or fiduciary of Cheniere Partners GP or any of our subsidiaries. Pursuant to the agreements, no indemnification will generally be provided (1) for claims brought by the director, except for a claim of indemnification agreement, if we approve the bringing of such claim, or if the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act requires providing indemnification because our director has been successful on the merits of such claim, (2) for claims under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, or (3) if there has been a final judgment entered by a court determining that the director acted in bad faith, engaged in fraud or willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the conduct was unlawful. Indemnification will be provided to the extent permitted by law, Cheniere Partners GP's certificate of formation and limited liability company agreement, and to a greater extent if, by law, the scope of coverage is expanded after the date of the indemnification agreements. In all events, the scope of coverage will not be less than what was in existence on the date of the indemnification agreements.

#### ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT, AND RELATED UNITHOLDER MATTERS

The limited partner interest in our partnership is divided into units. As of February 18, 2022, the following units were outstanding: 484.0 million common units and 9.9 million general partner units.

The amounts and percentage of units beneficially owned are reported on the basis of regulations of the SEC governing the determination of beneficial ownership of securities. Under the rules of the SEC, a person is deemed to be a "beneficial owner" of a security if that person has or shares "voting power," which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of such security, or "investment power," which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of such security. A person is also deemed to be a beneficial owner of any securities of which that person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days. Under these rules, more than one person may be deemed a beneficial owner of securities as to which he has no economic interest.

Except as indicated by footnote, the persons named in the table below have sole voting and investment power with respect to all units shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable. Except as indicated by footnote, the address for the beneficial owners listed below is 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900, Houston, Texas 77002.

#### **Owners of More than Five Percent of Outstanding Units**

The following table shows the beneficial owners known by us to own more than five percent of our common units and/or general partner units as of February 18, 2022:

Name of Beneficial Owner	Common Units Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Common Units Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Total Securities Beneficially Owned
Cheniere Energy, Inc. (1)	239,872,502	50%	51%
Blackstone Inc. (2)	203,784,670	42%	41%
Brookfield Asset Management Inc. (3)	204,321,313	42%	41%

(1) Cheniere Energy, Inc. also owns 9,877,677 of our general partner units.

<sup>(2)</sup> Information is based on filings of Form 4 with the SEC on October 4, 2021 by CQP Rockies Platform LLC, BIP Chinook Holdco L.L.C. (record holder of 194,216 common units), BIP-V Chinook Holdco II L.L.C. (record holder of 67,939 common units), BIP Holdings Manager, L.L.C., Blackstone Infrastructure Associates L.P., BIA GP L.P., BIA GP L.L.C., Blackstone Holdings III L.P., Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P., Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P., Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C., Blackstone Group Inc.), Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., and Stephen A. Schwarzman, which also lists CQP Holdco LP as the record holder of 190,070,316 common units and BIP-V Chinook Holdco L.L.C. ("BIP-V") as the record holder of 13,170,436 common units. In addition, Harvest Fund Advisors LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Blackstone Inc., is the beneficial owner of 281,763 common units based on Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on September 28, 2020 by Blackstone Inc. and its affiliates. The address of the various persons identified in this footnote is 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154.



(3) Information is based on Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on September 30, 2020 and Form 4 filed with the SEC on June 9, 2021 by Brookfield Asset Management Inc. ("Brookfield"), BIF IV Cypress Aggregator (Delaware) LLC ("BIF IV Cypress Aggregator"), Brookfield Infrastructure Fund IV GP LLC ("BIF"), Brookfield Asset Management Private Institutional Capital Adviser (Canada), LP ("BAMPIC Canada") and BAM Partners Trust (formerly known as Partners Limited) ("Partners"). Investment funds managed by Brookfield Public Securities Group LLC are the beneficial owners of 1,080,561 common units. 190,070,316 of the common units reported herein as being beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons are directly held by CQP Holdco LP. 13,170,436 of the common units reported herein as being beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons are directly held by CQP Common Holdco LP. ("Blackstone COP Target Holdco"), CQP Holdco LP, and BX Rockies Platform Co LLC ("BX Rockies") and, by virtue of its relationship with BIP-V, may be deemed to share beneficial ownership over the common units held directly by BIP-V. BIF IV Cypress Aggregator is a member of Target Holdco. BIF serves as the indirect general partner of BIF IV Cypress Aggregator. BAMPIC Canada serves as the investment adviser to BIF. Brookfield is the ultimate parent of Brookfield Infrastructure Fund III GP and BAMPIC Canada. As a result, Brookfield, BIF IV Cypress Aggregator, BIF, BAMPIC Canada and Partners may be deemed to beneficially own the common units held of record by each of Blackstone Common Holdco, CQP Holdco LP, BX Rockies and BIP-V. The address of the various persons identified in this footnote is 181 Bay Street, Suite 300, Brookfield Place, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2T3, Canada.

### **Directors and Executive Officers**

The following table sets forth information with respect to our common units beneficially owned as of February 18, 2022, by each director and executive officer of our general partner and by all current directors and executive officers of our general partner as a group. On February 18, 2022, the current directors and executive officers of CQP beneficially owned an aggregate of 37,575 common units (less than 1% of the outstanding common units at the time).

The table also presents information with respect to Cheniere Energy, Inc.'s common stock beneficially owned as of February 18, 2022, by each current director and executive officer of our general partner and by all directors and executive officers of our general partner as a group. As of February 18, 2022, Cheniere Energy, Inc. had 254 million shares of common stock outstanding.

	Cheniere Energy Partne	ers, L.P.	Cheniere Energy, Inc.		
Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class	
Jack A. Fusco		— %	873,584	*%	
Zach Davis		_	146,550	*	
Eric Bensaude	_	_	30,329	*	
Aaron Stephenson		—	60,112	*	
James R. Ball	7,950	*	_		
Lon McCain	9,750	*	_	_	
Mark Murski (1)	_	_			
Vincent Pagano, Jr.	8,625	*	_	_	
Scott Peak (1)	_	_	_	_	
Oliver G. Richard, III	11,250	*	_	_	
Matthew Runkle (1)					
All current directors and executive officers as a group (11 persons)	37,575	*%	1,110,575	*%	

Less than 1%

(1) Messrs. Murski, Peak and Runkle were appointed as directors of our general partner pursuant to the rights of Blackstone CQP Holdco under the Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of our general partner to appoint certain directors to the board of directors of our general partner.

### **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

In 2007, the board of directors of our general partner adopted the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan. The following table provides certain information as of December 31, 2021 with respect to this plan:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (1)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in the first column) (2)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders		N/A	_
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	15,000	N/A	1,188,500
Total	15,000	N/A	1,188,500

(1) The phantom units that have been granted are payable, at the director's election, in common units, in cash at the time of vesting in an amount equal to the fair market value of a common unit on such date or an equal amount of both.

(2) The number of securities remaining available for issuance does not include securities reserved for issuance upon the vesting of unvested phantom units issued to directors for which such directors have made an irrevocable election to receive common units in lieu of cash.

For more information regarding the Long-Term Incentive Plan, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis."

# ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

### **Related-Party Transactions**

Prior to the completion of our initial public offering of common units in 2007, the managers of our general partner approved the distributions and payments to be made to our general partner and its affiliates in connection with our ongoing operations and, in the event of, our liquidation. During our operational stage, we will generally make cash distributions to our unitholders, including our affiliates, as described in <u>Part II, Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Unitholder Matters and Issuer</u> <u>Purchases of Equity Securities</u>, of this annual report on Form 10-K. Upon our liquidation, our partners, including our general partner, will be entitled to receive liquidating distributions according to their respective capital account balances.

#### Procedures for Review, Approval and Ratification of Transactions with Related Persons

Under the audit committee charter, the audit committee of our general partner is required to review and approve all transactions or series of related financial transactions, arrangements or relationships between the partnership and any related-party, if the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and such transactions have not been reviewed by the conflicts committee of our general partner. The following related-party transactions are in addition to those related-party transactions described in <u>Note 14—Related Party</u> <u>Transactions</u> of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements which is herein incorporated by reference. Except as described below, such related-party transactions were approved by the members of the board of directors of our general partner, which includes each member of the audit committee.

In determining whether to approve or ratify a related party transaction, the audit committee of our general partner will apply the following standards and such other standards it deems appropriate:

- whether the related party transaction is on terms no less favorable than the terms generally available to an unaffiliated third party under the same or similar circumstances;
- · whether the transaction is material to the Company or the related party; and
- the extent of the related person's interest in the transaction.

In addition, pursuant to our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics approved by the board of directors of our general partner, the directors, officers and employees of our general partner are expected to bring to the attention of the Compliance Officer any conflict or potential conflict of interest. If a conflict or potential conflict of interest arises between us and a



director, officer or any of our affiliates, the resolution of any such conflict or potential conflict should be addressed by the board in accordance with the provisions of our limited partnership agreement.

#### **Independent Directors**

Because we are a limited partnership, the NYSE American does not require our general partner's board of directors to be composed of a majority of directors who meet the criteria for independence required by NYSE American. The board of our general partner has determined that Messrs. Ball, McCain, Pagano and Richard are independent directors in accordance with the following NYSE American independence standards. A director would not be independent if any of the following relationships exists:

- a director who is, or during the past three years was, employed by the partnership, general partner or by any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner, other than prior employment as an interim executive officer (provided the interim employment did not last longer than one year);
- a director who accepts, or has an immediate family member who accepts, any compensation from the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the
  partnership or general partner in excess of \$120,000 during any twelve consecutive-month period within the three years preceding the determination of independence,
  other than compensation for board or committee services, or compensation paid to an immediate family member who is a non-executive employee of the partnership,
  general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner, among other exceptions;
- a director who is an immediate family member of an individual who is, or at any time during the past three years was, employed by the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner as an executive officer;
- a director who is, or has an immediate family member who is, a partner in, or a controlling shareholder or an executive officer of, any organization to which the
  partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner made, or from which the partnership, general partner or any parent or
  subsidiary of the partnership or general partner received, payments (other than those arising solely from investments in our common units or payments under nondiscretionary charitable contribution matching programs) that exceed 5% of the organization's consolidated gross revenues for that year, or \$200,000, whichever is
  more, in any of the most recent three fiscal years;
- a director who is, or has an immediate family member who is, employed as an executive officer of another entity where at any time during the most recent three fiscal
  years any of the executive officers of the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner serves on the compensation
  committee of such other entity; or
- a director who is, or has an immediate family member who is, a current partner of the outside auditor of the partnership, general partner or parent or subsidiary of the
  partnership or general partner, or was a partner or employee of the outside auditor of the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or
  general partner who worked on our audit at any time during any of the past three years.

# ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Our independent registered public accounting firm is KPMG LLP, Houston, Texas, Auditor Firm ID 185. The following table sets forth the fees paid to KPMG LLP for professional services rendered for 2021 and 2020 (in millions):

	Fiscal 2021	Fiscal 2020	
Audit Fees	\$ 3	\$	3

Audit Fees—Audit fees for 2021 and 2020 include fees associated with the integrated audit of our annual Consolidated Financial Statements, reviews of our interim Consolidated Financial Statements and services performed in connection with registration statements and debt offerings, including comfort letters and consents.

Audit-Related Fees-There were no audit-related fees in 2021 and 2020.

Tax Fees—There were no tax fees in 2021 and 2020.

Other Fees-There were no other fees in 2021 and 2020.



# Auditor Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures

Under the audit committee's charter, the audit committee is required to review and approve in advance all audit and lawfully permitted non-audit services to be provided by the independent accountants and the fees for such services. Pre-approval of non-audit services (other than review and attestation services) shall not be required if such services fall within exceptions established by the SEC. All audit and non-audit services provided to us during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were preapproved.

### PART IV

#### ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

- (a) Financial Statements and Exhibits
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#### (3) Exhibits:

Certain of the agreements filed as exhibits to this Form 10-K contain representations, warranties, covenants and conditions by the parties to the agreements that have been made solely for the benefit of the parties to the agreement. These representations, warranties, covenants and conditions:

- should not in all instances be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk to one of the parties if those statements prove to be
  inaccurate;
- may have been qualified by disclosures that were made to the other parties in connection with the negotiation of the agreements, which disclosures are not necessarily reflected in the agreements;
- may apply standards of materiality that differ from those of a reasonable investor; and
- were made only as of specified dates contained in the agreements and are subject to subsequent developments and changed circumstances.

Accordingly, these representations and warranties may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time. These agreements are included to provide you with information regarding their terms and are not intended to provide any other factual or disclosure information about the Company or the other parties to the agreements. Investors should not rely on them as statements of fact.

Exhibit No.		Incorporated by Reference (1)			
	Description	Entity	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date
2.1	Contribution and Conveyance Agreement, by and among the Partnership, Cheniere LNG Holdings, LLC, Cheniere Partners GP, Cheniere Investments, Sabine Pass LNG-GP, Inc. and Sabine Pass LP, effective as of March 26, 2007	CQP	8-K	10.4	3/26/2007
2.2	Amended and Restated Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2012, by and among the Partnership, Cheniere Pipeline Company, Grand Cheniere Pipeline, LLC and Cheniere	CQP	8-K	10.2	8/9/2012

Exhibit No.		Incorporated by Reference (1)			)
	Description	Entity	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date
3.1	Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership	CQP (SEC File No. 333- 139572)	S-1	3.1	12/21/2006
3.2	Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership, dated as of February 14, 2017	CQP	8-K	3.1	2/21/2017
3.3	Certificate of Formation of Cheniere Partners GP	CQP (SEC File No. 333- 139572)	S-1	3.3	12/21/2006
3.4	Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Cheniere Partners GP, dated as of August 9, 2012	CQP	8-K	3.2	8/9/2012
4.1	Form of common unit certificate (Included as Exhibit A to Exhibit 3.2 above)	CQP	8-K	3.1	2/21/2017
4.2	Indenture, dated as of February 1, 2013, by and among SPL, the guarantors that may become party thereto from time to time and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee	CQP	8-K	4.1	2/4/2013
4.3	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 16, 2013, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee	CQP	8-K	4.1.1	4/16/2013
4.4	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 16, 2013, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee	CQP	8-K	4.1.2	4/16/2013
4.5	Form of 5.625% Senior Secured Note due 2023 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.4 above)	CQP	8-K	4.1.2	4/16/2013
4.6	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 25, 2013, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee	CQP	8-K	4.1	11/25/2013
4.7	Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2014, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee	CQP	8-K	4.1	5/22/2014
4.8	Form of 5.750% Senior Secured Note due 2024 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.7 above)	CQP	8-K	4.1	5/22/2014
4.9	Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2014, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee	CQP	8-K	4.2	5/22/2014
4.10	Form of 5.625% Senior Secured Note due 2023 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.9 above)	CQP	8-K	4.2	5/22/2014
4.11	Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 3, 2015, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee	CQP	8-K	4.1	3/3/2015
4.12	Form of 5.625% Senior Secured Note due 2025 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.11 above)	CQP	8-K	4.1	3/3/2015
4.13	Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 14, 2016, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.1	6/14/2016
4.14	Form of 5.875% Senior Secured Note due 2026 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.13 above)	CQP	8-K	4.1	6/14/2016
4.15	Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 19, 2016, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.1	9/23/2016
4.16	Ninth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2016, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.2	9/23/2016
4.17	Form of 5.00% Senior Secured Note due 2027 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.16 above)	CQP	8-K	4.2	9/23/2016
4.18	Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 6, 2017, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.1	3/6/2017
4.19	Form of 4.200% Senior Secured Note due 2028 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.18 above)	CQP	8-K	4.1	3/6/2017
4.20	Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 8, 2020, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	SPL	8-K	4.1	5/8/2020

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	Description	Entity	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date
4.21	Form of 4.500% Senior Secured Note due 2030 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.20 above)	SPL	8-K	4.1	5/8/2020
4.22	Indenture, dated as of February 24, 2017, between SPL, the guarantors that may become party thereto from time to time and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.1	2/27/2017
4.23	Form of 5.00% Senior Secured Note due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.22 above)	CQP	8-K	4.1	2/27/2017
4.24*	Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee				
4.25*	Form of 2.95% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.24 above)				
4.26*	Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee				
4.27*	Form of 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.26 above)				
4.28*	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee				
4.29*	Form of 3.19% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.28 above)				
4.30*	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee				
4.31*	Form of 3.08% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.30 above)				
4.32*	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee				
4.33*	Form of 3.10% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.32 above)				
4.34	Indenture, dated as of September 18, 2017, between the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.1	9/18/2017
4.35	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 18, 2017, between the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.2	9/18/2017
4.36	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2018, among the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.1	9/12/2018
4.37	<u>Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 12, 2019, among the</u> <u>Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as</u> <u>Trustee under the Indenture</u>	CQP	8-K	4.1	9/12/2019
4.38	Form of 4.500% Senior Notes due 2029 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.37 above)	CQP	8-K	4.1	9/12/2019
4.39	Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 5, 2020, between the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	10-Q	4.1	11/6/2020
4.40	Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 11, 2021, among the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.1	3/11/2021
4.41	Form of 4.000% Senior Notes due 2031 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.40 above)	CQP	8-K	4.1	3/11/2021
4.42	Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 27, 2021, among the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.1	9/27/2021
4.43	Form of 3.25% Senior Notes due 2032 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.42 above)	CQP	8-K	4.1	9/27/2021

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	Description	Entity	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date
4.44	Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 27, 2021, among the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture	CQP	8-K	4.1	10/1/2021
4.45*	Description of the Registrant's Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934				
10.1	LNG Terminal Use Agreement, dated September 2, 2004, by and between Total LNG USA, Inc. and SPLNG	Cheniere	10-Q	10.1	11/15/2004
10.2	Amendment of LNG Terminal Use Agreement, dated January 24, 2005, by and between Total LNG USA, Inc. and SPLNG	Cheniere	10-K	10.40	3/10/2005
10.3	Amendment of LNG Terminal Use Agreement, dated June 15, 2010, by and between Total Gas & Power North America, Inc. and SPLNG	Cheniere	10-Q	10.2	8/6/2010
10.4	Omnibus Agreement, dated September 2, 2004, by and between Total LNG USA, Inc. and SPLNG	Cheniere	10-Q	10.2	11/15/2004
10.5	Parent Guarantee, dated as of November 5, 2004, by Total S.A. in favor of SPLNG	Cheniere	10-Q	10.3	11/15/2004
10.6	Letter Agreement, dated September 11, 2012, between Total Gas & Power North America, Inc. and SPLNG	CQP	10-Q	10.1	11/2/2012
10.7	LNG Terminal Use Agreement, dated November 8, 2004, between Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and SPLNG	Cheniere	10-Q	10.4	11/15/2004
10.8	Amendment to LNG Terminal Use Agreement, dated December 1, 2005, by and between Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and SPLNG	SPLNG	S-4	10.28	11/22/2006
10.9	Amendment of LNG Terminal Use Agreement, dated June 16, 2010, by and between Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and SPLNG	Cheniere	10-Q	10.3	8/6/2010
10.10	Omnibus Agreement, dated November 8, 2004, between Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and SPLNG	Cheniere	10-Q	10.5	11/15/2004
10.11	Guaranty Agreement, dated as of December 15, 2004, from ChevronTexaco Corporation to SPLNG	SPLNG	S-4	10.12	11/22/2006
10.12	Second Amended and Restated LNG Terminal Use Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, between SPL and SPLNG	SPLNG	8-K	10.1	8/6/2012
10.13	Letter Agreement, dated May 28, 2013, by and between SPL and SPLNG	SPLNG	10-Q	10.1	8/2/2013
10.14	Guarantee Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, by the Partnership in favor of <u>SPLNG</u>	SPLNG	8-K	10.2	8/6/2012
10.15	Third Amended and Restated Common Terms Agreement, among SPL, as borrower, the Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives party thereto, the Secured Hedge Representatives party thereto, the Secured Gas Hedge Representatives party thereto and Société Générale, as the Common Security Trustee and the Intercreditor Agent	CQP	8-K	10.2	3/23/2020
10.16	Working Capital Revolving Credit and Letter of Credit Reimbursement Agreement, among SPL, as borrower, certain subsidiaries of SPL, The Bank of Nova Scotia, as Senior Facility Agent, Société Générale, as the Common Security Trustee, the issuing banks and lenders from time to time party thereto and other participants	CQP	8-K	10.1	3/23/2020
10.17	Third Amended and Restated Accounts Agreement, among SPL, certain subsidiaries of SPL, Société Générale, as the Common Security Trustee, and Citibank, N.A. as the Accounts Bank	CQP	8-K	10.3	3/23/2020

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	Description	Entity	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date
10.18	First Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Common Terms Agreement, dated as of July 26, 2021, among SPL, as borrower, the Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives party thereto, the Secured Hedge Representatives party thereto, the Secured Gas Hedge Representatives party thereto and Société Générale, as the Common Security Trustee and the Intercreditor Agent	CQP	10-Q	10.2	11/4/2021
10.19	Credit and Guaranty Agreement, dated May 29, 2019, among the Partnership, as Borrower, certain subsidiaries of the Partnership, as Subsidiary Guarantors, the lenders from time to time party thereto, Natixis, Société Générale, The Bank of Nova Scotia, Wells Fargo Bank, as Issuing Banks, MUFG Bank, LTD as Administrative Agent and Sole Coordinating Lead Arranger, and certain arrangers and other participants	CQP	8-K	10.1	6/3/2019
10.20	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of September 27, 2021, among the Partnership the guarantors party thereto and RBC Capital Markets, LLC	CQP	8-K	10.1	9/27/2021
10.21†	Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan	CQP	8-K	10.3	3/26/2007
10.22†	Form of Phantom Units Agreement under the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan (2012 Reload Award)	CQP	10-Q	10.9	11/2/2012
10.23†	Form of Phantom Units Agreement under the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan	CQP	10-Q	10.8	11/2/2012
10.24†	Form of Amendment to Phantom Units Agreement	CQP	10-Q	10.7	11/2/2012
10.25†	Form of Phantom Units Agreement under the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Units Settlement)	CQP	10-K	10.41	2/20/2015
10.26†	Form of Phantom Units Agreement under the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Reload Units Settlement)	CQP	10-K	10.42	2/20/2015
10.27†	Form of Indemnification Agreement for officers and/or directors of Cheniere Partners GP	CQP	10-K	10.42	2/19/2016
10.28	Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. (Portions of this exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a request for confidential treatment.)	CQP	8-K	10.1	11/9/2018
10.29	Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: the Change Order CO-00001 Modifications to Insurance Language Change Order dated June 3, 2019	CQP	10-Q	10.4	8/8/2019

Language Change Order, dated June 3, 2019

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10.30	Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00002 Fuel Provisional Sum Closure, dated July 8, 2019, (ii) the Change Order CO-00003 Currency Provisional Sum Closure, dated July 2, 2019, (iii) the Change Order CO-00005 NGPL Gate Access Security Coordination Provisional Sum, dated July 17, 2019, (v) the Change Order CO-00006 Alternate to Adams Valves, dated August 14, 2019, (vi) the Change Order CO-00007 E-1503 to HRU Permanent Drain Piping, dated August 14, 2019, (vii) the Change Order CO-00008 Differing Subsurface Soil Conditions - Train 6 ISBL, dated August 27, 2019, (viii) the Change Order CO- 00009 LNG Berth 3, dated September 25, 2019 and (iv) the Change Order CO- 00010 Cold Box Redesign and Addition of Inspection Boxes on Methane Cold Box, dated September 16, 2019	CQP	10-Q	10.2	11/1/2019
10.31	Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00011 Insurance Provisional Sum Interim Adjustment, dated October 1, 2019 and (ii) the Change Order CO-00012 Replacement of Timber Piles with Pre-Stressed Concrete Piles, dated October 30, 2019	CQP	10-K	10.34	2/25/2020
10.32	Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00013 Cost to Comply with SPL FTZ (FTZ entries, bonded transports and receipts for AG Pipe Spools Only), dated February 10, 2020, (ii) the Change Order CO-00014 Permanent Access Road to Third Berth, dated February 10, 2020, (iii) the Change Order CO-00015 Modifications to Schedule Bonus Language, dated February 10, 2020, (iv) the Change Order CO-00016 LNG Berth 3 LNTP No 3, dated January 31, 2020 and (v) the Change Order CO-00017 Construction Doc Fender Guards and LP Fuel Gas Overpressure Interlock, dated March 18, 2020	CQP	10-Q	10.4	4/30/2020
10.33	Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00018 Electrical Studies for GTG Grid Modification, dated April 2, 2020, (ii) the Change Order CO-00019 Third Berth - Change in 5kV Electrical Tie-In, dated April 30, 2020, (iii) the Change Order CO-00020 LNG Berth 3 LNTP No. 4, dated May 4, 2020, (iv) the Change Order CO-00021 Train 6 P1601 A/B/ Flange Changes, dated May 27, 2020 and (v) the Change Order CO-00022 Train 6 H2S Skid Modifications to Level Transmitters & GTG Pressure Range Change on PT-573 A/B, dated June 4, 2020	CQP	10-Q	10.2	8/6/2020

	—	Incorporated by Reference (1)			
	Description	Entity	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date
10.34	Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00023 Third Berth Vapor Fence Provisional Sum Scope Removal and Closeout, dated June 22, 2020, (ii) the Change Order CO-00024 Train 6 Thermowell Upgrades, dated June 22, 2020, (iii) the Change Order CO-00025 Third Berth Bubble Curtain, dated June 22, 2020, (iv) the Change Order CO-00026 Third Berth Fuel Provisional Sum Closure Change Order, dated July 14, 2020, (v) the Change Order CO-00027 Third Berth Currency Provisional Sum Closure Change Order, dated July 20, 2020, (vi) the Change Order CO-00028 Train 6 Hot Oil WHRU PSV Bypass, dated August 11, 2020 and (vii) the Change Order CO-00029 Change in Law IMO 2020 Regulatory Change – Low Sulphur Emissions on Marine Vessels, dated August 25, 2020	CQP	10-Q	10.1	11/6/2020
10.35	Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between the SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00030 Third Berth Soil Preparation Provisional Sum Interim Adjustment Change Order, dated September 16, 2020, (ii) the Change Order CO-00031 Provisional Sum Consolidation (PAB, Taxes & Insurance), dated October 2, 2020, (iii) the Change Order CO-00032 COVID-19 Impacts, dated October 2, 2020, (iv) the Change Order CO-00033 Third Berth - Jetty Building (00A-4041) - Clean Agent System, dated November 2, 2020 and (v) the Change Order CO-00034 Vanessa Spare Valves, dated November 18, 2020	CQP	10-K	10.34	2/24/2021
10.36	Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00035 Impacts from Hurricanes Laura and Delta, dated December 22, 2020, (ii) the Change Order CO-00036 Third Berth - Add N2 Connection on Liquid & Hybrid SVT Loading Arm Apex, dated December 22, 2020, (iii) the Change Order CO-00037 Third Berth Design Vessels Update, dated December 22, 2020, (iv) the Change Order CO- 00038 Train 6 PV-16002 & FV-15104 Valve Trim Upgrades, dated January 21, 2021, (v) the Change Order CO-00039 Third Berth Design Update to Supply Bunkering Fuel, dated February 11, 2021, (vi) the Change Order CO-00040 LNG Benchmark 7 Elevation Change, dated February 11, 2021, (vii) the Change Order CO-00041 Costs to Comply with SPL FTZ (Excluding Pipe Spools), dated February 12, 2021 and (viii) the Change Order CO-00042 COVID-19 Impacts 1Q2021, dated March 12, 2021	CQP	10-Q	10.2	5/4/2021

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	Description	Entity	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date
10.37	Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00043 Third Berth SVT Loading Arm Spares, dated April 9, 2021, (ii) the Change Order CO-00044 Third Berth U/G Directional Drilling & Cathodic Protection Provisional Sum Closures, dated April 9, 2021, (iii) the Change Order CO-00045 Winter Storm Impacts, dated April 9, 2021, (iv) the Change Order CO-00046 NGPL Security Provisional Sum Interim Adjustment, dated June 15, 2021, (v) the Change Order CO-00048 AGRU Additions for Lean Solvent Overpressure, dated June 15, 2021	CQP	10-Q	10.1	8/5/2021
10.38	Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00049 COVID-19 Impacts 202021, dated July 6, 2021, (ii) CO-00050 Third Berth Bunkering Ship Modifications — Pre-Investment for Foundations, dated July 6, 2021, (iii) CO-00051 Thermal Oxidizer Controls Change, dated September 8, 2021, (iv) CO-00052 Third Berth Spare Beacon and Additional Cable Tray, dated September 8, 2021 and (v) CO- 00053 Train 6 Gearbox Assembly Replacement for Unit 1411, dated September 24, 2021	Cheniere	10-Q	10.1	11/4/2021
10.39*	Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00054 80 Acres Bridge Credit, dated November 30, 2021, (ii) CO-00055 Change in Law LPDES Permit - Water Treatment Filter Washing, dated December15, 2021, (iii) CO-00056 Impacts from Hurricane Ida, dated December 15, 2021 and (iv) CO-00057 Impacts from Hurricane Nicholas, dated December 15, 2021				
10.40	LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated November 21, 2011, between SPL (Seller) and Gas Natural Aprovisionamientos SDG S.A. (subsequently assigned to Gas Natural Fenosa LNG GOM, Limited) (Buyer)	CQP	8-K	10.1	11/21/2011
10.41	Amendment No. 1 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated April 3, 2013, between SPL (Seller) and Gas Natural Aprovisionamientos SDG S.A. (subsequently assigned to Gas Natural Fenosa LNG GOM, Limited) (Buyer)	CQP	10-Q	10.1	5/3/2013
10.42	Amendment of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated January 12, 2017, between SPL (Seller) and Gas Natural Fenosa LNG GOM, Limited (assignee of Gas Natural Aprovisionamientos SDG S.A.) (Buyer)	SPL (SEC File No. 333- 215882)	S-4	10.3	2/3/2017
10.43	LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated December 11, 2011, between SPL (Seller) and GAIL (India) Limited (Buyer)	CQP	8-K	10.1	12/12/2011
10.44	Amendment No. 1 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated February 18, 2013, between SPL (Seller) and GAIL (India) Limited (Buyer)	CQP	10-K	10.18	2/22/2013
10.45	Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated January 25, 2012, between SPL (Seller) and BG Gulf Coast LNG, LLC (Buyer)	CQP	8-K	10.1	1/26/2012
10.46	LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated January 30, 2012, between SPL (Seller) and Korea Gas Corporation (Buyer)	CQP	8-K	10.1	1/30/2012

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	Description	Entity	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date	
10.47	Amendment No. 1 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated February 18, 2013, between SPL (Seller) and Korea Gas Corporation (Buyer)	CQP	10-K	10.19	2/22/2013	
10.48	Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL (Seller) and Cheniere Marketing, LLC (Buyer)	SPL	8-K	10.1	8/11/2014	
10.49	Letter agreement, dated December 8, 2016, amending the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP (as assignee of Cheniere Marketing, LLC)	SPL	10-K	10.14	2/24/2017	
10.50	Amendment No. 1 of Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, dated May 3, 2019, by and between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP	CQP	10-Q	10.1	5/9/2019	
10.51	Letter Agreement, dated December 9, 2020, regarding the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP (as assignee of Cheniere Marketing, LLC).	CQP	8-K	10.1	12/9/2020	
10.52	Letter Agreement, dated August 4, 2021, regarding the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP (as assignee of Cheniere Marketing, LLC)	CQP	10-Q	10.2	8/5/2021	
10.53	Letter Agreement, dated August 4, 2021, regarding the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP (as assignee of Cheniere Marketing, LLC)	CQP	10-Q	10.3	8/5/2021	
10.54	Letter agreement, dated November 3, 2021, regarding the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP (as assignee of Cheniere Marketing, LLC)	CQP	10-Q	10.3	11/4/2021	
10.55	Letter Agreement, dated November 24, 2021, regarding the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP (as assignee of Cheniere Marketing, LLC)	CQP	8-K	10.1	11/26/2021	
10.56	Management Services Agreement, dated May 14, 2012, by and between Cheniere Terminals and SPL	CQP	8-K	10.6	5/15/2012	
10.57	Amendment to Management Services Agreement, dated September 28, 2015, between Cheniere Terminals and SPL	SPL	10-Q/A	10.8	11/9/2015	
10.58	Amended and Restated Management Services Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2012, by and between Cheniere Terminals and SPLNG	CQP	10-Q	10.6	11/2/2012	
10.59	Management Services Agreement, dated May 27, 2013, by and between Cheniere Terminals and CTPL	CQP	10-Q	10.2	8/2/2013	
10.60	Operation and Maintenance Agreement (Sabine Pass Liquefaction Facilities), dated May 14, 2012, by and between Cheniere LNG O&M Services, LLC, Cheniere Partners GP and SPL	CQP	8-K	10.5	5/15/2012	
10.61	Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Sabine Pass Liquefaction O&M Agreement), dated as of November 20, 2013, by and between Cheniere Partners GP and Cheniere Investments	Cheniere Holdings	S-1/A	10.76	12/2/2013	

Exhibit No.		Incorporated by Reference (1)				
	Description	Entity	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date	
10.62	Amendment to Operation and Maintenance Agreement (Sabine Pass Liquefaction Facilities), dated September 28, 2015, by and among Cheniere LNG O&M Services, LLC, Cheniere Investments and SPL	SPL	10-Q/A	10.7	11/9/2015	
10.63	Amended and Restated Operation and Maintenance Agreement (Sabine Pass LNG Facilities), dated as of August 9, 2012, by and among Cheniere Partners GP, Cheniere LNG O&M Services, LLC, and SPLNG	CQP	10-Q	10.5	11/2/2012	
10.64	Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Sabine Pass LNG O&M Agreement), dated as of November 20, 2013, by and between Cheniere Partners GP and Cheniere Investments	Cheniere Holdings	S-1/A	10.75	12/2/2013	
10.65	Amended and Restated Management and Administrative Services Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2012, by and between Cheniere Terminals, the Partnership and Cheniere	CQP	10-Q	10.4	11/2/2012	
10.66	<u>Amended and Restated Operation and Maintenance Services Agreement</u> (Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline), dated May 27, 2013, by and between CTPL and Cheniere Partners GP	CQP	10-Q	10.1	8/2/2013	
10.67	Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Creole Trail O&M Agreement), dated as of November 20, 2013, between Cheniere Partners GP and Cheniere Investments	Cheniere Holdings	S-1/A	10.74	12/2/2013	
10.68	Cooperative Endeavor Agreement & Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement with eleven Cameron Parish taxing authorities, dated October 23, 2007, by and between Cheniere Marketing, Inc. and SPLNG	Cheniere	10-Q	10.7	11/6/2007	
10.69	Amended and Restated Services and Secondment Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2012, between Cheniere LNG O&M Services, LLC and Cheniere Partners GP	CQP	10-Q	10.3	11/2/2012	
10.70	Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Services and Secondment Agreement), dated as of November 20, 2013, by and between Cheniere Partners GP and Cheniere Investments	Cheniere Holdings	S-1/A	10.73	12/2/2013	
10.71	Investors' and Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, by and among Cheniere, Cheniere Partners GP, the Partnership, Cheniere Class B Units Holdings, LLC, Blackstone CQP Holdco LP and the other investors party thereto from time to time	CQP	8-K	10.1	8/6/2012	
21.1*	Subsidiaries of the Partnership					
22.1*	List of Issuers and Guarantor Subsidiaries					
23.1*	Consent of KPMG LLP					
31.1*	Certification by Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d- 14(a) under the Exchange Act					
31.2*	<u>Certification by Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act</u>					
32.1**	Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002					
32.2**	Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002					
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document					
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document					
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document					
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document					
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document					
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document					

Exhibit No.		ło.	Incorporated by Reference (1)					
		Description	Entity	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date		
	104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)						
(1)		Exhibits are incorporated by reference to reports of Cheniere (SEC File No. 001-16383), C LLC ("Cheniere Holdings") (SEC File No. 333-191298), SPL (SEC File No. 333-192 otherwise indicated.						
*		Filed herewith.						
**		Furnished herewith.						
†		Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.						

# CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.

# CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

# (in millions)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	 2021	2020		2019	
Operating costs and expenses	 				
General and administrative expense	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$	3	
General and administrative expense-affiliate	14	14		13	
Depreciation and amortization expense	3	3		3	
Total operating costs and expenses	20	20		19	
Other income (expense)					
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(199)	(217)		(174)	
Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt	(97)	_		(13)	
Other income	1	7		21	
Equity income of affiliates	1,946	1,413		1,360	
Total other income	1,651	1,203		1,194	
Net income	\$ 1,631	\$ 1,183	\$	1,175	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

#### CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

# (in millions)

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		Decen	nber 31,	,
	202	1		2020
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	874	\$	1,208
Other current assets		1		1
Total current assets		875		1,209
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		77		79
Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization		5		7
Investment in affiliates		3,966		3,359
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	4,923	\$	4,654
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities				
Accrued liabilities	\$	47	\$	52
Due to affiliates		3		3
Total current liabilities		50		55
Long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs		4,154		4,060
Partners' equity		719		539
Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$	4,923	\$	4,654

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

# CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## (in millions)

	Year Ended December 31,			
	 2021	2020	2019	
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$ 1,732 \$	1,190 \$	1,220	
Cash flows from investing activities				
Property, plant and equipment	(1)	(3)	(2)	
Investments in subsidiaries	(1,009)	(689)	(1,273)	
Distributions received from affiliates	403	291	853	
Net cash used in investing activities	(607)	(401)	(422)	
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from issuance of debt	2,700	—	2,230	
Redemptions and repayments of debt	(2,600)	—	(730)	
Debt issuance and other financing costs	(35)		(35)	
Debt extinguishment costs	(73)	—	—	
Distributions to owners	(1,451)	(1,359)	(1,260)	
Other	—	—	(4)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	 (1,459)	(1,359)	201	
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents	(334)	(570)	999	
Cash, cash equivalents-beginning of period	1,208	1,778	779	
Cash and cash equivalents-end of period	\$ 874 \$	1,208 \$	1,778	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Condensed Financial Statements represent the financial information required by Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-X 5-04 for CQP.

In the Condensed Financial Statements, CQP's investments in affiliates are presented at the net amount attributable to CQP. Under this method, the assets and liabilities of affiliates are not consolidated. The investments in net assets of the affiliates are recorded on the Condensed Balance Sheets. The gain from operations of the affiliates is reported on a net basis as equity income of affiliates.

A substantial amount of CQP's operating, investing and financing activities are conducted by its affiliates. The Condensed Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with CQP's Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### **Recent Accounting Standards**

In March 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting.* This guidance primarily provides temporary optional expedients which simplify the accounting for contract modifications to existing contracts expected to arise from the market transition from LIBOR to alternative reference rates. The optional expedients were available to be used upon issuance of this guidance but we have not yet applied the guidance because we have not yet modified any of our existing contracts for reference rate reform. Once we apply an optional expedient to a modified contract and adopt this standard, the guidance will be applied to all subsequent applicable contract modifications until December 31, 2022, at which time the optional expedients are no longer available.

#### NOTE 2-DEBT

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, our debt consisted of the following (in millions):

	December 31,		
		2021	2020
Senior Secured Notes:			
5.250% due 2025	\$	— \$	1,500
5.625% due 2026			1,100
4.500% due 2029		1,500	1,500
4.000% due 2031		1,500	_
3.25% due 2032		1,200	
Total CQP Senior Notes		4,200	4,100
CQP Credit Facilities executed in 2019		_	
Total debt		4,200	4,100
Unamortized debt issuance costs		(46)	(40)
Total long-term debt, net of premium, discount and debt issuance costs	\$	4,154 \$	4,060

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—CONTINUED

## Below is a schedule of future principal payments that we are obligated to make on our outstanding debt at December 31, 2021 (in millions):

Years Ending December 31,	<b>Principal Payments</b>
2022	\$ —
2023	_
2024	—
2025	—
2026	_
Thereafter	4,200
Total	\$ 4,200

#### NOTE 3—SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The following table provides supplemental disclosure of cash flow information (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,				
	 2021		2020		2019
Cash paid during the period for interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 197	\$	213	\$	151
Non-cash capital distributions (1)	1,946		1,413		1,360

(1) Amounts represent equity income of affiliates.

# ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY

None.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

CHE	NIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.
By:	Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC,
	its general partner

By:	/s/ Jack A. Fusco
_	Jack A. Fusco
	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
Date:	February 23, 2022

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the general partner of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Jack A. Fusco Jack A. Fusco	President and Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer)	February 23, 2022
/s/ Zach Davis Zach Davis	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Director (Principal Financial Officer)	February 23, 2022
/s/ Leonard E. Travis Leonard E. Travis	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 23, 2022
/s/ Aaron Stephenson Aaron Stephenson	Senior Vice President of Operations, Director	February 23, 2022
/s/ James R. Ball James R. Ball	Director	February 23, 2022
/s/ Eric Bensuade Eric Bensuade	Director	February 23, 2022
/s/ Lon McCain Lon McCain	Director	February 23, 2022
/s/ Mark Murski Mark Murski	Director	February 23, 2022
/s/ Vincent Pagano Jr. Vincent Pagano Jr.	Director	February 23, 2022
/s/ Scott Peak	Director	February 23, 2022
/s/ Oliver G. Richard, III Oliver G. Richard, III	Director	February 23, 2022
/s/ Matthew Runkle Matthew Runkle	Director	February 23, 2022

# SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

# AND EACH GUARANTOR THAT MAY BECOME PARTY HERETO

# INDENTURE

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Dated as of December 15, 2021

The Bank of New York Mellon

Trustee

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INDENTURE dated as of December 15, 2021 among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, any Guarantors (as defined herein) that may become a party hereto from time to time, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee.

The Company and the Trustee agree as follows for the benefit of each other and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) of Notes (as defined herein).

# ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### Section 1.01 *Definitions*.

*"2013 Indenture"* means the indenture, dated as of February 1, 2013, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 16, 2013, the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 16, 2013, the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 25, 2013, the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2014, the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2014, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 3, 2015, the Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 14, 2016, the Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2016, the Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 6, 2017 and the Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 8, 2020.

"Acceptable Rating Agency" means S&P, Fitch, Moody's, or any other "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including any successor to S&P, Fitch or Moody's.

"Account" has the meaning given to such term in the Accounts Agreement.

"Accounts Agreement" means the Third Amended and Restated Accounts Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2020, among the Company, the Common Security Trustee and the Accounts Bank, as amended from time to time.

"Accounts Bank" means Citibank, N.A., or any successor to it appointed pursuant to the terms of the Accounts Agreement.

"Additional Debt Service Reserve Account" means any Additional Debt Service Reserve Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank, as directed by the Company pursuant to the Accounts Agreement, upon the incurrence of any Secured Replacement Debt or Secured Expansion Debt that provides for a "debt service reserve requirement."

"Additional Material Project Document" means any contract, agreement, letter agreement or other instrument to which the Company becomes a party after the Initial Senior Secured Debt Closing Date that:

(a) replaces or substitutes for an existing Material Project Document; or

(b) (i) contains obligations and liabilities that are in excess of \$250,000,000 over its term (including after taking into account all amendments, amendments and restatements, supplements, or waivers to any such contract, agreement, letter agreement or other instrument) and (ii) is for a term that is greater than two years;

*provided*, that for the purposes of this definition, any series of related transactions shall be considered as one transaction, and all contracts, agreements, letter agreements or other instruments in respect of such transactions shall be considered as one contract, agreement, letter agreement or other instrument, as applicable.

"Additional Secured Debt" means any of (a) the Secured Expansion Debt, (b) the Secured Replacement Debt, and (c) the Secured Working Capital Debt.

"Administrative Decisions" has the meaning given to such term in the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Advance" means a borrowing of a loan, issuance of or drawing upon a letter of credit or the issuance of debt securities pursuant to any Secured Debt Instrument.

*"Affiliate"* means, with respect to any Person, another Person that directly or indirectly Controls, or is under common Control with, or is Controlled by, such Person and, if such Person is an individual, any member of the immediate family (including parents, spouse, children and siblings) of such individual and any trust whose principal beneficiary is such individual or one or more members of such immediate family and any Person who is Controlled by any such member or trust. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the definition of "Affiliate" shall not encompass (a) any individual solely by reason of his or her being a director, officer or employee of any Person and (b) the Common Security Trustee, the Trustee or any Secured Debt Holder.

"Agent" means any Registrar, co-registrar, Paying Agent or additional paying agent.

"Aggregate Other Secured Debt" means, at any time, the aggregate amount of Other Secured Debt.

*"Aggregate Secured Bank Debt"* means, at any time, the aggregate amount of (i) the Secured Bank Debt and (ii) without duplication, any Additional Secured Debt (other than any Additional Secured Debt that is either (x) Other Secured Debt or (y) loans made primarily by institutional investors, term loan B loans or any other loans made pursuant to one or more credit facilities in which the lenders are not primarily financial institutions engaged in the business of banking).

"Aggregate Secured Debt" means, at any time, the aggregate amount of Secured Debt.

"Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement" means any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (other than (A) any terminated Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, (B) any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement in relation to which a Bankruptcy has occurred in respect of the counterparty thereof, (C) any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement not then in effect and (D) any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement in material payment default or a breach that has resulted in a material non-payment by the counterparty to such Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement) with respect to any Train (a) for which the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that the In-Service Date has occurred or (b) (i) for which the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Contract not in material default and (ii) for which the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate from the Independent Engineer certifying that the Indebtedness incurred in respect thereof, together with any equity contribution amount required by such Indebtedness and all Contracted Cash Flows, are sufficient to fund the entirety of the Project Costs of such Train Two LNG Sales Agreements, the Train Three and Train LNG Four Sales Agreements and the Train 5 LNG Sales Agreement are Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements.

"*Applicable Law*" means, except as the context may otherwise require, all applicable laws (including common law), rules, regulations, ordinances, judgments, decrees, injunctions, writs and orders of any Government Authority.

"*Applicable Procedures*" means, with respect to any transfer or exchange of or for beneficial interests in any Global Note, the rules and procedures of the Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream that apply to such transfer or exchange.

"Asset Sale" means:

(a) the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of any assets or rights; *provided* that the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole will be governed by the provisions of <u>Sections 4.13</u> and <u>5.01</u>, and not by the provisions of <u>Section 4.09</u>; and

(b) the issuance of Equity Interests in any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries or the sale of Equity Interests in any of its Subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the preceding, none of the following items will be deemed to be an Asset Sale:

(1) any single transaction or series of related transactions that involves assets having a Fair Market Value of less than \$50,000,000;

(2) a transfer of assets between or among the Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;

(4) the sale, lease or other disposition of (A) products, services, inventory or accounts receivable in the ordinary course of business or (B) equipment or other assets pursuant to a program for the maintenance or upgrading of such equipment or assets and the disposition of obsolete equipment, equipment that is damaged or worn out or assets no longer needed in the business of the Company;

(5) the sale or other disposition of cash or Cash Equivalents;

(6) settlement, release, waiver or surrender of contract, tort or other claims in the ordinary course of business or a grant of a Lien not prohibited by this Indenture;

(7) a Restricted Payment that does not violate Section 4.06 or a Permitted Investment;

(8) the sale or other disposition of LNG (or other commercial products);

(9) sales, transfers or other dispositions of Permitted Investments;

(10) sales of Services in the ordinary course of business;

(11) sales of any LNG related to additional liquefaction trains developed by the Company;

(12) transfers or novations of Interest Rate Protection Agreements in accordance with the Common Terms Agreement;

(13) sales or other dispositions of the Improved Facilities (as defined in the Cooperation Agreement);

(14) conveyance to gas transmission companies of gas interconnection or metering facilities built using Capital Expenditures permitted by the Common Terms Agreement;

(15) subject to clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, the assignment, novation or transfer of any Train Five LNG Sales Agreement, any Train Six LNG Sales Agreements or the CMI LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement and any related agreements by the Company to an Affiliate of the Company; *provided*, *however*, that if the Company incurs Expansion Debt in respect of Train Five or Train Six, as applicable, pursuant to clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, any such assignment,

novation or transfer of any Train Five LNG Sales Agreement or any Train Six LNG Sales Agreement, as applicable, and any related agreements by the Company to an Affiliate of the Company shall constitute an Asset Sale unless it otherwise qualifies under any of the other listed exception in this "Asset Sales" definition; and

(16) any single transaction or series of related transactions pursuant to the terms of an agreement existing on the Notes Issue Date.

"Authorized Officer" means: (a) with respect to any Person that is a corporation, the chairman, president, senior vice president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, attorney-in-fact, secretary or assistant secretary of such Person, (b) with respect to any Person that is a partnership, the chairman, president, senior vice president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, attorney-in-fact, secretary or assistant secretary of a general partner of such Person and (c) with respect to any Person that is a limited liability company, the chairman, president, senior vice president, treasurer, attorney-in-fact, secretary or assistant secretary or assistant secretary, the manager, the managing member or a duly appointed officer of such Person.

"Bankruptcy" means, with respect to any Person, the occurrence of any of the following events, conditions or circumstances:

(a) such Person shall file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or shall be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or shall file any petition or answer or consent seeking any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief for itself under the Bankruptcy Code or any present or future applicable federal, state or other statute or law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other relief for debtors, or shall seek or consent to or acquiesce in the appointment of any trustee, receiver, conservator or liquidator of such Person or of all or any substantial part of its properties (the term *"acquiesce,"* as used in this definition, includes the failure to file in a timely manner a petition or motion to vacate or discharge any order, judgment or decree after entry of such order, judgment or decree);

(b) a case or other proceeding shall be commenced against such Person without the consent or acquiescence of such Person seeking any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief with respect to such Person or its debts under the Bankruptcy Code or any present or future applicable federal, state or other statute or law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other relief for debtors, or seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official of it or any substantial part of its property, and such involuntary case or other proceeding shall remain undismissed or unstayed for a period of 90 consecutive days;

(c) a court of competent jurisdiction shall enter an order, judgment or decree approving a petition filed against such Person seeking a reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief under the Bankruptcy Code, or any other present or future applicable federal, state or other statute or law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other relief for debtors, and such Person shall acquiesce in the entry of such order, judgment or decree or such order, judgment or decree shall remain

undischarged, unvacated or unstayed for 120 days (whether or not consecutive) from the date of entry thereof, or any trustee, receiver, conservator or liquidator of such Person or of all or any substantial part of its property shall be appointed without the consent or acquiescence of such Person and such appointment shall remain unvacated and unstayed for an aggregate of 120 days (whether or not consecutive);

(d) such Person shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts as they mature or shall generally not be paying its debts as they become due;

(e) such Person shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors or take any other similar action for the protection or benefit of creditors;

(f) such Person shall take any corporate or partnership action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing; or

(g) an order for relief shall be entered in respect of such Person under the Bankruptcy Code.

"Bankruptcy Code" means the United States Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, as heretofore and hereafter amended, and codified as 11 U.S.C. Section 11 et seq.

"Bankruptcy Law" means the Bankruptcy Code and any other state or federal insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar law for the relief of debtors.

"Beneficial Owner" has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such "person" will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such "person" has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time. The terms "Beneficially Owns" and "Beneficially Owned" have a corresponding meaning.

"BG" means BG Gulf Coast LNG, LLC.

"BG FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated January 25, 2012, between the Company and BG, as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

*"Blocked Person"* means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or

instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, Controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a) or (b).

## "Board of Directors" means:

(a) with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of the corporation or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such board;

(b) with respect to a partnership, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the partnership;

(c) with respect to a limited liability company, the managing member or members or any controlling committee of managing members thereof; and

(d) with respect to any other Person, the board or committee of such Person serving a similar function.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or any other day which is a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are permitted or required by law, regulation or executive order to be closed in New York, New York.

"Business Interruption Insurance Proceeds" means all proceeds of any insurance policies required pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement or otherwise obtained with respect to the Company or the Project insuring the Company against business interruption or delayed start-up.

"Calculation Date" means the last day of the month immediately preceding a Restricted Payment Date.

*"Calculation Period"* means, on any Calculation Date, the period commencing twelve months prior to, and ending on, such Calculation Date; *provided*, that prior to the first anniversary of the DSCR Start Date, the Calculation Period shall mean the period beginning on the first day of the first full month following the DSCR Start Date and ending on, the Calculation Date.

"*Capital Expenditures*" means, for any period, the aggregate amount of all expenditures of the Company payable during such period that, in accordance with GAAP, are or should be included in "purchase of property, plant and equipment" or similar items reflected in the consolidated statement of cash flows of the Company.

"Capital Lease Obligations" means, for any Person, the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under a lease of (or other agreement conveying the right to use) Property of such Person to the extent such obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as a capital lease on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP (including Accounting Standards Codification 840-30, *Capital Leases* of the Financial Accounting Standards Board) and, for

purposes of the Financing Documents, the amount of such obligations shall be the capitalized amount of such obligations, determined in accordance with GAAP (including such ASC 840-30).

"Capital Stock" means:

(a) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;

(b) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;

(c) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and

(d) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person, but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

"Cash Equivalents" means:

(a) Dollars;

(b) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality of the United States government (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support of those securities) having maturities of not more than one year from the date of acquisition;

(c) marketable general obligations issued by any state of the United States of America or any political subdivision of any such state or any public instrumentality thereof maturing within one year from the date of acquisition thereof and, at the time of acquisition thereof, having a credit rating of "A" or better from either S&P or Moody's (or, if any of such entities cease to provide such ratings, the equivalent rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency);

(d) certificates of deposit, demand deposit accounts and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding one year and overnight bank deposits, in each case, with any domestic commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$500,000,000 and a Thomson Bank Watch Rating of "B" or better;

(e) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than 30 days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (b), (c) and (d) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (d) above;

(f) commercial paper or tax exempt obligations having one of the two highest ratings obtainable from Moody's or S&P (or, if any of such entities cease to provide such ratings, the

equivalent rating categories from any other Acceptable Rating Agency) and, in each case, maturing within one year after the date of acquisition; and

(g) money market funds at least 95% of the assets of which constitute Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (a) through (f) of this definition or a money market fund or a qualified investment fund (including any such fund for which the Trustee or any Affiliate thereof acts as an advisor or a manager) given one of the two highest long-term ratings available from S&P or Moody's (or, if any of such entities cease to provide such ratings, the equivalent rating categories from any other Acceptable Rating Agency).

"Cash Flow" means, for any period, the sum (without duplication) of the following:

(a) all cash paid to the Company during such period in connection with the ownership or operation of the Project;

(b) all interest and investment earnings paid to the Company or accrued during such period;

(c) all cash paid to the Company during such period as Business Interruption Insurance Proceeds; and

(d) all cash paid to the Company during the applicable period from any direct or indirect owner of the Company by way of equity contribution or subordinated shareholder loans (in each case as otherwise permitted pursuant to the terms of the Financing Documents);

*provided, however*, that Cash Flow shall not include any proceeds of any Senior Debt or any other Indebtedness incurred by the Company; Insurance Proceeds; Condemnation Proceeds; proceeds from any disposition of assets of the Project or the Company other than the sale of capacity and other commercial products in the ordinary course of business and tax refunds.

"Cash Flow Available for Debt Service" means, for any period, an amount equal to the amount of Cash Flow received by the Company during such period minus all operating and maintenance expenses paid during such period.

"Centrica FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated March 22, 2013, between the Company and Centrica plc, as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Change of Control" means the Parent shall own, directly or indirectly, less than 50% of the voting and economic interests in the Company; *provided* that a Change of Control shall not be deemed to have occurred if the Company shall have received letters from any two Acceptable Rating Agencies (or if only one Acceptable Rating Agency is then rating the Notes, the

Company shall have received a letter from that Acceptable Rating Agency) to the effect that the Acceptable Rating Agency has considered the contemplated event under this definition and that, if the contemplated event occurs, such Acceptable Rating Agency would reaffirm the then current rating of the Notes as of the date of such event.

"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, or any successor securities clearing agency.

"CMI LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated May 14, 2012, between the Company and Cheniere Marketing, LLC, as amended from time to time.

"*Code*" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time.

"Collateral" means the Collateral (as defined in each of the Security Documents).

"Commission" or "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Security Trustee" means Société Générale or any successor to it appointed pursuant to the terms of the Security Agency Agreement.

"*Common Terms Agreement*" means the Third Amended and Restated Common Terms Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2020, among the Loan Parties, the Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives, the Secured Hedge Representatives, the Secured Gas Hedge Representatives, the Common Security Trustee and the Intercreditor Agent, as amended from time to time.

"Company" means Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, and any and all successors thereto.

"Condemnation Proceeds" means any amounts and proceeds of any kind (including instruments) payable in respect of any Event of Taking.

"ConocoPhillips License Agreements" means the License Agreements between the Company and ConocoPhillips Company, dated as of May 3, 2012, dated as of May 20, 2015, dated as of December 21, 2012, and dated as of November 8, 2018, as each is amended from time to time.

"*Consents*" means (a) each consent to collateral assignment required to be entered into pursuant to the Financing Documents, in each case, by and among the Company, the Common Security Trustee and the Persons identified therein and (b) each subordination, non-disturbance, surface use and/or recognition agreement, affidavit of use and possession, estoppel certificate from counterparties to the Real Property Documents required to be entered into pursuant to the Financing Documents.

"Construction Account" means the Construction Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"*Construction/Term Loan*" means a loan made by the Secured Bank Debt Holders to the Company in an aggregate amount of up to \$3,626,000,000 in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of the Term Loan A Credit Agreement.

"Consultants" means the Independent Engineer, the Insurance Advisor and the Market Consultant.

"Contest" or "Contested" means, with respect to any Person, with respect to any Taxes or any Lien imposed on Property of such Person (or the related underlying claim for labor, material, supplies or services) by any Government Authority for Taxes or with respect to obligations under ERISA or any Mechanics' Lien (each, a "Subject Claim"), a contest of the amount, validity or application, in whole or in part, of such Subject Claim pursued in good faith and by appropriate legal, administrative or other proceedings diligently conducted so long as:

(a) during the period of such contest the enforcement of such Subject Claim is effectively stayed and any Lien (including any inchoate Lien) arising by virtue of such Subject Claim and securing amounts in excess of \$25,000,000 shall, if required by applicable Government Rule, be effectively secured by posting of cash collateral or a surety bond (or similar instrument) by a reputable surety company;

(b) no Secured Party or any of its officers, directors or employees has been or could reasonably be expected to be exposed to any risk of criminal or civil liability or sanction in connection with such contested items;

(c) the failure to pay such Subject Claim under the circumstances described above could not otherwise reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; and

(d) any contested item determined to be due, together with any interest or penalties thereon, is promptly paid when due after resolution of such Contest, if required by such resolution. The term "Contest" used as a verb shall have a correlative meaning.

"Contracted Cash Flow" means the sum of (a) the projected cash to be received by the Company with respect to Monthly Sales Charges or the fixed price component based on FOB LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements that, at the time of such incurrence, are in effect and not in material default, *plus* (b) the projected cash to be received by the Company with respect to Monthly Sales Charges (or the fixed price component) based on LNG sales contracts that, at the time of such incurrence, are in effect and not in material payment default or a breach that has resulted in a material non-payment by the counterparty to such agreement and are with counterparties that (1) have an Investment Grade Rating from at least two Acceptable Rating Agencies, or who provide a guaranty from an affiliate that has at least two of such ratings or (2) have a direct or indirect parent with an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency and either the counterparty or an affiliate of such counterparty who is providing a

guaranty has a tangible net worth in excess of 15,000,000,000, *minus* (c) the fixed expenses that could reasonably be expected to be incurred if the counterparties to the FOB LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements and such other LNG sales agreements were not lifting any cargoes from the Company; *provided* that for the purposes of <u>Section 4.08(a)(2)</u>, it shall not be a material default, material payment default or a breach that has resulted in a material non-payment under clause (a) or clause (b) of this definition, as applicable, if (A) a Bankruptcy has occurred in respect of the applicable counterparty to such FOB LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement or such LNG sales contract, as applicable, and the bankruptcy court enters an order permitting the assumption of the applicable FOB LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement or LNG sales contract or (B) such counterparty continues to meet its contractual obligations thereunder.

"Contracted Cash Flow Available for Debt Service" means, for any period, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the amount set forth in clauses (a) and (b) of the definition of Contracted Cash Flow expected to be received by the Company during such period, *minus* (ii) the amount set forth in clause (c) of the definition of Contracted Cash Flow expected to be paid during such period *plus* (iii) any amounts expected to be received pursuant to clauses (b) and (c) of the definition of Cash Flow during such period.

"*Control*" (including, with its correlative meanings, "Controlled by" and "under common Control with") means possession, directly or indirectly, of power to direct or cause the direction of management or policies (whether through ownership of securities or partnership or other ownership interests, by contract or otherwise) and, in any event, any Person owning at least 50% of the voting securities of another Person shall be deemed to Control that Person.

"Controlled Entity" means (a) any of the Subsidiaries of the Company and any of their or the Company's respective Controlled Affiliates and (b) Parent and its Controlled Affiliates.

"Cooperation Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Cooperation Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2015, between the Company and SPLNG, as amended from time to time.

"Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee" means the address of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be principally administered, which office at the date of the execution of this instrument is located at the address specified in <u>Section 13.01</u> or such other address as to which the Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Company, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Trustee (or such other address as such successor Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Company).

"Covered Action" means:

(a) any consent to a Modification of or under any Financing Document by the Intercreditor Agent, the Common Security Trustee or any Secured Party, other than any Permitted Modification;

(b) any instruction given to the Common Security Trustee under or with respect to any Financing Document; and

(c) any exercise of discretion by the Intercreditor Agent, a Secured Debt Holder Group Representative or the Common Security Trustee under or with respect to any Financing Document to the extent the Intercreditor Agent, Secured Debt Holder Group Representative or the Common Security Trustee requests instruction, in each case other than certain Administrative Decisions permitted by the Intercreditor Agreement.

"*CQP Indemnity Letter*" means that certain indemnity letter, dated as of July 31, 2012, between the Parent and the Company with respect to Leases, Sublease and the Sabine Liquefaction TUA.

"CQP Security Agreement" means the Security Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, between the Parent and the Common Security Trustee.

"Creole Trail Pipeline Transportation Agreement" means the Firm Transportation Agreement, dated as of March 11, 2015, between the Company and Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P. pursuant to the Creole Trail Precedent Agreement.

*"Creole Trail Precedent Agreement"* means the Transportation Precedent Agreement, dated as of August 6, 2012, between the Company and Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P., as amended by that certain First Amendment to Transportation Precedent Agreement Firm Transportation Services, dated as of November 5, 2012, as further amended by that certain Second Amendment to Transportation Precedent Agreement Firm Transportation Services, dated as of March 11, 2015.

"CTA Event of Default" means any of the events described in Section 9 (Events of Default for Secured Debt) in the Common Terms Agreement.

"Custodian" means the Trustee, as custodian with respect to the Notes in global form, or any successor entity thereto.

"Debt Service" means, for any period, the sum of (without duplication):

(a) all fees scheduled to become due and payable (or, for purposes of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio, accrued or paid) during such period in respect of any Senior Debt;

(b) interest on the Senior Debt (taking into account any Interest Rate Protection Agreements) scheduled to become due and payable (or for the purposes of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio, accrued or paid) during such period;

(c) scheduled principal payments of the Senior Debt to become due and payable (or, for purposes of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio, accrued or paid) during such period;

(d) all payments due or anticipated to become due (or, for purposes of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio, accrued or paid) by the Company pursuant to and provision in respect of

increased costs or taxes under any Secured Bank Debt with respect to such principal, interest and fees and similar payments under any Senior Debt Instrument; and

(e) any indemnity payments due to any of the Secured Parties.

"Debt Service Coverage Ratio" or "DSCR" means, at any date, the ratio of Cash Flow Available for Debt Service for the preceding 12month period to the aggregate amount required to service the Company's Debt Service payable for the preceding 12-month period (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section <u>4.08</u>, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date and the scheduled principal payment of any Senior Debt that has bullet maturities or balloon payments at maturity or in the final year prior to maturity); *provided*, that for purposes of <u>Section 4.06</u>, any DSCR calculation performed prior to the first anniversary of the DSCR Start Date will be based on the number of months elapsed since the DSCR Start Date; *provided*, *further*, that the Company may exclude from any DSCR calculation the Cash Flow Available for Debt Service and the prorated aggregate amount required to service the Company's Debt Service attributable to any month in which a Force Majeure Event had occurred or was continuing for up to twelve months in any period for which any DSCR calculation is performed.

"Debt Service Reserve Account" means any Debt Service Reserve Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Default" means an Event of Default or CTA Event of Default, as applicable, or an event or condition which, with the giving of notice, lapse of time or upon a declaration or determination being made (or any combination thereof), would become an Event of Default or CTA Event of Default, as applicable.

*"Definitive Note"* means a certificated Note registered in the name of the Holder thereof, issued in accordance with <u>Section 2.3</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>, and substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A-1</u> except that such Note shall not bear the Global Note Legend and shall not have the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto.

"Default Contracts" means any Default LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement and the Sabine Liquefaction TUA.

# "Default LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement" means:

(a) at any time following Substantial Completion of Train Four, any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement if (i) such Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, together with any other Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement that is a Default LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, accounts for more than 25% of the net revenues of the Company for the prior twelve months and are anticipated to account for at least 25% of the net revenues of the Company over the following twelve months and (ii) such Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, together

with any other Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement that is a Default LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, has a remaining term of more than four years; and

(b) at all other times, any of the Train One and Train Two LNG Sales Agreements and, if the Company incurs Expansion Debt in respect of Train Three and Train Four pursuant to clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, any of the Train Three and Train Four LNG Sales Agreements.

"Depositary" means, with respect to the Notes issuable or issued in whole or in part in global form, the Person specified in <u>Section 2.05</u> as the Depositary with respect to the Notes, and any and all successors thereto appointed as depositary hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

"Designated Voting Party" means, at any time, with respect to any Secured Debt Instrument, (i) the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative of such Secured Debt Holder Group or (ii) such other Person which has been authorized to act as a Designated Voting Party by the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative of such Secured Debt Holder Group in a written notice given to the Intercreditor Agent and each other Secured Debt Holder Group Representative.

"Development" means the development, acquisition, ownership, occupation, construction, equipping, testing, repair, operation, maintenance and use of the Project and the purchase and sale of natural gas and the sale of LNG, the export of LNG from the Project (and, if elected, the import of LNG to the extent the Company has all necessary Government Approvals therefor), the transportation of natural gas to the Project by third parties, and the sale of other Services or other products or by-products of the Project and all activities incidental thereto, in each case in accordance with the Transaction Documents. "Develop" and "Developed" shall have the correlative meanings.

"Disqualified Stock" means any Capital Stock that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case, at the option of the holder of the Capital Stock), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder of the Capital Stock, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the date on which the Notes mature. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders of the Capital Stock have the right to require the Company to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale will not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of such Capital Stock provide that the Company may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock deemed to be outstanding at any time for purposes of this Indenture will be the maximum amount that the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may become obligated to pay upon the maturity of, or pursuant to any mandatory redemption provisions of, such Disqualified Stock, exclusive of accrued dividends.



"Distribution Account" means the Distribution Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"DOE/FE" means the United States Department of Energy Office of Fossil Energy or any successor thereto having jurisdiction over the import of LNG to and the export of LNG from the Project.

"Dollars" and "\$" means lawful money of the United States.

"Domestic Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that was formed under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States or the District of Columbia or that guarantees or otherwise provides direct credit support for any Indebtedness of the Company.

"DSCR Start Date" means September 15, 2016.

"EPC Contractor" means Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. or, in the case of the EPC Contract with respect to Train Six, the relevant contractor under such EPC Contract.

*"EPC Contract"* means any of the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract, the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, the Train Five EPC Contract, the Stage 4 EPC Contract and any engineering, procurement and construction contract entered into by the Company related to the construction of Train Six, as applicable.

"Equity Contribution Amount" means \$1,890,000,000.

*"Equity Interests"* means, with respect to any Person, any of the shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person or warrants, rights or options for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of such shares (or such other interests), and all of the other ownership or profit interests in such Person (including partnership, member or trust interests therein), whether voting or nonvoting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination, in each such case including all voting rights and economic rights related thereto.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

"Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. or any successor securities clearing agency.

"Event of Abandonment" means any of the following shall have occurred:

(a) the abandonment, suspension or cessation of all or a material portion of the activities related to the Development for a period in excess of 60 consecutive days (other than as a result of force majeure so long as the Company is diligently attempting to restart the Development);

(b) a formal, public announcement by the Company of a decision to abandon or indefinitely defer or suspend the Development for any reason; or

(c) the Company shall make any filing with FERC giving notice of the intent or requesting authority to abandon the Development for any reason.

"Event of Loss" means any event that causes the Pipeline or any Property of the Company, or any portion thereof, to be damaged, destroyed or rendered unfit for normal use for any reason whatsoever, and shall include an Event of Taking.

"*Event of Taking*" means any taking, seizure, confiscation, requisition, exercise of rights of eminent domain, public improvement, inverse condemnation, condemnation or similar action of or proceeding by any Government Authority relating to all or any part of the Pipeline or the Project, any Equity Interests in the Company or any other part of the Collateral.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"*Expansion Debt*" means additional senior secured or unsecured Indebtedness to finance the development of additional Trains and to be incurred after the Notes Issue Date.

"Export Credit Agency" means any export credit agency or similar financial institution.

"Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements" means, collectively, the Train One and Train Two LNG Sales Agreements, the Train Three and Train Four LNG Sales Agreements, the Train Five LNG Sales Agreement and any additional LNG sales agreements entered into by the Company.

*"Fair Market Value"* means the value that would be paid by a willing buyer to an unaffiliated willing seller in a transaction not involving distress or necessity of either party, determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Company (unless otherwise provided in this Indenture).

*"FATCA Withholding Tax"* means any withholding Tax pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (and any regulations or agreements thereunder or official interpretations thereof) or any intergovernmental agreement between the United States and another jurisdiction facilitating the implementation thereof (or any law implementing such an intergovernmental agreement).



"Fee Letters" means the Intercreditor Agent Fee Letter, and the Fee Letters, as defined in the Common Terms Agreement.

"FERC" means the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any successor thereto having jurisdiction over the transportation of natural gas through, or the siting, construction or operation of, the Project.

"Final Completion" has the meaning assigned to the term "Final Completion" in the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract.

"Financing Documents" means each of:

(a) the Common Terms Agreement;

(b) this Indenture and any additional indentures entered into in connection with the issuance of any additional Senior Bonds;

(c) each other Secured Debt Instrument;

(d) each of the Security Documents;

(e) the Security Agency Agreement;

(f) the Intercreditor Agreement;

(g) the Notes;

(h) the Permitted Hedging Agreements;

(i) the Fee Letters;

(j) the CQP Indemnity Letter;

(k) the Hedge Opportunity Letter;

(l) the Notarial Assignment;

(m) the other financing and security agreements, documents and instruments delivered in connection with the Common Terms Agreement; and

(n) each other document designated as a Financing Document by the Company and each Secured Debt Holder Group Representative.

"Fiscal Quarter" means each three-month period commencing on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of any Fiscal Year and ending on the next March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, respectively.

"Fiscal Year" means any period of 12 consecutive calendar months beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of each calendar year.

*"Fitch"* means Fitch Ratings, Ltd.

*"FOB Sale and Purchase Agreements"* means, collectively, the BG FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the Centrica FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the GN FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the KoGas FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the GAIL FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the Total FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the Petronas FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the Vitol FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement and any "Qualified FOB Sale and Purchase Agreements" under and as defined in the Common Terms Agreement.

"Force Majeure Event" means the occurrence of a Force Majeure event under any of the Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements.

"Fundamental Decision" means:

(a) Modifying Article V (*Application of Funds*) of the Accounts Agreement, other than Section 5.08 (*Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds Account*) of the Accounts Agreement, and defined terms used therein;

(b) Modifying any of the provisions of Section 2.1 (Granting Clause) of the Security Agreement or Section 2.1 (Granting Clause) of the Pledge Agreement or any other provision of the Financing Documents governing the granting of or priority of the Liens over the Security; and

(c) Modifying the definition of "Project Completion Date" as set out in the Common Terms Agreement.

*"Fundamental Government Approvals"* the approvals and permits issued by FERC and DOE/FE as set forth on Schedule 4.6(a) of the Common Terms Agreement, and, when obtained, the approvals and permits issued by FERC and DOE/FE as set forth on Schedule 4.6(b) of the Common Terms Agreement.

"*GAAP*" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied.

"GAIL" means GAIL (India) Limited.

"GAIL FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated December 11, 2011, between the Company and GAIL, as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Gas" means any hydrocarbon or mixture of hydrocarbons consisting predominantly of methane which is in a gaseous state.

"Gas Hedge Provider" means any party (other than the Loan Parties or any of their Affiliates) that is a party to a Permitted Hedging Agreement described in clause (b) of the definition thereof that is secured by a Security in the Collateral pursuant to the Security Documents.

"Gas Hedge Termination Value" means the amount of any termination payment owed by the Company to a Gas Hedge Provider under a Secured Gas Hedge Instrument, or to any other counterparty under a Gas hedge agreement that is not a Secured Gas Hedge Instrument, in either case upon the termination of the Secured Gas Hedge Instrument or such other Gas hedge agreement that is not a Secured Gas Hedge Instrument as a result of a party's default thereunder.

"General Partner" means Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC.

"Global Note Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.3(g)(2) of Appendix A.

"Global Notes" means, individually and collectively, each of the Restricted Global Notes and the Unrestricted Global Notes deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee, issued in accordance with <u>Sections 2.1</u> and <u>2.3</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>.

"GN FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated November 21, 2011, between the Company and Naturgy LNG GOM, Limited (formerly Gas Natural Fenosa LNG GOM, Limited), as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Government Approval" means (a) any authorization, consent, approval, license, lease, ruling, permit, tariff, rate, certification, waiver, exemption, filing, variance, claim, order, judgment or decree of, by or with, (b) any required notice to, (c) any declaration of or with or (d) any registration by or with, any Government Authority.

"Government Authority" means any supra-national, federal, state or local government or political subdivision thereof or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory

or administrative functions of or pertaining to government and having jurisdiction over the Person or matters in question.

"Government Rule" means any statute, law, regulation, ordinance, rule, judgment, order, decree, directive, requirement of, or other governmental restriction or any similar binding form of decision of or determination by, or any interpretation or administration of any of the foregoing by, any Government Authority, including all common law, which is applicable to any Person, whether now or hereafter in effect.

"Government Securities" means securities that are direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States of America for the timely payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged.

"Guarantee" means a guarantee, an endorsement, a contingent agreement to purchase or to furnish funds for the payment or maintenance of, or otherwise to be or become contingently liable under or with respect to, the Indebtedness, other obligations, net worth, working capital or earnings of any Person, or a guarantee of the payment of dividends or other distributions upon the stock or equity interests of any Person, or an agreement to purchase, sell or lease (as lessee or lessor) Property of any Person, products, materials, supplies or services primarily for the purpose of enabling a debtor to make payment of his, her or its obligations or an agreement to assure a creditor against loss, and including causing a bank or other financial institution to issue a letter of credit or other similar instrument for the benefit of another Person, but excluding (a) endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business and (b) customary non-financial indemnity or hold harmless provisions included in contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business. The terms "*Guarantee*" and "*Guaranteed*" used as verbs shall have correlative meanings.

*"Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date"* means the "Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date" or any equivalent term, with respect to each Train, as defined in the applicable EPC Contract.

"Guarantors" means each Subsidiary of the Company that executes a Note Guarantee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, and each such Person's respective successors and assigns, in each case, until the Note Guarantee of such Person has been released in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

*"Hedge Opportunity Letter"* means the Hedge Opportunity Letter, dated as of July 11, 2012, among the Company, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., Union Bank, N.A., Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, HSBC Securities (USA), Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., Royal Bank of Canada, SG Americas Securities, LLC, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, Standard Chartered Bank, and Sovereign Bank, N.A.

"Hedge Termination Value" means, in respect of any Interest Rate Protection Agreement, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement to which the Company is a party relating to such Interest Rate Protection Agreement, for any date on or after the date such Interest Rate Protection Agreement has been closed out and termination value determined in accordance therewith, such termination value.

"Hedging Agreement" means any agreement in respect of any interest rate, swap, forward rate transaction, commodity swap, commodity option, commodity future, interest rate option, interest or commodity cap, interest or commodity collar transaction, currency swap agreement, currency future or option contract, or other similar agreements.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Note is registered.

"IAI Global Note" means a Global Note issued in accordance with Section 2.1(c)(1)(B) of Appendix A.

"Immaterial Subsidiary" means, as of any date, any Restricted Subsidiary whose total assets, as of that date, are less than \$5,000,000 and whose total revenues for the most recent 12-month period do not exceed \$5,000,000.

"Impairment" means, with respect to any Government Approval;

(a) the rescission, revocation, staying, withdrawal, early termination, cancellation, repeal or invalidity thereof or otherwise ceasing to be in full force and effect;

(b) the suspension or injunction thereof; or

(c) the inability to satisfy in a timely manner stated conditions to effectiveness or amendment, modification or supplementation thereof in whole or in part. The verb "Impair" shall have a correlative meaning.

*"In-Service Date"* means (a) with respect to Train One, May 27, 2016, and with respect to Train Two, September 15, 2016, and (b) with respect to the EPC Contract with respect to any other Train, the date when the Independent Engineer shall have certified in writing to the Trustee that "substantial completion" (based on the corresponding defined term in such EPC Contract) of such Train has occurred.

"Indebtedness" of any Person means without duplication:

(a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money or in respect of deposits or advances of any kind;

(b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements, or similar instruments;

(c) all obligations of such Person upon which interest charges are customarily paid;

(d) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property acquired by such Person (even though the rights and remedies of the seller or lender under such agreement in the event of default are limited to repossession or sale of such property or are otherwise limited in recourse);

(e) all obligations of such Person in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (excluding current accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of business);

(f) all Indebtedness of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the Indebtedness secured thereby has been assumed;

(g) all Guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness of others;

(h) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person;

(i) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person as an account party in respect of letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bank guaranties, surety bonds, letters of guaranty and similar instruments;

(j) all obligations of such Person in respect of any Hedging Agreement;

(k) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of bankers' acceptances; and

(1) all obligations of such Person to purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise make any payment in respect of any Equity Interests of such Person or any other Person or any warrants, rights or options to acquire such Equity Interests, valued, in the case of redeemable preferred interests, at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends.

The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Independent Engineer" means Lummus Consultants International, Inc. (f/k/a Shaw Consultants International, Inc.) and any replacement thereof appointed by the Required Secured Parties and, if no CTA Event of Default shall then be occurring, after consultation with the Company.

"Indirect Participant" means a Person who holds a beneficial interest in a Global Note through a Participant.

"Initial Senior Secured Debt Closing Date" means July 31, 2012.

"Institutional Accredited Investor" means an institution that is an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act, who is not also a QIB.

"Insurance Advisor" means Aon Risk Services and any replacement thereof appointed by the Required Secured Parties and, if no CTA Event of Default shall then be occurring, after consultation with the Company.

"Insurance Proceeds" means all proceeds of any insurance policies required pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement or otherwise obtained with respect to the Company or the Project that are paid or payable to or for the account of the Company as loss payee (other than Business Interruption Insurance Proceeds and proceeds of insurance policies relating to third party liability).

"Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds Account" means the Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Intercreditor Agent" means Société Générale or any successor to it, appointed pursuant to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Intercreditor Agent Fee Letter" means the Fee Letter, dated as of July 31, 2012, between the Company and the Intercreditor Agent.

"Intercreditor Agreement" means the Second Amended and Restated Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2015, among the Secured Bank Debt Holder Group Representatives, each other Secured Debt Holder Group Representative party thereto, the Secured Hedge Representatives, the Secured Gas Hedge Representatives, the Common Security Trustee and the Intercreditor Agent, as amended from time to time.

"Intercreditor Vote" means, at any time, a vote conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article 3 (Voting and Decision-Making) of the Intercreditor Agreement among the Designated Voting Parties entitled to vote with respect to the particular decision at issue at such time.

"Interest Rate Protection Agreements" means each interest rate swap, collar, put, or cap, or other interest rate protection arrangement between the Company and a Qualified Counterparty.

*"International LNG Terminal Standards"* means to the extent not inconsistent with the express requirements of the Common Terms Agreement, the international standards and practices applicable to the design, construction, equipment, operation or maintenance of LNG receiving, exporting, liquefaction and regasification terminals, established by the following (such standards to apply in the following order of priority): (a) a Government Authority having jurisdiction over the Company, (b) the SIGTTO or any successor body of the same) and (c) any other internationally recognized non -governmental agency or organization with whose standards and practices it is customary for reasonable and prudent operators of LNG receiving, exporting, liquefaction and regasification terminals to comply. In the event of a conflict between any of the priorities noted above, the priority with the lowest Roman numeral noted above shall prevail.

*"International LNG Vessel Standards"* means to the extent not inconsistent with the express requirements of the Common Terms Agreement, the international standards and practices applicable to the ownership, design, equipment, operation or maintenance of LNG vessels established by: (a) the International Maritime Organization, (b) the Oil Companies International Marine Forum, (c) SIGTTO (or any successor body of the same), (d) the International Navigation Association, (e) the International Association of Classification Societies, and (f) any other internationally recognized agency or non-governmental organization with whose standards and practices it is customary for reasonable and prudent operators of LNG vessels to comply. In the event of a conflict between any of the priorities noted above, the priority with the lowest Roman numeral noted above shall prevail.

"Investment" means, for any Person:

(a) the acquisition (whether for cash, Property of such Person, services or securities or otherwise) of capital stock, bonds, notes, debentures, partnership or other ownership interests or other securities of any other Person or any agreement to make any such acquisition (including any "short sale" or any other sale of any securities at a time when such securities are not owned by the Person entering into such sale);

(b) the making of any deposit with, or advance, loan or other extension of credit to, any other Person (including the purchase of Property from another Person subject to an understanding or agreement, contingent or otherwise, to resell such Property to such Person, but excluding any such advance, loan or extension of credit having a term not exceeding 90 days representing the purchase price of inventory or supplies sold in the ordinary course of business); and

(c) the entering into of any Guarantee of, or other contingent obligation (other than an indemnity which is not a Guarantee) with respect to, Indebtedness or other liability of any other Person;

provided, that Investment shall not include amounts deposited pursuant to the escrow agreement entered with respect to disputed amounts under any EPC Contract.

"Investment Grade Date" means January 9, 2017.

*"Investment Grade Issue Rating"* means Baa3 or better by Moody's, BBB- or better by Fitch, BBB- or better by S&P or, if any of such entities cease to rate the Notes for reasons outside of the control of the Company, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency selected by the Company as a replacement agency.

"Investment Grade Rating" means Baa3 or better by Moody's, BBB- or better by Fitch, BBB- or better by S&P or the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency.

"Issue Date" means the first date of original issuance of the Notes under this Indenture.

*"KMLP Pipeline Transportation Agreement"* means the Transportation Rate Schedule FTS Agreement, dated December 8, 2017, by and between Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline Company LLC and the Company, as amended.

"KoGas" means Korea Gas Corporation.

*"KoGas FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement"* means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated January 30, 2012, between the Company and KoGas, as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Lease Agreements" means:

(a) that certain real property lease agreement between Crain Lands, LLC, as lessor, and the Company, as lessee, dated December 5, 2011; and

(b) that certain real property lease agreement between Crain Lands, LLC, as lessor, and the Company, as lessee, dated June 21, 2019 but effective as of November 1, 2011,

both as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

*"Lien"* means, with respect to any Property (including, without limitation, the Project) of any Person, any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, encumbrance, bailment, lien, privilege or other security interest, including any sale-leaseback arrangement, any conditional sale, other title retention agreement, tax lien, lien (statutory or otherwise), easement or right of way in respect of such Property of such Person. For purposes of the Financing Documents, a Person shall be deemed to own subject to a Lien any Property which it has acquired or holds subject to the interest of a vendor or lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or other title retention agreement (other than an operating lease) relating to such Property.

"LNG" means Gas in a liquid state at or below its boiling point at a pressure of approximately one atmosphere.

"Loan Parties" means the Company and each subsidiary of the Company party to the Common Terms Agreement from time to time.

"Majority Aggregate Other Secured Debt Participants" means, at any time with respect to any decision, the Designated Voting Parties under any one or more Secured Debt Instruments that constitute all or part of the Other Secured Debt that, when their allotted votes are cast pursuant to Section 3.3 (Intercreditor Votes; Each Party's Entitlement to Vote) of the Intercreditor Agreement and Section 3.4 (Casting of Votes) of the Intercreditor Agreement, exceed 50% of the votes eligible to be cast by such Designated Voting Parties regarding such decision; provided, however, that a Modification that has been the subject of a Rating Affirmation shall be deemed to have been approved by votes cast pursuant to Section 3.3 (Intercreditor Votes; Each Party's Entitlement to Vote) of the Intercreditor Agreement and Section 3.4 (Casting of Votes) of the Intercreditor Agreement, exceeding 50% of the votes eligible to be cast by such Designated Voting Parties regarding the Modification that has been the subject of such Rating Affirmation.

"Majority Aggregate Secured Bank Debt Participants" means, at any time with respect to any decision, the Designated Voting Parties under any one or more Secured Debt Instruments that constitute all or part of the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt that, when their allotted votes are cast pursuant to Section 3.3 (Intercreditor Votes; Each Party's Entitlement to Vote) of the Intercreditor Agreement and Section 3.4 (Casting of Votes) of the Intercreditor Agreement, exceed 50% of the votes eligible to be cast by such Designated Voting Parties regarding such decision.

"Majority Secured Debt Participants" means, at any time with respect to any relevant decision, the Designated Voting Parties under any one or more Secured Debt Instruments that, when their allotted votes are cast pursuant to Section 3.3 (Intercreditor Votes; Each Party's Entitlement to Vote) of the Intercreditor Agreement and Section 3.4 (Casting of Votes) of the Intercreditor Agreement, exceed 50% of the votes eligible to be cast by all Designated Voting Parties regarding such decision; provided, however, that a Modification that has been the subject of a Rating Affirmation shall be deemed to have been approved by votes cast pursuant to Section 3.3 (Intercreditor Votes; Each Party's Entitlement to Vote) of the Intercreditor Agreement and Section 3.4 (Casting of Votes) of the Intercreditor Agreement, exceeding 50% of the votes eligible to be cast by such Designated Voting Parties regarding the Modification that has been the subject of such Rating Affirmation.

"Management Services Agreement" means the Management Services Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2012, between the Company and Cheniere LNG Terminals, Inc., as amended from time to time.

"Manager" means Cheniere LNG Terminals, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

"Market Consultant" means Wood Mackenzie Limited and any replacement thereof appointed by the Required Secured Parties and, if no CTA Event of Default shall then be occurring, after consultation with the Company.

*"Material Adverse Effect"* means an act, event or condition which materially impairs (a) the business, financial condition, or operations of the Company or the Project, (b) the ability of the Company to perform its material obligations under any Financing Document or Material Project Document to which it is a party, (c) the validity and enforceability of any Material Project Document or any Financing Document or the rights or remedies of each Secured Debt Holder thereunder or (d) the security interests of the Secured Parties.

"Material Project Document" means:

- (a) the EPC Contracts and related parent guarantees;
- (b) the FOB Sale and Purchase Agreements and related parent guarantees;
- (c) the Management Services Agreement;
- (d) the Sabine Liquefaction TUA;
- (e) the Pipeline Transportation Agreements;
- (f) the Terminal Use Rights Assignment and Agreement;
- (g) the Cooperation Agreement;
- (h) the Real Property Documents;
- (i) the Precedent Agreements;
- (j) the ConocoPhillips License Agreements;
- (k) the Water Agreement;
- (1) any Additional Material Project Document;

(m) if the Company incurs Expansion Debt in respect of Train Six pursuant, as applicable, to Section 4.08(a)(1), any Train Six LNG Sales Agreements, as applicable, and with respect to Train Six any agreement or license having substantially the same purpose as the Material Project Documents set forth in clauses (a) and (i) above in this definition; and

(n) any agreement replacing or in substitution of any of the foregoing.

"Material Project Party" means each party to a Material Project Document (other than the Company) and each guarantor or provider of security or credit support in respect thereof.

"Mechanics' Liens" means carriers', warehousemen's, laborers', mechanics', workmen's, materialmen's, repairmen's, construction or other like statutory Liens.

"Modification" means, with respect to any Financing Document, any amendment, supplement, Waiver or other modification of the terms and provisions thereof and the term "Modify" shall have a corresponding meaning.

"Monthly Sales Charges" with respect to any of the FOB Sale and Purchase Agreements, has the meaning set forth in such FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

*"Mortgage"* means (i) the Third Amended and Restated Multiple Indebtedness Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2015, from the Company to the Common Security Trustee, (ii) the Multiple Indebtedness Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2015, from the Company to the Common Security Trustee and (iii) the Multiple Indebtedness Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Trustee and Rents and Security Trustee, in each case, as amended.

"Net Cash Proceeds" means in connection with any asset disposition, the aggregate cash proceeds received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any asset disposition (including any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received in any asset disposition), net of the direct costs relating to such asset disposition and payments made to retire Indebtedness (other than the Obligations) required to be repaid in connection therewith, including legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions, and any relocation expenses incurred as a result of such asset disposition, taxes paid or payable as a result of such asset disposition, in each case, after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements, and amounts reserved for adjustment in respect of the sale price of such asset or assets established in accordance with GAAP.

"Net Loss Proceeds" means Insurance Proceeds, Condemnation Proceeds and all Performance Liquidated Damages.

"NGA" means the United States Natural Gas Act of 1938, as heretofore and hereafter amended, and codified 15 U.S.C. §717 et seq.

*"NGPL Pipeline Transportation Agreements"* means (i) the Transportation Rate Schedule FTS Agreement, dated October 29, 2012, between Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC and the Company, as amended by that certain Transportation Rate Schedule FTS

Amendment No. 1, dated June 18, 2013 and (ii) Transportation Rate Schedule FTS Agreement, dated June 18, 2013, between Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC and the Company.

"Non-Recourse Debt" means Indebtedness:

(a) as to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (1) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness) or (2) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise; and

(b) as to which the lenders have been notified in writing that they will not have any recourse to the stock or assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the Equity Interests of an Unrestricted Subsidiary).

"Non-U.S. Person" means a Person who is not a U.S. Person.

"Notarial Assignment" means the Notarial Act of Assignment, dated July 31, 2012, by the Parent in favor of the Common Security Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties of (i) that certain Revolving Credit Note in the amount of \$100,000,000, dated June 11, 2012, made by the Company, payable to the order of the Parent, (ii) that certain Multiple Indebtedness Mortgage, Assignment of Rents and Leases, and Security Agreement, executed by the Company, as mortgagor, to and in favor of the Parent, as mortgagee, dated effective June 11, 2012, and recorded in the Official Records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on June 11, 2012, under File No. 326265, relating to that property in Cameron Parish, Louisiana described therein, and (iii) that certain UCC-1 Financing Statement filed in the Official Records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on June 11, 2012 under File No. 12-326266.

"Note Guarantee" means the Guarantee by each Guarantor of the Company's obligations under this Indenture and the Notes, executed pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture.

"Noteholder Consultant" means Allianz Global Investors GmbH or such other Person appointed by the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Note Purchase Agreement.

"Note Purchase Agreement" means that certain Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, between the Company, the Purchasers (as defined therein) and the Noteholder Consultant.

"Notes" means \$146,800,000 aggregate principal amount of 2.95% Senior Secured Notes due September 15, 2037 issued under this Indenture on the date hereof.

"Notes Issue Date" means the first date of the original issuance of the Notes under this Indenture.

"O&M Agreement" means the Operation and Maintenance Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2012, between the Operator, the Company and, solely for the purposes set forth therein, Cheniere LNG O&M Services, LLC, as amended from time to time.

"Obligations" means and includes all loans, advances (including, without limitation, any advance made by any Secured Party to satisfy any obligation of any Loan Party or the Pledgor under any Transaction Document), debts, liabilities, Indebtedness and obligations of the Company, howsoever arising, owed to the Secured Debt Holders, the Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives, the Senior Debt Holders of Secured Hedge Obligations, the Secured Hedge Representatives or any other Secured Party of every kind and description (whether or not evidenced by any note or instrument and whether or not for the payment of money), direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against the Company of any insolvency or liquidation proceeding naming the Company as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding, pursuant to the terms of the Common Terms Agreement or any of the other Financing Documents (including the Secured Hedge Instruments), including all principal, interest, fees, charges, expenses, attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, accountants' fees and Consultants' fees payable by the Company thereunder.

"OFAC" means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

"Officer's Certificate" means a certificate signed by one Authorized Officer of the Company, which officer must be the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer, the treasurer or the principal accounting officer, that meets the requirements of <u>Section 13.03</u>.

"One Hundred Percent Participants" means, at any time with respect to any decision, the Designated Voting Parties that, when their allotted votes are cast pursuant to Article 3 (Voting and Decision-Making) of the Intercreditor Agreement, equal 100% of the votes eligible to be cast regarding such decision.

"Operating Account" means the Operating Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Operating Budget" means a proposed operating plan and a budget setting forth in reasonable detail the projected requirements for Operation and Maintenance Expenses for the Company and the Project for the ensuing calendar year (or, in the case of the initial Operating Budget, the remaining portion thereof).

"Operation and Maintenance Expenses" means, for any period, the sum, computed without duplication, of the following, in each case that are contemplated by the then-effective Operating Budget or are incurred in connection with any permitted exceedance thereunder pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement:

(a) for fees and costs of the Manager pursuant to the Management Services Agreement; *plus* 

(b) expenses for operating the Project and maintaining it in good repair and operating condition payable during such period, including the ordinary course fees and costs of the Operator payable pursuant to the O&M Agreement; plus

- (c) insurance costs payable during such period; plus
- (d) applicable sales and excise taxes (if any) payable or reimbursable by the Company during such period; plus
- (e) franchise taxes payable by the Company during such period; plus
- (f) property taxes payable by the Company during such period; plus

(g) any other direct taxes (if any) payable by the Company to the taxing authority (other than any taxes imposed on or measured by income or receipts) during such period; plus

- (h) costs and fees attendant to the obtaining and maintaining in effect the Government Approvals payable during such period; plus
- (i) legal, accounting and other professional fees attendant to any of the foregoing items payable during such period; plus
- (j) Permitted Capital Expenditures contemplated by the then-effective Operating Budget; plus
- (k) the cost of purchase and transportation (including storage) of natural gas consumed for LNG production; plus

(1) all other cash expenses payable by the Company in the ordinary course of business. Operation and Maintenance Expenses shall exclude any Gas Hedge Termination Value and shall exclude, to the extent included above: (i) transfers from any Account into any other Account (other than the Operating Account) during such period, (ii) payments of any kind with respect to Restricted Payments during such period, (iii) depreciation for such period, (iv) except as provided in clause (j) above, any Capital Expenditure including Permitted Capital Expenditures and (v) any payments of any kind with respect to any restoration during such period.

To the extent insufficient funds are available in the Operating Account to pay any Operation and Maintenance Expenses and amounts are advanced by or on behalf of any Secured Party in accordance with the terms of the applicable Secured Debt Instrument or Secured Hedge Instrument for the payment of such Operation and Maintenance Expenses, the Obligation to repay such advances shall itself constitute an Operation and Maintenance Expense.

"Operator" means Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC, or such other Person from time to time party to the O&M Agreement as "Operator."

"Opinion of Counsel" means an opinion or opinions from legal counsel who is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee, that meets the requirements of <u>Section 13.03</u>. The counsel may be an employee of, or counsel to, the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company or the Trustee.

"Other Secured Debt" means any Secured Debt other than (a) the Secured Bank Debt and (b) any Additional Secured Debt which constitutes one or more commercial loans made pursuant to one or more credit facilities in which the lenders are primarily financial institutions engaged in the business of banking.

"Parent" means Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

"*Participant*" means, with respect to the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to DTC, shall include Euroclear and Clearstream).

"Payment Date" means March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing on March 15, 2022 (as set forth in the Payment Schedule), or if any such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day.

"Payment Schedule" means the payment and amortization schedule attached hereto as Appendix B, as the same may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

"Performance Liquidated Damages" means any liquidated damages resulting from the Project's performance which are required to be paid by the EPC Contractor or any other Material Project Party for or on account of any diminution to the performance of the Project.

"Permitted Business" means (i) the construction, operation, expansion, reconstruction, debottlenecking, improvement and maintenance of the Project or related to or using by-products of the Project, all activity reasonably necessary or undertaken in connection with the foregoing and any activities incidental or related to any of the foregoing, including, the development, construction, operation, maintenance and financing of any facilities reasonably related to the Project or related to or using by-products of the Project and (ii) the buying, selling, storing and transportation of hydrocarbons for use in connection with the Project or related to or using by-products of the Project.

"Permitted Capital Expenditures" means Capital Expenditures that: (a) are required for compliance with Project Documents, insurance policies, Government Rules, Government Approvals and Prudent Industry Practices; or (b) are otherwise used for the Project or for the development, construction, financing and operation of additional Trains; and in all cases, (i) are funded by equity or Permitted Indebtedness issued by the Company, (ii) are funded from the

Distribution Account as set forth in Section 5.10 (*Distribution Account*) of the Accounts Agreement, (iii) are funded by insurance proceeds, each of (i), (ii) or (iii) as expressly permitted herein and the other Financing Documents and to the extent that all such sums entirely fund such Permitted Capital Expenditures, or (iv) are contemplated by the then-effective Operating Budget, and, in the case of clauses (i), (ii) or (iii), could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or materially and adversely affect the Borrower's rights, duties, obligations or liabilities under the Sabine Liquefaction TUA.

"Permitted Hedging Agreement" means any of the:

(a) Interest Rate Protection Agreements; and

(b) gas hedging contracts in an amount and for a period not to exceed the amount reasonably required by the Company to comply with its obligations under the Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements and its other contractual obligations.

"Permitted Indebtedness" means items (a) through (r) set forth in Section 4.08.

"Permitted Investments" means:

(a) any Investment in the Company or in a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Guarantor and that is engaged in a Permitted Business;

- (b) any Investment in Cash Equivalents;
- (c) any Investment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in a Person, if as a result of such Investment:
  - (1) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; or

(2) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;

(d) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale that was made pursuant to and in compliance with Section 4.09;

(e) any Investment in any Person solely in exchange for the issuance of Equity Interests (other than Equity Interests that constitute Indebtedness) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(f) any Investments received in compromise or resolution of (A) obligations of trade creditors or customers that were incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including pursuant to any plan of reorganization or similar

arrangement upon the bankruptcy or insolvency of any trade creditor or customer; or (B) litigation, arbitration or other disputes with Persons who are not Affiliates;

(g) Investments pursuant to Hedging Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes;

(h) advances to or reimbursements of employees for moving, entertainment and travel expenses, drawing accounts and similar expenditures in the ordinary course of business;

(i) loans or advances to employees made in the ordinary course of business of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2.5 million at any one time outstanding;

(j) repurchases of the Notes;

(k) advances, deposits and prepayments for purchases of any assets, including any Equity Interests;

 advances to customers or suppliers in the ordinary course of business that are, in conformity with GAAP, recorded as accounts receivable, prepaid expenses or deposits on the balance sheet of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries and endorsements for collection or deposit arising in the ordinary course of business;

(m) receivables owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary created or acquired in the ordinary course of business and payable or dischargeable in accordance with customary trade terms; provided, however, that such trade terms may include such concessionary trade terms as the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary deems reasonable under the circumstances;

(n) Investments received as a result of a foreclosure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to any secured Investment in default;

(o) surety and performance bonds and workers' compensation, utility, lease, tax, performance and similar deposits and prepaid expenses in the ordinary course of business, including cash deposits incurred in connection with natural gas purchases;

(p) Guarantees of Indebtedness permitted under Section 4.08;

(q) Investments existing on the Notes Issue Date; and

(r) other Investments in any Person having an aggregate Fair Market Value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (r) that are at the time outstanding not to exceed \$50.0 million.

"Permitted Liens" means, collectively:

(a) Liens in favor, or for the benefit, of the Secured Parties created or permitted pursuant to the Security Documents;

(b) Liens securing Indebtedness with respect to Permitted Hedging Agreements and Secured Bank Debt permitted to be incurred under this Indenture;

(c) Liens which are scheduled exceptions to the coverage afforded by the Title Policy on the Initial Senior Secured Debt Closing Date;

(d) statutory liens for a sum not yet delinquent or which are being Contested;

(e) pledges or deposits of cash or letters of credit to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts (other than for borrowed money) leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds, letters of credit and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business and in accordance with the then-effective Operating Budget and cash deposits incurred in connection with natural gas purchases;

(f) Liens to secure Indebtedness (including Capital Lease Obligations) permitted by Section 4.08(e) covering only the assets acquired with or financed by such Indebtedness;

(g) easements and other similar encumbrances affecting real property which are incurred in the ordinary course of business and encumbrances consisting of zoning restrictions, licenses, restrictions on the use of property or encumbrances or imperfections in title which do not materially impair such property for the purpose for which the Company's interest therein was acquired or materially interfere with the operation of the Project as contemplated by the Transaction Documents;

(h) Mechanics' Liens, Liens of lessors and sublessors and similar Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business for sums which are not overdue for a period of more than 30 days or the payment of which is subject to a Contest;

(i) legal or equitable encumbrances (other than any attachment prior to judgment, judgment lien or attachment in aid of execution on a judgment) deemed to exist by reason of the existence of any pending litigation or other legal proceeding if the same is effectively stayed or the claims secured thereby are subject to a Contest;

(j) the Liens created pursuant to the Real Property Documents;

(k) Liens arising out of judgments or awards so long as an appeal or proceeding for review is being prosecuted in good faith and for the payment of which adequate cash reserves, bonds or other cash equivalent security have been provided or are fully covered by insurance (other than any customary deductible);

(1) Liens for workers' compensation awards and similar obligations not then delinquent; Mechanics' Liens and similar Liens not then delinquent, and any such Liens, whether or not delinquent, whose validity is at the time being Contested in good faith;

(m) Liens in favor of the Company or the Guarantors;

(n) Liens to secure any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under this Indenture; provided, however, that:

(1) the new Lien is limited to all or part of the same property and assets that secured or, under the written agreements pursuant to which the original Lien arose, could secure the original Lien (plus improvements and accessions to, such property or proceeds or distributions thereof); and

(2) the Indebtedness secured by the new Lien is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of (x) the outstanding principal amount, or, if greater, committed amount, of the Indebtedness renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged (plus all accrued interest on the Indebtedness, any amounts deposited in a debt service reserve or similar reserve account in connection with the issuance of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness and the amount of all fees and expenses (including Hedge Termination Value with respect to any Interest Rate Protection subject to refinancing with the purposed Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness), including premiums, incurred in connection therewith) with such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness and (y) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, discounts, related to such renewal, refunding, refinancing, replacement, defeasance or discharge; and

(o) other Liens not otherwise permitted hereunder so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the obligations secured thereby does not exceed \$100,000,000 at any one time.

"Permitted Modification" means, with respect to any Secured Debt Instrument, the following:

(a) subject to Section 4.1 (*Majority Decisions*) and 4.2 (*Unanimous Decisions*) of the Intercreditor Agreement any Modifications of or under such Secured Debt Instrument (*provided* that such Modification shall not (x) adversely affect the rights or interests of any Secured Party not party to such Secured Debt Instrument or (y) change or attempt to change the effect of Sections 4.5(b) or 4.6 of the Intercreditor Agreement;

(b) any release of anyone liable in any manner under, or in respect of the Obligations owing under, such Secured Debt Instrument (but only in respect of such Obligations); and

(c) any Waiver of, or determination of satisfaction of or compliance with, any condition precedent to any Advance under such Secured Debt Instrument.

"Permitted Payments to Parent" means, without duplication as to amounts allowed to be distributed under any other provision of this Indenture:

(a) payments to the Parent to permit the Parent to pay reasonable accounting, legal and administrative expenses of the Parent when due, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 per calendar year; and

(b) on each Quarterly Payment Date, the amount necessary for payment to the Pledgor or Parent to enable it to pay its (or for Parent to satisfy any contractual obligation to distribute to its beneficial owners to enable them to pay their) income tax liability with respect to income generated by the Company, determined at the highest combined U.S. federal and State of Louisiana tax rate applicable to an entity taxable as a corporation in both jurisdictions for the applicable period.

"Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries issued in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to renew, refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than intercompany Indebtedness); provided that:

(a) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of the Indebtedness renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged (plus all accrued interest on the Indebtedness, any amounts deposited in a debt service reserve or similar reserve account in connection with the issuance of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness and the amount of all fees and expenses (including Hedge Termination Value with respect to any Interest Rate Protection subject to refinancing with the purposed Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness), including premiums and discounts incurred in connection therewith);

(b) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and has a weighted average life to maturity that is (a) equal to or greater than the weighted average life to maturity of, the Indebtedness being renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged or (b) more than 90 days after the final maturity date of the Notes; provided that this clause (b) shall not apply to Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 4.08(a)(2);

(c) if the Indebtedness being renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes on terms at least as favorable to the Holders as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged; and

(d) such Indebtedness is incurred either by the Company or by the Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that was the obligor on the Indebtedness being renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged and is guaranteed only by Persons who were obligors on the Indebtedness being renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, company, voluntary association, partnership, joint venture, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated organization or Government Authority.

"Petronas" means Petronas LNG Ltd.

"Petronas FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated December 18, 2018, between the Company and Petronas as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"*Pipeline*" means the approximately 94 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline and other facilities as described in the application filed by the Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P., pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA in FERC Docket No CP12-351-000 and any expansion thereof used in connection with any Permitted Business.

*"Pipeline Transportation Agreements"* means, collectively, the Creole Trail Pipeline Transportation Agreement, the NGPL Pipeline Transportation Agreements, the Transportation Agreement, and the KMLP Pipeline Transportation Agreement.

"Pledge Agreement" means the Pledge Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, between the Pledgor and the Common Security Trustee and any other pledge agreement executed (in favor of the Common Security Trustee) by any Person holding any direct ownership interests in the Company.

"Pledgor" means Sabine Pass LNG-LP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Precedent Agreements" means the Precedent Agreement, dated as of October 31, 2018, between Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline LLC and the Company and the Amended and Restated Precedent Agreement, dated as of April 19, 2019, between Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC and the Company, each as amended.

"Private Placement Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.3(g)(1) of Appendix A.

"Project" means (a) the natural gas liquefaction facility located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana owned and operated by the Company for the production of LNG and other Services and (b) any other Permitted Business conducted by the Company.

"Project Costs" means all costs of acquiring, leasing, designing, engineering, developing, permitting, insuring, financing (including closing costs and interest and interest rate hedge expenses), constructing, installing, commissioning, testing and starting-up (including costs relating to all equipment, materials, spare parts and labor for) the Project and all other costs

incurred with respect to the Project, including working capital (provided that Project Costs shall exclude any operation and maintenance expenses for any train of the Project that has achieved Substantial Completion).

"Project Document Termination Payments" means all payments that are required to be paid to or for the account of the Company as a result of the termination of or reduction of any obligations under any Material Project Document, if any.

"Project Documents" means each Material Project Document and any other material agreement relating to Development.

"Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio" means, for the applicable period, the ratio of (a) Cash Flow Available for Debt Service projected for such period (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or balloon payments at maturity or in the final year prior to maturity), including Debt Service projected with respect to any undrawn portion of the Secured Bank Debt Available Amount. Where this Indenture states that the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio is to be based on Contracted Cash Flow, the Projected Debt Service projected for such period to (b) Debt Service projected for such period (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 flow Available for Debt Service projected for such period (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date and the scheduled principal payment of any Senior Debt that has bullet maturities or balloon payments at maturity or in the final year prior to scheder for such period (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date and the scheduled principal payment of any Senior Debt that has bullet maturities or balloon payments at maturity or in the final year prior to maturity), including Debt Service projected with respect to any undrawn portion of the Secured Bank Debt Available Amount.

"Property" means any right or interest in or to property of any kind whatsoever, whether real, personal, mixed, movable, immovable, corporeal or incorporeal and whether tangible or intangible.

*"Prudent Industry Practice"* means, at a particular time, any of the practices, methods, standards and procedures (including those engaged in or approved by a material portion of the LNG industry) that, at that time, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of the facts known at the time a decision was made, would reasonably have been expected to accomplish the desired result consistent with good business practices, including due consideration of the Project's reliability, environmental compliance, economy, safety and expedition, and which practices, methods, standards and acts generally conform to International LNG Terminal Standards and International LNG Vessel Standards.

"QIB" means a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A.

"Qualified Counterparty" means:

(a) as of the date of execution or assignment of any Interest Rate Protection Agreement, any of the following: (i) any Person who is a Secured Debt Holder as of the date of the Common Terms Agreement or (ii) any Affiliate of any Person listed in the foregoing clause (a)(i) of this definition; and

(b) as of the date of execution or assignment of any Interest Rate Protection Agreement, any of the following: (i) any Person who is a Secured Debt Holder after the date of the Common Terms Agreement or (ii) any Affiliate of any Person listed in the foregoing clause (b)(i) of this definition, in each case, with a credit rating (or a guaranty from a Person with a credit rating) of at least A- from S&P or Fitch or at least A-3 from Moody's (or, if any of such entities cease to provide such ratings, the equivalent credit rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency).

"Quarterly Payment Date" means each March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31.

*"Rating Affirmation"* means, with respect to any Modification, delivery by the Company to the Intercreditor Agent of letters from any two Recognized Credit Rating Agencies that are then rating Other Secured Debt (or if only one Recognized Credit Rating Agency is then rating Other Secured Debt, that Recognized Credit Rating Agency) to the effect that the Recognized Credit Rating Agency has considered the contemplated Modification and that, if the contemplated Modification is adopted, such Recognized Credit Rating Agency would reaffirm (or upgrade) the rating of the Other Secured Debt as of the date of the request for a Rating Affirmation.

"*Real Property Documents*" means any material contract or agreement constituting or creating an estate or interest in any portion of the Site, including, without limitation, the Lease Agreements and the Sublease.

*"Recognized Credit Rating Agency"* means S&P, Fitch, Moody's, or any successor to S&P, Fitch, Moody's, so long as such agency is a *"nationally recognized statistical rating organization"* registered with the SEC.

"Regulation S" means Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Regulation S Global Note" means a Regulation S Temporary Global Note or Regulation S Permanent Global Note, as appropriate.

*"Regulation S Permanent Global Note"* means a permanent Global Note issued in accordance with the second paragraph of <u>Section</u> <u>2.1(c)</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>.

*"Regulation S Temporary Global Note"* means a temporary Global Note issued in accordance with the first paragraph of <u>Section 2.1(c)</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>.

"*Replacement Assets*" means (a) non-current assets that will be used or useful in a Permitted Business or (b) substantially all the assets of a Permitted Business or a majority of the voting stock of any Person engaged in a Permitted Business that will become on the date of acquisition thereof a Restricted Subsidiary.

*"Replacement Debt"* means, collectively, Secured Replacement Debt and Unsecured Replacement Debt incurred by the Company (including by way of Senior Bonds) pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement in order to partially or in whole (a) refinance by prepaying or redeeming then existing Senior Debt or (b) replace by cancelling then existing Senior Debt Commitments. For the avoidance of doubt, the Notes constitute Replacement Debt for purposes of the Financing Documents.

"Required Secured Parties" means:

(a) except as otherwise provided in clauses (b) through (e) below, with respect to any Covered Action, Designated Voting Parties constituting the Majority Aggregate Secured Credit Facilities Debt Participants;

(b) in the case of any Covered Action subject to Section 4.1 (Majority Decisions) of the Intercreditor Agreement, Designated Voting Parties constituting the Majority Aggregate Secured Bank Debt Participants, the Majority Aggregate Other Secured Debt Participants or the Majority Secured Debt Participants, as applicable, set forth in that Section;

(c) Designated Voting Parties constituting the One Hundred Percent Participants with respect to any Covered Action that is subject to Section 4.2 (Unanimous Decisions) of the Intercreditor Agreement;

(d) Designated Voting Parties constituting the Majority Secured Debt Participants with respect to any decision to exercise remedies made pursuant to Section 5.3 (Election to Pursue Remedies) of the Intercreditor Agreement, except as otherwise provided in Section 5.3(g) of the Intercreditor Agreement; and

(e) Designated Voting Parties constituting the Majority Secured Debt Participants (1) if no Secured Bank Debt is outstanding or (2) with respect to any other action not otherwise described or dealt with in this definition of "Required Secured Parties" and not otherwise specifically delegated to the Intercreditor Agent, the Common Security Trustee or a Secured Debtholder Group Representative pursuant to Section 4.3 (Administrative Decisions) of the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Responsible Officer," when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer within the Corporate Trust Division - Corporate Finance Unit of the Trustee (or any successor division or unit of the Trustee) located at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, who has direct

responsibility for the administration of this Indenture and also means, in the case of Section 7.01(c)(2) and the second sentence of Section 7.05, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Restricted Definitive Note" means a Definitive Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.

"Restricted Global Note" means a Global Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.

*"Restricted Payment"* with respect to any Person means (a) any dividend or other distribution (in cash, Property of such Person, securities, obligations, or other property) on, or other dividends or distributions on account of, its Capital Stock (other than dividends or distributions payable solely to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), (b) the setting apart of money for a sinking or other analogous fund for, or the purchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition by such Person of any portion of any of the Capital Stock of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company, (c) all payments (in cash, Property of such Person, securities, obligations, or other property) of principal of, interest on and other amounts with respect to, or other payments on account of, or the setting apart of money for a sinking or other analogous fund for, or the purchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition by such Person of, any Indebtedness owed to the Pledgor or any other Person party to a Pledge Agreement or any Affiliate thereof (including any Subordinated Indebtedness incurred to fund the Equity Contribution Amount), and (d) the setting apart of money for a sinking or other analogous fund for, or the purchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition by such Person of principal thereof is due and payable). For the avoidance of doubt, payments to the Manager for fees and costs pursuant to the Management Services Agreement, and payments to the Operator pursuant to the O&M Agreement paid in accordance with the Accounts Agreement and Permitted Payments to Parent are not Restricted Payments.

"Restricted Payment Date" means, with respect to any specific Restricted Payment, the date such Restricted Payment is made.

"Restricted Period" means the 40-day distribution compliance period as defined in Regulation S.

"Restricted Subsidiary" of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referent Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Revenue Account" means the Revenue Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Rule 144" means Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A Global Note" means a Global Note issued in accordance with Section 2.1(c)(1)(A) of Appendix A.

"Rule 903" means Rule 903 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 904" means Rule 904 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, a division of McGraw-Hill, Inc.

"Sabine Liquefaction TUA" means the Second Amended and Restated LNG Terminal Use Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, between the Company and SPLNG, as amended from time to time.

"Secured Bank Debt" means Indebtedness incurred by the Company in the aggregate amount of up to \$3,626,000,000 pursuant to the Term Loan A Credit Agreement comprised of the Construction/Term Loans, and any amendments, supplements, modifications, extensions, renewals, restatements, replacements, refundings or refinancings thereof with banks or other institutional lenders or investors that replace, refund or refinance any part of the loans or commitments thereunder; *provided* that, any such replacements, refundings or refinancings shall be subject to <u>Section 4.08(a)(2)</u>.

"Secured Bank Debt Available Amount" means the amount of all outstanding Secured Bank Debt plus available and undrawn commitments for any Secured Bank Debt pursuant to the applicable Secured Debt Instruments.

"Secured Bank Debt Committed Amount" means \$3,626,000,000.

"Secured Bank Debt Holders" means, at any time, the Senior Debt Holders of the Secured Bank Debt and shall also include any indebtedness issued to or guaranteed by an export credit agency or institution serving a similar function.

"Secured Debt" means the Senior Debt (other than Indebtedness under Interest Rate Protection Agreements) that is secured by a Security in the Collateral pursuant to the Security Documents.

"Secured Debt Holder Group" means, at any time, the Senior Debt Holders of each tranche of Secured Debt.

*"Secured Debt Holder Group Representative"* means, (a) the Term Loan A Administrative Agent in respect of the Secured Bank Debt Holders and Secured Bank Debt, (b) the Trustee and (c) with respect to any other Secured Debt Holder Group and its relevant Secured Debt Instrument, the representative designated as such pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Secured Debt Holders" means, at any time, the Senior Debt Holders of the Secured Debt.

"Secured Debt Instrument" means, at any time, each instrument governing Secured Debt and designated as such pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Secured Expansion Debt" means the Expansion Debt that is Secured Debt.

"Secured Gas Hedge Representative" means the representative or representatives of the Gas Hedge Providers designated as such pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Secured Hedge Instrument" means, at any time, each instrument governing Secured Hedge Obligations and designated as such in pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Secured Hedge Obligations" means the Indebtedness under Interest Rate Protection Agreements that is secured by a Security in the Collateral pursuant to the Security Documents.

"Secured Hedge Representative" means the representative or representatives of the Senior Debt Holders of Secured Hedge Obligations designated as such pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Secured Parties" means the Secured Debt Holders, the Senior Debt Holders of Secured Hedge Obligations, the Gas Hedge Providers, the Common Security Trustee, the Intercreditor Agent, the Accounts Bank, the Trustee, the applicable Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives, Secured Hedge Representatives and Secured Gas Hedge Representatives, in each case, in whose favor the Company has granted Security in the Collateral pursuant to the Security Documents.

"Secured Replacement Debt" means the Replacement Debt that is Secured Debt.

"Secured Working Capital Debt" means the Working Capital Debt that is Secured Debt.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Security" means the security interest created in favor of the Common Security Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to the Security Documents.

*"Security Agency Agreement"* means the Security Agency Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, among the Company, the Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives, the Secured Hedge Representatives, the Secured Gas Hedge Representatives, the Common Security Trustee, the Accounts Bank and the Intercreditor Agent.

"Security Agreement" means the Third Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2020, between the Loan Parties and the Common Security Trustee, as amended.

"Security Documents" means:

- (a) the Security Agreement;
- (b) the CQP Security Agreement;
- (c) the Accounts Agreement;
- (d) each Pledge Agreement;
- (e) the Mortgage;
- (f) the Consents; and

(g) any such other security agreement, control agreement, patent and trademark assignment, lease, mortgage, assignment and other similar agreement securing the Obligations between any Person and the Common Security Trustee on behalf of the Secured Parties or between any Person and any other Secured Party and all financing statements, agreements or other instruments to be filed in respect of the Liens created under each such agreement.

"Senior Bonds" means debt securities, including the Notes, issued pursuant to an indenture that is a Senior Debt Instrument.

"Senior Debt" means:

- (a) Secured Bank Debt;
- (b) Additional Secured Debt;
- (c) the Unsecured Replacement Debt;
- (d) the Unsecured Expansion Debt;
- (e) the Unsecured Working Capital Debt;
- (f) Indebtedness under Interest Rate Protection Agreements; and
- (g) all other Indebtedness referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c) and (p) of Section 4.08.

"Senior Debt Commitments" means, at any time, the aggregate of any principal amount that Senior Debt Holders of Senior Debt are committed to disburse or stated amount of letters of credit that Senior Debt Holders of Senior Debt are required to issue, in each case under any Senior Debt Instrument, and in the case of Senior Debt Commitments in respect of Secured Debt, as designated pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Senior Debt Instrument" means a Secured Debt Instrument or an Unsecured Debt Instrument.

"Senior Debt Holders" shall be determined by reference to provisions of the relevant Senior Debt Instrument or Secured Hedge Instrument, as applicable, setting forth who shall be deemed to be lenders, holders or owners of the Senior Debt governed thereby.

"Senior Secured Notes Debt Service Reserve Account" means the Senior Secured Notes Debt Service Reserve Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Services" means the liquefaction and other services to be provided or performed by the Company under the Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements and any other agreements entered into in connection with a Permitted Business.

"SIGTTO" means the Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators.

"Site" means, collectively, each parcel or tract of land, as reflected on Schedule A of the Title Policy and in the Real Property Documents, upon which any portion of the Project is or will be located.

*"Solvent*" means, with respect to a particular Person on a particular date, that on such date (i) the present fair market value (or present fair saleable value) of the assets of the Person is not less than the total amount required to pay the liabilities of the Person on its total existing debts and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) as they become absolute and matured; (ii) the Person is able to pay its debts and other liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments as they mature and become due in the normal course of business; (iii) the Person is not incurring debts or liabilities beyond its ability to pay as such debts and liabilities mature; and (iv) the Person is not engaged in any business or transaction, and does not propose to engage in any business or transaction, for which its assets would constitute unreasonably small capital after giving due consideration to the prevailing practice in the industry in which the Person is engaged.

"SPLNG" means Sabine Pass LNG, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

"Stage 4 EPC Contract" means the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated as of November 7, 2018 between the Company and the EPC Contractor, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

"*Subleases*" means the (a) Sub-lease Agreement, dated June 11, 2012, between SPLNG, as sublessor, and the Company, as sublessee, (b) the Second Sub-lease Agreement, dated as of June 25, 2015, between SPLNG, as sublessor, and the Borrower, as sublessee, and (c) the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement, dated as of June 21, 2019 but effective as of

November 1, 2011, between Crain Lands, L.L.C., a Louisiana limited liability company, as lessor, and the Company, as lessee.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" means any unsecured Indebtedness of the Company to any Person permitted by <u>Section 4.08(f)</u> which is subordinated to the Obligations pursuant to an instrument in writing satisfactory in form and substance to the Required Secured Parties.

"Subsidiary" means, for any Person, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity of which at least a majority of the securities or other ownership interests having by their terms ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or other Persons performing similar functions of such corporation, partnership or other entity (irrespective of whether or not at the time securities or other ownership interests of any other class or classes of such corporation, partnership or other entity shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency) is at the time directly or indirectly owned or Controlled by such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

"Substantial Completion" has the meaning assigned to such term in the applicable EPC Contract.

"*Taxes*" means, with respect to any Person, all taxes, assessments, imposts, duties, governmental charges or levies imposed directly or indirectly on such Person or its income, profits or Property by any Government Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

"Term Loan A Administrative Agent" means Société Générale.

"Term Loan A Credit Agreement" means the Credit Agreement (Term Loan A) dated July 31, 2012, by and among the Company, the Term Loan A Administrative Agent, the Common Security Trustee, and the Secured Bank Debt Holders.

*"Terminal Use Rights Assignment and Agreement"* means the Terminal Use Rights Assignment and Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, among the Company, SPLNG and Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC, as amended from time to time.

"Title Policy" means the title policy delivered on May 31, 2015, in connection with one or more prior credit facilities of the Company.

*"Total FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement"* means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated December 14, 2012, between the Company and TotalEnergies Gas & Power North America, Inc. (formerly known as Total Gas & Power North America, Inc.), as amended from time to time, and any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Train" means a "liquefaction train" as such term is used in the definition of "Project."

"Train Five" means the designated Train under the Train Five LNG Sales Agreement.

*"Train Five EPC Contract"* means the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 3 Facility, dated as of May 4, 2015, between the Company and the EPC Contractor, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

*"Train Five LNG Sales Agreement"* means the Total FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement and any other LNG sale and purchase agreement entered into by the Company with respect to Train Five and any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Train Number" means the numbers One through Six to describe the applicable Train.

"Train One and Train Two" means the designated Trains under the Train One and Two LNG Sales Agreements.

*"Train One and Train Two EPC Contract"* means the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Liquefaction Facility, dated as of November 11, 2011, between the Company and the EPC Contractor, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

"Train One and Train Two LNG Sales Agreements" means the BG FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement and the GN FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement.

"Train Six" means the Train intended to be the designated train under the Train Six LNG Sales Agreements.

"Train Six LNG Sales Agreements" means any LNG sale and purchase agreement entered into by the Company with respect to the sixth Train of the Project.

"Train Three and Train Four" means the designated Trains under the Train Three and Train Four LNG Sales Agreements.

*"Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract"* means the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 2 Liquefaction Facility, dated as of December 20, 2012, between the Company and the EPC Contractor, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

"Train Three and Train Four LNG Sales Agreements" means the GAIL FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement and the KoGas FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement.

"Transaction Documents" means, collectively, the Financing Documents and the Project Documents.

*"Transco Pipeline Transportation Agreement"* means the Rate Schedule FT Service Agreement, dated December 20, 2016, by and between Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC and the Company, as amended.

*"Trustee"* means The Bank of New York Mellon until a successor replaces it in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and thereafter means the successor serving hereunder.

"Unanimous Decisions" means each of the items ((a) through (n)) set forth on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Uniform Commercial Code" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York; provided, however, in the event that, by reason of mandatory provisions of law, any or all of the perfection of priority of the security interest in any Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in any jurisdiction other than the State of New York, the term "Uniform Commercial Code" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in such other jurisdiction for purposes of provisions relating to such perfection or priority and for purposes of definitions related to such provisions.

"United States" or "U.S." means the United States of America.

*"U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws"* means those laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

"Unrestricted Definitive Note" means a Definitive Note that does not bear and is not required to bear the Private Placement Legend.

"Unrestricted Global Note" means a Global Note that does not bear and is not required to bear the Private Placement Legend.

*"Unrestricted Subsidiary"* means any Subsidiary of the Company that is designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary:

(a) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt;

(b) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted

Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company;

(b) is a Person with respect to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect obligation (1) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or (2) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results; and

(c) has not guaranteed or otherwise directly or indirectly provided credit support for any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"Unsecured Debt Instrument" means, at any time, each material instrument governing Senior Debt other than Secured Debt or Secured Hedge Obligations.

"Unsecured Expansion Debt" means the Expansion Debt that is not Secured Debt.

"Unsecured Replacement Debt" means the Replacement Debt that is not Secured Debt.

"Unsecured Working Capital Debt" means the Working Capital Debt that is not Secured Debt.

"U.S. Person" means a U.S. Person as defined in Rule 902(k) promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Vitol" means Vitol Inc.

*"Vitol FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement"* means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated September 14, 2018, between Cheniere Marketing LLC and Vitol, as amended and novated by Cheniere Marketing LLC to the Company pursuant to the Vitol Novation and Amendment Agreement, dated May 22, 2019, between the Company, Cheniere Marketing LLC, Vitol and Vitol Holding B.V., as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

*"Waiver"* means, with respect to any particular conduct, event or other circumstance, any change to an obligation of any Person under any Transaction Document requiring the consent of one or more Secured Parties, which consent has the effect of waiving, excusing or accepting or approving changed performance of, or noncompliance with, such obligation or any Default or CTA Event of Default with respect thereto to the extent relating to such conduct, event or circumstance.

"*Water Agreement*" means the Water Service Agreement, dated as of December 21, 2011, between the City of Port Arthur and the Company, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Water Service Agreement, dated as of June 12, 2012 and that certain Second Amendment to Water Service Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2012, as amended from time to time.

"Working Capital Debt" means additional senior secured or unsecured Indebtedness the proceeds of which shall be used solely for working capital and general corporate purposes related to the Project (including the issuance of letters of credit), only if, prior to or on the date of incurrence thereof, the following conditions have been satisfied or waived by the Required Secured Parties:

(a) the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative for any Secured Working Capital Debt shall have entered into an Accession Agreement in accordance with the Common Terms Agreement; and

(b) the Intercreditor Agent shall have received a certificate from an Authorized Officer of the Company at least five days prior to the incurrence of such Working Capital Debt, in the form set out in the Common Terms Agreement, which certificate shall (i) identify each Secured Debt Holder Group Representative and each Senior Debt Holder for any Secured Working Capital Debt; (ii) attach a copy of each proposed Senior Debt Instrument relating to the Working Capital Debt (that may be an amendment to an existing Senior Debt Instrument), which copy shall disclose the material terms, permitted uses, and the tenor and amortization schedule of such Working Capital Debt and the rate, or the rate basis and margin in the case of a floating rate, at which such Working Capital Debt shall bear interest, and (if applicable) commitment fees or other premiums relating thereto; and (iii) in the case of Working Capital Debt incurred pursuant to Section 4.08(d)(2) certify that the amount to be incurred is reasonably expected to be required to be expended to purchase Gas to comply with the obligations of the Company under the Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements

Section 1.02 Other Definitions.

Term	Defined in Section
"Accession Agreement"	10.02
"Affiliate Transaction"	4.30
"Applicable Expansion Debt Assets"	4.08
"Asset Sale Offer"	3.09
"Authentication Order"	2.04
"Called Principal"	3.07
"Change of Control Offer"	4.13
"Change of Control Payment"	4.13
"Change of Control Payment Date"	4.13
"Covenant Change Date"	4.30
"Covenant Defeasance"	8.03
"Discounted Value"	3.07
" <i>DTC</i> "	2.03
"Event of Default"	6.01
"Excess Loss Offer"	3.09

"Excess Loss Proceeds"	4.14
"Excess Proceeds"	4.09
"IE Phase Report"	4.08
"incur"	4.08
"Legal Defeasance"	8.02
"Optional Redemption Price"	3.07
"Offer Amount"	3.09
"Offer Period"	3.09
"Paying Agent"	2.03
"Project Document Termination Payment Offer"	3.09
"Project Phase"	4.08
"Purchase Date"	3.09
"Registrar"	2.03
"Reinvestment Yield"	3.07
"Remaining Average Life"	3.07
"Remaining Scheduled Payments"	3.07
"Reported"	3.07
"Rule 144A Information"	4.03
"Settlement Date"	3.07

# Section 1.03 [Reserved.]

# Section 1.04 *Rules of Construction*.

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (1) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
  - (2) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
  - (3) "or" is not exclusive;
  - (4) "including" means "including without limitation" whether or not stated;
  - (5) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;
  - (6) "will" shall be interpreted to express a command;
  - (7) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;

(8) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act will be deemed to include substitute, replacement of successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time; and

(9) references to any agreement or instrument means such agreement or instrument as it may be amended, amended and restated or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

(b) For purposes of the Common Terms Agreement and the Security Documents, the capitalized terms used therein shall have the respective meanings set forth therein.

# ARTICLE 2 THE NOTES

## Section 2.01 Form and Dating.

The Notes will be issued initially in Definitive Note form. Provisions relating to the Notes are set forth in Appendix A, which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Indenture. The terms and provisions contained in the Notes will constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture and the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

## Section 2.02 Interest and Principal on the Notes

(a) Interest shall accrue on the outstanding principal balance of the Notes at a rate of 2.95% per annum and shall be payable in arrears on each Payment Date in accordance with the Payment Schedule.

(b) Unless all of the Notes have been redeemed pursuant to Section 3.07 and subject to proportional reduction in the event the Notes are redeemed in part, in each case as of a particular Payment Date, the principal amount specified as being payable on a Payment Date as set forth in the Payment Schedule and accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid on each such Payment Date. Each Holder will receive its *pro rata* share of such payments.

### Section 2.03 Adjustment to Payment Schedule

The Payment Schedule shall be appropriately adjusted (whereby scheduled payments of principal and interest set out in the Payment Schedule are increased or decreased, as applicable, in a pro rata manner) in any circumstance in which Notes are redeemed, repaid or prepaid by the Company in accordance with this Indenture, and a supplemental indenture shall be entered into in respect of such adjusted Payment Schedule, provided that the Company shall deliver the adjusted Payment Schedule to the Trustee. For clarity, any amendments to the Payment Schedule undertaken pursuant to and in accordance with this Section 2.03 do not require approval of the Holders.

# Section 2.04 Execution and Authentication.

At least one Authorized Officer must sign the Notes for the Company by manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature.

If an Authorized Officer whose signature is on a Note no longer holds that office at the time a Note is authenticated, the Note will nevertheless be valid.

A Note will not be valid until authenticated by the manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature of the Trustee. The signature will be conclusive evidence that the Note has been authenticated under this Indenture.

The Trustee will, upon receipt of a written order of the Company signed by at least one Authorized Officer (an "*Authentication Order*"), authenticate Notes for original issue that may be validly issued under this Indenture. The aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed the aggregate principal amount of Notes authorized for issuance by the Company pursuant to one or more Authentication Orders, except as provided in <u>Section 2.08</u>.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or an Affiliate of the Company.

The Notes shall be treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture, and unless the context otherwise requires. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to modify, replace or otherwise affect the restrictions on transfer applicable to Restricted Notes set forth in <u>Section 2.3</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>.

# Section 2.05 Registrar and Paying Agent; Depositary.

The Company will maintain an office or agency where Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("*Registrar*") and an office or agency where Notes may be presented for payment ("*Paying Agent*"). The Registrar will keep a register of the Notes and of their transfer and exchange. The Company may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "*Registrar*" includes any co-registrar and the term "*Paying Agent*" includes any additional paying agent. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company will notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Company fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Company initially appoints The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") to act as Depositary with respect to the Global Notes.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Registrar and Paying Agent and to act as Custodian with respect to the Global Notes.

# Section 2.06 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Company will require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium or interest on the Notes, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Company or a Subsidiary) will have no further liability for the money. If the Company or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it will segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Company, the Trustee will serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

#### Section 2.07 Holder Lists.

The Trustee will preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders. If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company will furnish to the Trustee at least seven Business Days before each Interest Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of Notes.

### Section 2.08 Replacement Notes.

If any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Trustee or the Company and the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, the Company will issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, will authenticate a replacement Note if the Trustee's requirements are met. If required by the Trustee or the Company, an indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Company to protect the Company, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Company may charge for its expenses in replacing a Note.

Every replacement Note is an additional obligation of the Company and will be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

Section 2.09 *Outstanding Notes*.

The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Note effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, and those described in this <u>Section 2.09</u> as not outstanding. Except as set forth in <u>Section 2.10</u>, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Note; however, Notes held by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall not be deemed to be outstanding for purposes of <u>Section 3.07</u>.

If a Note is replaced pursuant to <u>Section 2.08</u>, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replacement Note is held by a "protected purchaser" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under <u>Section 4.01</u>, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds, on a redemption date or maturity date, money sufficient to pay Notes payable on that date, then on and after that date such Notes will be deemed to be no longer outstanding and will cease to accrue interest.

### Section 2.10 Treasury Notes.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Notes owned by the Company or any Guarantor, or by any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company or any Guarantor, will be considered as though not outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee will be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Notes that the Trustee knows are so owned will be so disregarded.

## Section 2.11 Temporary Notes.

Until certificates representing Notes are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, will authenticate temporary Notes. Temporary Notes will be substantially in the form of certificated Notes but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Notes and as may be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Company will prepare and the Trustee will authenticate definitive Notes in exchange for temporary Notes.

Holders of temporary Notes will be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture.

# Section 2.12 Cancellation.

The Company at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent will forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee and no one else will cancel all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and will destroy canceled Notes (subject to the record retention requirement of the Exchange Act). Certification of the destruction of all canceled Notes will be delivered to the Company. The Company will promptly cancel all Notes acquired by it or any Affiliate pursuant to any payment or prepayment of Notes pursuant to this Indenture and no Notes may be issued in substitution or exchange for any such Notes.

#### Section 2.13 Defaulted Interest.

If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, it will pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in <u>Section 4.01</u>. The Company will notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment. The Company will fix or cause to be fixed each such special record date and payment date; *provided* that no such special record date may be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. At least 15 days before the special record date, the Company (or, upon the written request of the Company, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company) will mail or cause to be mailed to Holders and the Noteholder Consultant a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

## ARTICLE 3 REDEMPTION AND OFFERS TO PURCHASE NOTES

#### Section 3.01 Notices to Trustee.

If the Company elects to redeem Notes pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of <u>Section 3.07</u>, it must furnish to the Trustee, at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, an Officer's Certificate setting forth:

- (1) the Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur;
- (2) the redemption date;
- (3) the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed;
- (4) the redemption price; and

# (5) the CUSIP number of the Notes to be redeemed.

#### Section 3.02 Selection of Notes to Be Redeemed.

If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed at any time, the Trustee will select Notes for redemption *pro rata* or by lot (*provided* that, in the case of Global Notes, the Depositary may select Global Notes for redemption pursuant to its Applicable Procedures) and, if applicable, with such adjustments that may be deemed appropriate by the Trustee so that only Notes in denominations of \$100,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof will be purchased unless otherwise required by law, Depositary requirements, or applicable stock exchange requirements.

No Notes of \$100,000 or less can be redeemed in part. In the event of partial redemption, the particular Notes to be redeemed will be selected, unless otherwise provided herein, not less than 10 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption or purchase date by the Trustee from the outstanding Notes not previously called for redemption.

The Trustee will promptly notify the Company in writing of the Notes selected for redemption and, in the case of any Note selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed *provided* that, in the case of Global Notes, the Trustee shall have no obligation to so notify the Company. Notes and portions of Notes selected will be in amounts of \$100,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof; except that if all of the Notes of a Holder are to be redeemed, the entire outstanding amount of Notes held by such Holder, even if not in the amount of \$100,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000 thereof, shall be redeemed. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption also apply to portions of Notes called for redemption.

### Section 3.03 Notice of Redemption.

At least 10 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, the Company will send or cause to be sent a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address (with a copy of any such notice to the Noteholder Consultant), except that redemption notices may be sent more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to <u>Article 8 or 12</u>.

The notice will identify the Notes to be redeemed and will state:

- (1) the redemption date;
- (2) the redemption price;

(3) if any Note is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Note to be redeemed and that, after the redemption date upon surrender of such



Note, a new Note or Notes in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion will be issued in the name of the Holder upon cancellation of the original Note;

- (4) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (5) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;

(6) that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment, interest on Notes called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date;

(7) the paragraph of the Notes and/or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed; and

(8) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Notes.

At the Company's request, the Trustee will give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at its expense; *provided*, *however*, that the Company has delivered to the Trustee, at least 15 days prior to the redemption date (unless a shorter period is acceptable to the Trustee), an Officer's Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph.

#### Section 3.04 Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is sent in accordance with Section 3.03, Notes called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the redemption date at the redemption price.

#### Section 3.05 Deposit of Redemption or Purchase Price.

At least one Business Day prior to the redemption date, the Company will deposit or will cause to be deposited with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on all Notes to be redeemed on that date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent will promptly return to the Company any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Company in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on all Notes to be redeemed.

If the Company complies with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of Notes called for redemption. If a Note is redeemed on or after an interest record date but on or prior to the related Payment Date, then any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note was registered at the close of business on such record date. If any Note called for redemption is not so paid upon surrender for redemption because of the failure of the Company to comply with the preceding paragraph, interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal, from the redemption or purchase date until such principal is paid, and to the extent lawful on any interest not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01.

#### Section 3.06 Notes Redeemed in Part.

Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed in part, the Company will issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, the Trustee will authenticate for the Holder at the expense of the Company a new Note equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Note surrendered.

#### Section 3.07 Optional Redemption.

At any time or from time to time prior to March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the Notes at a redemption price equal to the Optional Redemption Price (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on a payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

"Optional Redemption Price" with respect to any Notes to be redeemed, means an amount equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of such Notes; and
- (2) the Discounted Value of such Notes;

plus, in the case of both (1) and (2), accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes, if any, to the redemption date.

"*Called Principal*" means, with respect to any Note, the principal of such Note that is to be prepaid or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable, as the context requires.

"Discounted Value" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

*"Remaining Scheduled Payments"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, provided that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date.

*"Reinvestment Yield"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the yield(s) reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as "Page PX1" (or such other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities (*"Reported"*) having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there are no such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (a) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (b) interpolating linearly between the yields Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

If such yields are not Reported or the yields Reported as of such time are not ascertainable (including by way of interpolation), then *"Reinvestment Yield"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the U.S. Treasury constant maturity yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (or any comparable successor publication) for the U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there is no such U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to such Remaining Average Life, such implied yield to maturity will be determined by interpolating linearly between (1) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

*"Remaining Average Life"* shall mean, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years obtained by dividing (a) such Called Principal into (b) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (1) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (2) the number of years, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months calculated to two decimal places, that will elapse between the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

"Settlement Date" means, with respect to the Called Principal of a Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be redeemed or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable.

The notice of redemption with respect to the foregoing redemption need not set forth the Optional Redemption Price but only the manner of calculation thereof. The Company will notify the Trustee of the Optional Redemption Price with respect to any redemption promptly after the calculation, and the Trustee shall not be responsible for such calculation.

At any time on or after March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

#### Section 3.08 Open Market Purchases; No Mandatory Redemption or Sinking Fund.

The Company may at any time and from time to time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise. The Company is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

## Section 3.09 Offer to Purchase by Application of Excess Proceeds or Excess Loss Proceeds.

In the event that, pursuant to <u>Sections 4.09</u>, <u>4.14</u> or <u>4.19</u>, the Company is required to commence an offer to all Holders to purchase Notes (an "Asset Sale Offer", an "Excess Loss Offer" or a "Project Document Termination Payment Offer," respectively), it will follow the procedures specified below.

The Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, shall be made to all Holders and all holders of other Indebtedness that is *pari passu* with the Notes containing provisions similar to those set forth in this Indenture with respect to offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets, loss proceeds or project document termination payments. The Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, with respect to all Holders will remain open for a period of at least 20 Business Days following its commencement and not more than 30 Business Days, except to the extent that a longer period is required by Applicable Law (the "*Offer Period*"). No later than three Business Days after the termination of the Offer Period (the "*Purchase Date*"), the Company will apply all Excess Proceeds, Excess Loss Proceeds or Project Document Termination Payments, as applicable (the "*Offer Amount*"), to the purchase of Notes and such other *pari passu* Indebtedness (on a *pro rata* basis, if applicable) or, if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes and other Indebtedness tendered in response to the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable. Payment for any Notes so purchased will be made in the same manner as interest payments are made hereunder.

If the Purchase Date is on or after an interest record date and on or before the related Payment Date, any accrued and unpaid interest will be paid to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such record date, and no additional interest will be

payable to Holders who tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable.

Upon the commencement of an Asset Sale Offer, Excess Loss Offer or Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, the Company will send, by first class mail, a notice to each of the Holders, with a copy to the Trustee and the Noteholder Consultant. The notice will contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable. The notice, which will govern the terms of the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, will state:

(1) that the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, is being made pursuant to this <u>Section 3.09</u> and <u>Section 4.09</u>, <u>4.14</u> or <u>4.19</u>, as applicable, and the length of time the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, will remain open;

(2) the Offer Amount, the purchase price and the Purchase Date;

(3) that any Note not tendered or accepted for payment will continue to accrete or accrue interest;

(4) that, unless the Company defaults in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, will cease to accrete or accrue interest after the Purchase Date;

(5) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer, Excess Loss Offer or Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, may elect to have Notes purchased in integral multiples of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof only;

(6) that Holders electing to have Notes purchased pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer, Excess Loss Offer or Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, will be required to surrender the Note, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" attached to the Notes completed, or transfer by book-entry transfer, to the Company, a Depositary, if appointed by the Company, or a Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice at least three days before the Purchase Date;

(7) that Holders will be entitled to withdraw their election if the Company, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, receives, not later than the expiration of the Offer Period, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of the Note the Holder delivered for purchase and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have such Note purchased;

(8) that, if the aggregate principal amount of Notes and other *pari passu* Indebtedness surrendered by Holders thereof, if applicable, exceeds the Offer Amount, the Notes, and such other *pari passu* Indebtedness, shall be purchased on a *pro rata* basis and the Trustee will select the Notes or portions thereof to be purchased by lot, on a *pro rata* basis or by any other method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate; provided that, in the case of Global Notes, the Depositary may select Global Notes for redemption pursuant to its Applicable Procedures (and, if applicable, with respect to the Notes, with such adjustments as may be deemed appropriate by the Trustee so that only Notes in denominations of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, will be purchased); and

(9) that Holders whose Notes were purchased only in part will be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered (or transferred by book-entry transfer).

On or before the Purchase Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful, accept for payment, on a *pro rata* basis to the extent necessary, the Offer Amount of Notes or portions thereof tendered pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, or if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered, and will deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officer's Certificate stating that such Notes or portions thereof were accepted for payment by the Company in accordance with the terms of this <u>Section 3.09</u>. The Company, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, will promptly (but in any case not later than five days after the Purchase Date) mail or deliver to each tendering Holder an amount equal to the purchase price of the Notes tendered by such Holder and accepted by the Company for purchase, and the Company will promptly issue a new Note, and the Trustee, upon written request from the Company, will authenticate and mail or deliver (or cause to be transferred by book entry) such new Note to such Holder, in a principal amount equal to any unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered. Any Note not so accepted shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Company to the Holder thereof. The Company will publicly announce the results of the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, on the Purchase Date.

# Section 3.10 Allocation of Partial Prepayments.

In the case of each partial prepayment of the Notes pursuant to <u>Section 3.09</u>, the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid shall be allocated among all of the Notes at the time outstanding in proportion, as nearly as practicable, to the respective unpaid principal amounts thereof not theretofore called for prepayment.

# ARTICLE 4 COVENANTS

### Section 4.01 Payment of Notes.

The Company will pay or cause to be paid the principal of, and interest on, the Notes on the dates and in the manner provided in the Payment Schedule. Each Holder will receive its *pro rata* share of such payments. Principal, premium, if any, and interest will be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Company or a Subsidiary thereof, holds as of 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date money deposited by the Company in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest then due.

The Company will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on any overdue principal balance of the Notes and any overdue interest thereon at the rate equal to 0.5% per annum in excess of the then applicable interest rate on the Notes to the extent lawful (without regard to any applicable grace period).

# Section 4.02 Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Company will maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Company will give written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company fails to maintain any such required office or agency or fails to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; *provided, however*, that no such designation or rescission will in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York for such purposes. The Company will give written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

The Company hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee as one such office or agency of the Company in accordance with <u>Section 2.05</u>.



### Section 4.03 Information About the Company.

(a) The Company shall file with the Trustee (i) within 15 days after the Company files them with the SEC, copies of its annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) that the Company is required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and (ii) within 15 days after such documents become available, copies of each financial statement, report, notice of default, proxy statement or similar document sent by the Company or any Subsidiary to its creditors under any Senior Debt (excluding information sent to such creditors in the ordinary course of administration of such Senior Debt).

(b) So long as any Notes are outstanding, the Company will furnish to the Trustee, to the Noteholder Consultant and also to the Holders and Beneficial Owners of the Notes and to securities analysts and prospective investors in the Notes, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act (or any successor provision thereto) ("*Rule 144A Information*").

(c) So long as any of the Notes are outstanding, in addition to the requirement to furnish Rule 144A Information as provided in the preceding clause (b), the Company shall furnish or cause to be furnished to Holders and (upon the request thereof delivered to the Company) to Holders of an interest in any Global Note:

(1) annual audited consolidated financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with GAAP (together with notes thereto and a report thereon by an independent accountant of established national reputation), such statements to be so furnished on the date that is the later of (i) 105 days after the end of the Fiscal Year covered thereby and (ii) the date on such financial statements are required to be delivered under any Senior Debt (or the date on which such financial statements are delivered under any Senior Debt, if such delivery occurs earlier than such required delivery date);

(2) unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company for each of the first three Fiscal Quarters of each Fiscal Year of the Company and the corresponding quarter and year-to-year period of the prior year prepared in all material respects on a basis consistent with the annual financial statements furnished pursuant to clause (1) of this clause (c), such statements to be so furnished on the date that is the earlier of (i) 60 days after the end of each such quarter and (ii) the date on such financial statements are required to be delivered under any Senior Debt (or the date on which such financial statements are delivered under any Senior Debt, if such delivery occurs earlier than such required delivery date);

(3) copies of any notice to the Company or any Subsidiary from any Government Authority relating to any order, ruling, statute or other law or regulation that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, such copies to be furnished promptly, and in any event within 30 days of receipt thereof;

(4) notification of resignation or replacement of the Company's auditors and any further information as the Holders may request, such notification to be furnished within 10 days following such resignation or replacement;

(5) such other data and information relating to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (including actual copies of the Company's Form 10-Q and Form 10-K) or relating to the ability of the Company to perform its obligations hereunder and under the Notes as from time to time may be reasonably requested by any such Holder, such other data or information to be furnished with reasonable promptness; and

(d) Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute actual or constructive knowledge or notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any reports, Officer's Certificates or other information required to be filed, delivered or furnished pursuant to this <u>Section 4.03</u> shall be deemed to be so filed, delivered or furnished:

(1) with respect to the financial statements furnished pursuant to clauses(1) and (2) of Section 4.03(c), if such financial statements are (i) delivered to each Holder by e-mail at the e-mail address of the Holder set forth in the Note Purchase Agreement or as communicated from time to time in a separate writing delivered to the Company, (ii) filed electronically with the SEC through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (or any successor system), or (iii) are timely posted by or on behalf of the Company on IntraLinks or on any other similar website to which each Holder has free access;

(2) with respect to the Officer's Certificate delivered pursuant to <u>Sections 4.03(f)</u> and <u>4.04</u>, if such Officer's Certificate is (i) delivered to each Holder by e-mail at the e-mail address of the Holder set forth in the Note Purchase Agreement or as communicated from time to time in a separate writing delivered to the Company, (ii) made available on the Company's home page on the internet at such internet address as will be provided to Holders, or (iii) posted by or on behalf of the Company on IntraLinks or on any other similar website to which each Holder has free access; and

(3) with respect to the reports and documents filed pursuant to <u>Section 4.03(a)</u>, if such reports or documents are (i) delivered to each Holder by e-mail at the e-mail address of the Holder set forth in the Note Purchase Agreement or as communicated from time to time in a separate writing delivered to the Company, or (ii) timely filed electronically with the SEC through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (or any successor system) and made available on the Company's home page on the internet at such internet address as will be provided to Holders, or on IntraLinks or any other similar website to which each Holder has free access.

(f) Each set of financial statements delivered to a Holder of a Note pursuant to clauses(c)(1) and (c)(2) of this Section 4.03 shall be accompanied by an Officer's Certificate setting forth a list of all Subsidiaries that are Guarantors and certifying that each Subsidiary that is required to be a Guarantor pursuant to Section 11.01 is a Guarantor, in each case, as of the date of such Officer's Certificate.

(g) The Company shall permit each Holder:

(1) No Default – if no Default or Event of Default then exists, at the expense of such Holder and upon reasonable prior notice to the Company, to visit the principal executive office of the Company, to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and its Subsidiaries with the Company's officers, and (with the consent of the Company, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld) its independent public accountants, and (with the consent of the Company, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld) to visit the other offices and properties of the Company and each Subsidiary, all at such reasonable times and as requested in writing; provided, that under no circumstances shall such visit occur more than twice a year, and any such visit shall be subject to such Holder entering into a confidentiality agreement with the Company prior to any such visit; and

(2) *Default* — if a Default or Event of Default then exists, at the expense of the Company to visit and inspect any of the offices or properties of the Company or any Subsidiary, to examine all their respective books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss their respective affairs, finances and accounts with their respective officers and independent public accountants (and by this provision the Company authorizes said accountants to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and its Subsidiaries), all at such times and as often as may be requested; provided, that any such visit shall be subject to such Holder entering into a confidentiality agreement with the Company prior to any such visit.

# Section 4.04 Compliance Certificates

(a) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, an Officer's Certificate stating that to the signing Officer's knowledge no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (or, if a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he or she has knowledge and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto).

(b) So long as any of the Notes are outstanding, the Company will deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon any Officer becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officer's Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

# Section 4.05 Taxes.

Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (or, for the purposes of this Section 4.05, if such entity is a disregarded entity for U.S. income tax purposes, its direct owner) shall (a) file or cause to be filed all tax returns required to be filed by it, and (b) pay and discharge, before the same shall become delinquent, after giving effect to any applicable extensions, all taxes imposed on it or its property (including interest and penalties) unless such taxes are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings, appropriate reserves are maintained with respect thereto and such proceedings, if adversely determined, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

### Section 4.06 Restricted Payments.

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make or agree to make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payments unless on the Restricted Payment Date each of the following conditions has been satisfied:

(a) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing as of the Restricted Payment Date or would occur as a result of the Restricted Payment;

(b) on and as of the applicable Calculation Date with respect to such Restricted Payment Date, (i) the Debt Service Coverage Ratio for the Calculation Period ended on the applicable Calculation Date is at least 1.25 to 1.0, and (ii) the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio commencing on the first day after such Calculation Date is at least 1.25 to 1.0 for the upcoming twelve month period, *provided* that the Company may, at its option, exclude any Debt Service that (x) was pre-funded by the incurrence of Indebtedness, one of the use of proceeds of which was expressly for this purpose or (y) will be funded as part of scheduled draws pursuant to the express terms of Indebtedness to be incurred during such upcoming twelve month period; and *provided*, *further* that, (A) such Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio shall not be required during the final three quarters prior to the last scheduled maturity of the final principal amount of the Notes and (B) if the Company shall have excluded each month in the relevant Calculation Period from the calculation of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio pursuant to the definition of Debt Service Coverage Ratio due to a Force Majeure Event, only subclause (ii) of this clause (c) shall apply;

(c) each Debt Service Reserve Account and Additional Debt Service Reserve Account is funded to its then required funding level;

(d) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company (i) to the effect that all conditions for a Restricted Payment on the Restricted Payment Date have been satisfied, and (ii) setting forth in reasonable detail the calculations for computing each of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio (including, if applicable, identifying any months in which the Cash Flow Available for Debt Service and the aggregate amount required to service the Company's Debt Service has been excluded in respect of a Force Majeure Event) and the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio for the relevant periods and stating that such calculations were prepared in good faith and were based on reasonable assumptions; and

(e) if the Company has been subject to a Force Majeure Event for greater than twelve consecutive months and has relied on the second proviso in the definition of Debt Service Coverage Ratio to make Restricted Payments during such twelve-month period, at least three consecutive months shall have elapsed without any Force Majeure Event before the Company may make Restricted Payments.

Subject to the Accounts Agreement, the Company may make Restricted Payments not more frequently than once per calendar month.

Section 4.07 Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to:

(1) (A) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, or (B) pay any indebtedness owed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

- (2) make loans or advances to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; or
- (3) sell, lease or transfer any of its properties or assets to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.
- (b) The restrictions in <u>Section 4.07(a)</u> will not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

(1) agreements or instruments governing existing indebtedness as in effect on the Notes Issue Date and any amendments, restatements, modifications, increases, renewals, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings of those agreements or refinancings are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend and other payment restrictions than those contained in those agreements or instruments on the Notes Issue Date;

- (2) the Common Terms Agreement, this Indenture, the Notes, the Note Guarantees and the Security Documents;
- (3) Applicable Law;
- (4) customary non-assignment provisions in contracts and licenses entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(5) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business and Capital Lease Obligations that impose restrictions on the property purchased or leased of the nature described in clause (3) of <u>Section 4.07(a)</u>;

(6) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of a Restricted Subsidiary that restricts distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary pending the sale or other disposition;

(7) Permitted Indebtedness, including Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness; *provided* that the restrictions contained in the agreements governing such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, than those contained in the agreements governing the Indebtedness being refinanced;

(8) Liens permitted to be incurred under the provisions of <u>Section 4.10</u> that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of the assets subject to such Liens;

(9) provisions limiting the disposition or distribution of assets or property in joint venture agreements, asset sale agreements, sale-leaseback agreements, stock sale agreements, security agreements, mortgages, purchase money agreements and other similar agreements or instruments entered into with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company, which limitation is applicable only to the assets that are the subject of such agreements;

(10) Permitted Hedging Agreements; and

(11) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business.

## Section 4.08 Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock.

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, permit, suffer to exist or otherwise be or become liable with respect to, contingently or otherwise (collectively, "*incur*"), any Indebtedness and the Company will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to issue preferred stock; *provided*, *however*, that the Company and any Guarantor may incur Indebtedness or directly or indirectly create or incur or otherwise be or become liable with respect to any Guarantee if any of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) with respect to an incurrence of Indebtedness that is (1) Expansion Debt or (2) Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to renew, refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge any Indebtedness (other than intercompany Indebtedness) that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (a), (b) or (c) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that the amount of all Senior Debt (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of this Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p)

and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date) outstanding after giving effect to the incurrence of such Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds therefrom, is capable of being amortized to a zero balance by the termination date of the last to terminate of the Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements such that the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio after the last Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date with respect to any Trains then in construction (or if the In-Service Date has occurred with respect to all Trains, the date of incurrence of the Indebtedness) through the terms of such Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements, would be at least 1.5 to 1.0; provided that (i) the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio shall be calculated (x) solely with respect to Contracted Cash Flow; and (y) using an interest rate equal to the weighted average interest rate of all such Senior Debt outstanding after giving effect to the incurrence of the Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds therefrom and (ii) all of the Indebtedness required or anticipated to be incurred in connection with the construction of each of Train One and Train Two, Train Three and Train Four and Train Five has either been (x) fully funded or (y) no longer has any conditions precedent to funding that have not been satisfied or waived; or

(b) (1) the Indebtedness to be incurred has received at least two Investment Grade Ratings and (2) the Company shall have received (A) letters from any two Acceptable Rating Agencies (or if only one Acceptable Rating Agency is then rating the Notes, the Company shall have received a letter from that Acceptable Rating Agency) to the effect that the Acceptable Rating Agency has considered the contemplated incurrence, and that, if the contemplated incurrence is consummated, such Acceptable Rating Agency would reaffirm the Investment Grade Issue Rating of the Notes as of the date of such incurrence and (B) letters from all other Acceptable Rating Agency has considered the contemplated incurrence is consummated, such Acceptable Rating Agency has considered the contemplated incurrence is consummated, such Acceptable Rating Agency has considered the contemplated incurrence is consummated, such Acceptable Rating Agency would reaffirm its then current rating of the Notes as of the date of such incurrence Rating Agency would reaffirm its then current rating of the Notes as of the date of such incurrence restrict and that, if the contemplated incurrence is consummated, such Acceptable Rating Agency would reaffirm its then current rating of the Notes as of the date of such incurrence; or

(c) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that the amount of all Senior Debt (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date) outstanding after giving effect to the incurrence of the Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds therefrom (A) would have resulted in a Debt Service Coverage Ratio of at least 1.5 to 1.0 for the most recently ended four Fiscal Quarters and (B) is capable of being amortized to a zero balance by the termination date of the last to terminate of the Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements such that after the last Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date with respect to any Trains then in construction (or if the In-Service Date has occurred with respect to all Trains, the date of incurrence of the Indebtedness) through the terms of such Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements, the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio would be at least

1.5 to 1.0 for each Fiscal Year during such period; provided that (i) each of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio and the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio shall be calculated (x) solely with respect to Contracted Cash Flow; and (y) using an interest rate equal to the weighted average interest rate of all such Senior Debt outstanding after giving effect to the incurrence of the Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds therefrom and (ii) all of the Indebtedness required or anticipated to be incurred in connection with the construction of each of Train One and Train Two, Train Three and Train Four and Train Five has either been (x) fully funded or (y) no longer has any conditions precedent to funding that have not been satisfied or waived;

and the Company and any Guarantor may incur any of the following items of Indebtedness:

(d) Working Capital Debt of the Company or a Guarantor in an amount not to exceed the sum of (i) \$200,000,000 and (ii) an amount required to be expended to purchase Gas to comply with the obligations of the Company under the Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements;

(e) purchase money Indebtedness or Capital Lease Obligations of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the extent incurred in the ordinary course of business to finance the acquisition or licensing of intellectual property or items of equipment; provided, that (i) if such obligations are secured, they are secured only by Liens upon the equipment or intellectual property being financed and (ii) the aggregate principal amount and the capitalized portion of such obligations do not at any time exceed \$100,000,000 in the aggregate;

(f) other unsecured Indebtedness for borrowed money subordinated to the Obligations pursuant to the form of subordination agreement attached to this Indenture (or otherwise pursuant to an instrument in writing satisfactory in form and substance to the Required Secured Parties (other than the Holders)); provided, that such instrument shall include that: (i) the maturity of such subordinated debt shall be no shorter than the maturity of the latest maturing tranche of Secured Debt; (ii) such subordinated debt shall not be amortized; (iii) no interest payments shall be made under such subordinated debt except from monies held in the Distribution Account and that are permitted to be distributed pursuant to the Accounts Agreement; and (iv) such subordinated debt shall not impose covenants on the Company;

(g) trade or other similar Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company incurred in the ordinary course of business, which is (i) not more than 90 days past due, or (ii) being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings;

(h) contingent liabilities of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company incurred in the ordinary course of business, including the acquisition or sale of goods, services, supplies or merchandise in the normal course of business, the endorsement of negotiable instruments received in the normal course of business and indemnities provided under any of the Transaction Documents;

(i) any obligations of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company under Permitted Hedging Agreements;

(j) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course or other cash management services in the ordinary course of business;

(k) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, obligations of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in respect of performance bonds, bid bonds, appeal bonds, surety bonds, indemnification obligations, obligations to pay insurance premiums, take-orpay or take-or-deliver obligations contained in supply agreements, cash deposits incurred in connection with natural gas purchases and similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(1) Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in respect of any bankers' acceptance, letter of credit, warehouse receipt or similar facilities entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(m) Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in respect of netting services, overdraft protections and otherwise in connection with deposit accounts;

(n) Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in an amount not to exceed \$250,000,000 to finance the restoration of the Project following an Event of Loss;

(o) Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company consisting of the financing of insurance premiums in customary amounts consistent with the operations and business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(p) the guarantee by the Company or any of the Guarantors of Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the extent that the guaranteed Indebtedness was permitted to be incurred by another clause of this <u>Section 4.08</u>; provided that if the Indebtedness being guaranteed is subordinated to or pari passu with the Notes, then the Guarantee must be subordinated or pari passu, as applicable, to the same extent as the Indebtedness guaranteed;

(q) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of intercompany Indebtedness between or among the Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided, however, that:

(1) if the Company or any Guarantor is the obligor on such Indebtedness and the payee is not the Company or a Guarantor, such Indebtedness must be unsecured and expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all Obligations then due with respect to the Notes, in the case of the Company, or the Note Guarantee, in the case of a Guarantor; and

(2) (A) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company and (B) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person that is not either the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, will be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, that was not permitted by this clause (q); and

(r) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount (or accreted value, as applicable) at any time outstanding, including all Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to renew, refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this clause (r), not to exceed \$250,000,000.

For purposes of determining compliance with this <u>Section 4.08</u>, in the event that an item of Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Indebtedness pursuant to clauses (a) through (r) of this <u>Section 4.08</u>, the Company will be permitted to classify or divide such item of Indebtedness on the date of its incurrence, or later reclassify or redivide all or a portion of such item of Indebtedness, in any manner that complies with this <u>Section 4.08</u>. The accrual of interest, the accretion or amortization of original issue discount, the payment of interest on any Indebtedness in the form of additional Indebtedness with the same terms, the reclassification of preferred stock as Indebtedness due to a change in accounting principles will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness for purposes of this <u>Section 4.08</u>; *provided*, in each such case, that the amount of any such accrual, accretion or payment is included in Debt Service of the Company as accrued. Notwithstanding any other provision of this <u>Section 4.08</u>, the maximum amount of Indebtedness that the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may incur pursuant to this <u>Section 4.08</u> shall not be deemed to be exceeded solely as a result of fluctuations in exchange rates or currency values.

The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date will be:

(1) the accreted value of the Indebtedness, in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount;

(2) in respect of Indebtedness of another Person secured by a Lien on the assets of the specified Person, the least of:

- (A) the Fair Market Value of such asset at the date of determination;
- (B) the amount of the Indebtedness of the other Person; and
- (C) the principal amount of the Indebtedness, in the case of any other Indebtedness.

## Section 4.09 Asset Sales.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate an Asset Sale unless:

(1) the Company (or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) receives consideration at the time of the Asset Sale equal to the greater of (A) the Fair Market Value of the assets or Equity Interests issued or sold or otherwise disposed of and (B) an amount equal to the invested cost of the assets sold or otherwise disposed of, less depreciation; and

(2) at least 90% of the consideration therefor received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash, Cash Equivalents or Replacement Assets or a combination thereof. For purposes of this provision, each of the following will be deemed to be cash:

(A) any liabilities, as shown on the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent consolidated balance sheet (or as would be shown on the Company's consolidated balance sheet as of the date of such Asset Sale) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Notes or any Note Guarantee) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets pursuant to a written novation agreement that releases the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from further liability therefor; and

(B) any securities, notes or other obligations received by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash or Cash Equivalents within 90 days after such Asset Sale, to the extent of the cash or Cash Equivalents received in that conversion.

(b) Within 360 days after the receipt of any Net Cash Proceeds from an Asset Sale, the Company (or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) may apply an amount equal to such Net Cash Proceeds:

(1) to repay Senior Debt in accordance with the Common Terms Agreement and this Indenture; or

(2) to make any capital expenditure or to purchase Replacement Assets (or enter into a binding agreement to make such capital expenditure or to purchase such Replacement Assets; *provided* that (A) such capital expenditure or purchase is consummated within the later of (i) 360 days after the receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds from the related Asset Sale and (ii) 180 days after the date of such binding agreement and (B) if such capital expenditure or purchase is not consummated within the period set forth in subclause (A), the amount not so applied will be deemed to be Excess Proceeds.

(c) Pending the final application of any Net Cash Proceeds, the Company may reduce revolving credit borrowings or otherwise invest the Net Cash Proceeds in any manner that is not prohibited by this Indenture.

(d) An amount equal to any Net Cash Proceeds from Asset Sales that are not applied or invested as provided in the preceding clauses of this <u>Section 4.09</u> will constitute "*Excess Proceeds*." If on any date, the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$100,000,000, then within ten Business Days after such date, the Company will make an Asset Sale Offer in accordance with <u>Section 3.09</u>. The offer price in any Asset Sale Offer will be equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of purchase and will be payable in cash. If any Excess Proceeds remain unapplied after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may use those Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds will be reset at zero.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the sale, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, will be governed by the provisions of <u>Section 4.13</u> and/or the provisions of <u>Section 5.01</u> and not by the provisions of this <u>Section 4.09</u>.

(f) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with each repurchase of Notes pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.09</u>, or compliance with the provisions of <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.09</u> would constitute a violation of any such laws or regulations, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.09</u> by virtue of such compliance.

# Section 4.10 Liens.

The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create, assume, incur, permit or suffer to exist any Lien upon the Collateral, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, except for the Permitted Liens.

#### Section 4.11 Business Activities.

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, engage in any business or activities other than the Permitted Businesses, except to such extent as would not be material to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

### Section 4.12 Maintenance of Existence.

Subject to the rights of the Company under <u>Section 5.01</u>, the Company shall do all things necessary to maintain: (a) its corporate, limited liability company or partnership, as applicable, existence in its jurisdiction of organization; *provided*, that the foregoing shall not prohibit conversion into another form of entity or continuation in another jurisdiction and (b) the power and authority (corporate and otherwise) necessary under the Applicable Law to own its properties and to carry on the business of the Project. Each of the Company and the Guarantors shall not dissolve, liquidate, and shall not take any action to amend or modify its corporate constituent or governing documents where such amendment would be adverse in any material respect to the Holders.

# Section 4.13 Offer to Repurchase Upon Change of Control.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company will make an offer (a "*Change of Control Offer*") of payment (a "*Change of Control Payment*") to each Holder to repurchase all (equal to \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to not less than 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of repurchase (the "*Change of Control Payment Date*," which date will be no earlier than the date of such Change of Control). No later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder and the Noteholder Consultant describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and stating:

(1) that the Change of Control Offer is being made pursuant to this <u>Section 4.13</u> and that all Notes tendered will be accepted for payment;

(2) the purchase price and the purchase date, which shall be no earlier than 10 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed;

(3) that any Note not tendered will continue to accrete or accrue interest;

(4) that, unless the Company defaults in the payment of the Change of Control Payment, all Notes accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer will cease to accrete or accrue interest after the Change of Control Payment Date;

(5) that Holders electing to have any Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender the Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" attached to the Notes completed, or transfer by book-entry transfer, to the Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date;

(6) that Holders will be entitled to withdraw their election if the Paying Agent receives, not later than the close of business on the second Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of Notes delivered for purchase, and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have the Notes purchased; and

(7) that Holders whose Notes are being purchased only in part will be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, which unpurchased portion must be equal to \$100,000 in principal amount or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with this <u>Section 4.13</u>, or compliance with this <u>Section 4.13</u> would constitute a violation of any such laws or regulations, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this <u>Section 4.13</u> by virtue of such compliance.

(b) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

(1) accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;

(2) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and

(3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officer's Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions of Notes being purchased by the Company.

The Paying Agent will promptly mail (but in any case not later than five days after the Change of Control Payment Date) to each Holder of Notes properly tendered the Change of

Control Payment for such Notes, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any; *provided* that each such new Note will be in a principal amount of \$100,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

(c) The Company will publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

(d) If Holders of not less than 95% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes validly tender and do not withdraw such Notes in a Change of Control Offer and the Company, or any third party making a Change of Control Offer in lieu of the Company as described below, purchases all of the Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, the Company will have the right, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, given not more than 30 days following such purchase pursuant to the Change of Control Offer described above, to redeem all Notes that remain outstanding following such purchase at a redemption price in cash equal to the applicable Change of Control Payment plus, to the extent not included in the Change of Control Payment, accrued and unpaid interest thereon, to the date of redemption.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 4.13</u>, the Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if (1) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this <u>Section 4.13</u> and purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under the Change of Control Offer, or (2) notice of redemption has been given pursuant to <u>Section 3.03</u> with respect to a redemption of Notes pursuant to <u>Section 3.07</u>, unless and until there is a default in payment of the applicable redemption price.

## Section 4.14 Events of Loss

(a) After any Event of Loss, the Company may apply the Net Loss Proceeds from the Event of Loss to the rebuilding, repair, replacement or construction of improvements to the Project, with no obligation to make any purchase of any Notes, *provided*, that with respect to any Event of Loss that results in Net Loss Proceeds equal to or greater than \$100,000,000:

(1) the Company delivers to the Trustee within 120 days of such Event of Loss a written opinion from a reputable contractor that the Project can be rebuilt, repaired, replaced or constructed and operating within 540 days following such Event of Loss; and

(2) the Company delivers to the Trustee within 120 days of such Event of Loss a certificate from an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that the applicable entity has available from Net Loss Proceeds, cash on hand, binding equity commitments with respect to funds, anticipated insurance proceeds and/or available borrowings under Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 4.08</u> to complete the rebuilding,

repair, replacement or construction described in clause (1) above and to pay debt service on its Indebtedness during the repair or restoration period.

(b) Any Net Loss Proceeds that are not reinvested (or committed for reinvestment by the Company) within 540 days following an Event of Loss will be deemed "*Excess Loss Proceeds*." Within 15 days following the date on which the aggregate amount of Excess Loss Proceeds exceeds \$100,000,000, the Company will make an Excess Loss Offer in accordance with <u>Section 3.09</u>. The offer price in any Excess Loss Offer will be equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of purchase and will be payable in cash. If any Excess Loss Proceeds remain after consummation of an Excess Loss Offer, the Company may use those Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. Upon completion of each Excess Loss Offer, the amount of Excess Loss Proceeds will be reset at zero.

(c) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with each repurchase of Notes pursuant to an Excess Loss Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.14</u>, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.14</u> by virtue of such conflict.

(d) If the Trustee, on behalf of the Holders, receives any excess Insurance Proceeds, Condemnation Proceeds or Performance Liquidated Damages applied to the prepayment of Secured Debt and other Obligations as provided in the Common Terms Agreement and this Indenture does not require the Company to make an Excess Loss Offer pursuant to Section 3.09 and this Section 4.14, the Company shall instruct the Trustee to deposit such proceeds in the Construction Account, the Revenue Account or the Operating Account, as applicable, and the Trustee shall be required to make such deposit.

## Section 4.15 Access.

Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall grant the Common Security Trustee or its designee from time to time, including during the pendency of a Default or an Event of Default, upon reasonable prior written notice but no more than twice per calendar year (unless an Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing) reasonable access to all of its books and records and the physical facilities of the Project, <u>provided</u> that all such inspections are conducted during normal business hours in a manner that does not disrupt the operation of the Project. So long as a Default or any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the reasonable fees and documented expenses of such persons shall be for the account of the Company.

Section 4.16 Insurance.

Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries will keep the Project property of an insurable nature and of a character usually insured, insured with financially sound insurers in such form and amounts as is necessary to insure the maximum probable loss for the Project. The Company will cause with limited exceptions, each insurance policy to name the Common Security Trustee on behalf of the Secured Parties and the Secured Parties as loss payees as their interest may appear.

#### Section 4.17 *Compliance with Law.*

Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall (a) comply with all Applicable Law (including environmental, health and safety and port laws), except where such failure to comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (b) notify the Trustee promptly following the initiation of any proceedings or material disputes with any Government Authority or other parties, which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, relating to compliance or noncompliance with any such law, rule, regulation or order.

## Section 4.18 Use of Proceeds of Secured Debt.

The Company will use the proceeds of the Secured Debt solely for purposes permitted in the applicable Secured Debt Instruments.

## Section 4.19 Project Document Termination Payments.

(a) Within 15 days following the date on which the aggregate amount of Project Document Termination Payments received by the Company exceeds \$100,000,000, the Company will make a Project Document Termination Payment Offer in accordance with <u>Section 3.09</u>. The offer price in any Project Document Termination Payment Offer will be equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of purchase and will be payable in cash. If any Project Document Termination Payments remain after consummation of an Project Document Termination Payment Offer, the Company may use those Project Document Termination Payments for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. Upon completion of each Project Document Termination Payment, the amount of Project Document Termination Payments for the purposes of this paragraph will be reset at zero.

(b) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with each repurchase of Notes pursuant to a Project Document Termination Payment Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.19</u>, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.19</u> by virtue of such conflict.

(c) If the Trustee, on behalf of the Holders, receives any Project Document Termination Payments applied to the prepayment of Secured Debt and other Obligations as provided in the Common Terms Agreement and this Indenture does not require the Company to make a Project Document Termination Payment Offer pursuant to <u>Section 3.09</u> and this <u>Section 4.19</u>, the Company shall instruct the Trustee to deposit such proceeds in the Construction Account, the Revenue Account or the Operating Account, as applicable, and the Trustee shall make such deposit.

### Section 4.20 LNG Sales Contracts.

The Company will not enter into any LNG sales contracts except for (a) the Train One and Train Two LNG Sales Agreements, the Train Three and Train Four LNG Sales Agreements and the Train Five LNG Sales Agreement, (b) the CMI LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, (c) LNG sales contracts with counterparties who at the time of execution of the contract (1) have an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency, or who provide a guaranty from an affiliate with at least one of such ratings or (2) have a direct or indirect parent with an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency and either the counterparty or an affiliate of such counterparty who is providing a guaranty has a tangible net worth in excess of \$15,000,000,000, (d) LNG sales contracts with a term of less than five years and greater than one year with counterparties who do not at the time of execution of the contract have an Investment Grade Rating from at least A- by S&P or A3 by Moody's (or, if any of such entities ceases to provide such ratings, the equivalent credit rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency) with respect to its estimated obligations under the contract for a period of 60 days, (e) LNG sales contracts with a term of one year or less, (f) LNG sales contracts with counterparties who prepay (in cash) for their LNG purchase obligations under such contracts, or (g) LNG sales contracts otherwise approved by the Required Secured Parties; *provided*, that in the case of clauses (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) above, performance under such contracts shall not adversely affect the ability of the Company to meet its obligations under any contract listed in clause (a) above.

## Section 4.21 Project Documents.

(a) Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall comply in all material respects with its payment and other material obligations under the Material Project Documents and Fundamental Government Approvals, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) The Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries shall notify the Trustee (1) when entering into or terminating any Material Project Documents and provide a copy of any such contract to the Trustee and (2) promptly upon obtaining knowledge thereof, of any material adverse change in the status of any Fundamental Government Approval.

(c) Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not agree to any material amendment or termination of any Material Project Document to which it is or becomes a party unless (1) a copy of such amendment or termination has been delivered to the Trustee at least 5 days in advance of the effective date thereof along with a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that the proposed amendment or termination could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (2) the Company has obtained the consent of a majority of the Holders to such amendment or termination.

### Section 4.22 Project Construction; Maintenance of Properties.

The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to perform, or cause to be performed, all work and services required or appropriate in connection with the design, engineering, construction, testing and commencement of operations of the Project.

## Section 4.23 Maintenance of Liens.

(a) The Company will grant a security interest to the Common Security Trustee in the Company's interest in all Project assets and Project Documents acquired or entered into, as applicable, from time to time (except to the extent expressly permitted to be excluded from the Liens created by the Security Documents pursuant to the terms thereof) and shall take, or cause to be taken, all action reasonably required by the Common Security Trustee to maintain and preserve the Liens created by the Security Documents to which it is a party and the priority of such Liens.

(b) The Company will from time to time execute or cause to be executed any and all further instruments (including financing statements, continuation statements and similar statements with respect to any Security Document) reasonably requested by the Common Security Trustee for such purposes.

(c) The Company will preserve and maintain good, legal and valid title to, or rights in, the Collateral free and clear of Liens other than Permitted Liens.

(d) The Company will promptly discharge at the Company's cost and expense, any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) on the Collateral.

## Section 4.24 Credit Rating Agencies.

The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Notes to be rated by at least two Recognized Credit Rating Agencies. If any Recognized Credit Rating Agency ceases to be a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" registered with the SEC or ceases to be in the business of rating securities of the type and nature of the Notes, the Company may replace the rating received from it with a rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency.

Section 4.25 Additional Note Guarantees.

If the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries acquires or creates another Domestic Subsidiary, then such Domestic Subsidiary will become a Guarantor and execute a supplemental indenture in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u> (together with a corresponding Notation of Guarantee in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit D</u>) and deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel within 15 Business Days of the date on which such Domestic Subsidiary is acquired or created; *provided* that any Domestic Restricted Subsidiary that constitutes an Immaterial Subsidiary need not become a Guarantor until such time as it ceases to be an Immaterial Subsidiary.

### Section 4.26 Separateness.

The Company shall comply at all times with the separateness provisions set forth on Schedule 6.1 to the Common Terms Agreement.

### Section 4.27 Payments for Consent.

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, pay or cause to be paid any consideration to or for the benefit of any Holder, in its capacity as a Holder, for or as an inducement to any consent, waiver or amendment of any of the terms or provisions of this Indenture or the Notes unless such consideration is offered to be paid and is paid to all Holders that consent, waive or agree to amend in the time frame set forth in the solicitation documents relating to such consent, waiver or agreement.

#### Section 4.28 Books and Records.

The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, maintain proper books of record and account in conformity with GAAP and all applicable requirements of any Government Authority having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Company or such Subsidiary, as the case may be. The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, keep books, records and accounts which, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Company and its Subsidiaries have devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that their respective books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets and the Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, continue to maintain such system.

#### Section 4.29 Economic Sanctions, Etc.

The Company will not, and will not permit any Controlled Entity to (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

### Section 4.30 Changes in Covenants when Notes No Longer Rated Investment Grade.

(a) If, on any date, Parent (or any successor entity thereto) no longer has a rating from all Acceptable Rating Agencies that rate both Parent (or any successor entity thereto) and the Company that is equivalent to or better than the Company's rating from all Acceptable Rating Agencies that rate Parent (or any successor entity thereto) and the Company, then on such date (the "*Covenant Change Date*"):

(i) the covenant set forth below shall come into force and effect:

"Section 4.31 Transactions with Affiliates.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, enter into any transaction that is otherwise permitted hereunder with or for the benefit of an Affiliate (including guarantees and assumptions of obligations of an Affiliate) (each, an "*Affiliate Transaction*") involving aggregate payments or consideration with respect to a single transaction or a series of related transactions, in excess of \$25,000,000, except:

(1) to the extent required by Applicable Law;

(2) to the extent required or contemplated by the Material Project Documents or any other Project Document in existence on the Notes Issue Date;

(3) upon terms no less favorable to the Company than would be obtained in a comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate, or, if no comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate is available, then on terms that are determined by the Board of Directors of the Company to be fair in light of all factors considered by said Board of Directors to be pertinent to the Company;

(4) for any Project processing, facilities sharing, use or similar agreement with an Affiliate of the Company; *provided*, if applicable for the recovery by the Company, that the terms of such agreement provide for the recovery of at least the incremental Operation and Maintenance Expenses associated with operations pursuant to such agreement and the Company has entered into the required Security Documents; and

(5) Subordinated Indebtedness between or among the Company, any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and/or any of their Affiliates.

Prior to entering into any agreement with an Affiliate involving aggregate consideration in excess of 50,000,000, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company as to the satisfaction of the applicable condition set forth in clauses (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this Section.

(b) The following items will not be deemed to be Affiliate Transactions and, therefore, will not be subject to the provisions of clause (a) of this Section:

(1) any employment agreement, employee benefit plan, officer or director indemnification agreement or any similar arrangement entered into by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and payments pursuant thereto;

(2) transactions between or among the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(3) transactions with a Person (other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary of the Company) that is an Affiliate of the Company solely because the Company owns, directly or through a Restricted Subsidiary, an Equity Interest in, or controls, such Person;

- (4) payment of reasonable directors' fees to Persons who are not otherwise Affiliates of the Company;
- (5) any issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company to Affiliates of the Company;
- (6) any (A) Permitted Investments or (B) Restricted Payments that do not violate Section 4.06;
- (7) Permitted Payments to Parent;

(8) any contracts, agreements or understandings existing as of the Notes Issue Date and any amendments to or replacements of such contracts, agreements or understandings so long as any such amendment or replacement is not more disadvantageous to the Company or to the Holders in any material respect than the original agreement as in effect on the Notes Issue Date; and

(9) subject to <u>Section 4.08(a)(1)</u>, any assignment, novation or transfer of any Train Six LNG Sales Agreement or the CMI LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement by the Company to an Affiliate of the Company and any related agreements; *provided*, *however*, that if the Company incurs Expansion Debt in respect of Train Five or Train Six pursuant, as applicable, to clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, any such assignment, novation or transfer of any Train Five LNG Sales Agreement or any Train Six LNG Sales Agreement, as applicable, and any related agreements shall constitute an Affiliate Transaction unless such assignment, novation or transfer qualifies under any of the other listed exceptions in this section."

(ii) Clause (b) of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary" will be replaced with the following:

"(b) except as permitted by <u>Section 4.31</u>, is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company"

No Default, Event of Default or breach of any kind shall be deemed to exist under this Indenture or the Notes with respect to the covenant set forth in <u>Section 4.31(a)</u> and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries shall bear any liability for, any actions taken or events occurring prior to the Covenant Change Date, regardless of whether such actions or events would have been permitted if the covenant were in effect prior to such date.

- (b) If, on any date following a Covenant Change Date, the following conditions are satisfied:
  - (1) the Notes receive at least two Investment Grade Issue Ratings;
  - (2) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and

(3) Parent (or any successor entity thereto) has a rating from all Acceptable Rating Agencies that rate both Parent (or any successor entity thereto) and the Company that is equivalent to or better than the Company's rating from all Acceptable Rating Agencies that rate Parent (or any successor entity thereto) and the Company,

then the covenant set forth in <u>Section 4.31(a)</u> will no longer be applicable to the Notes and clause (b) of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary" will revert to the initial definition included in this Indenture, beginning on such date and continuing until any subsequent Covenant Change Date.

(c) In the event that subsequent to a Covenant Change Date the Company satisfies the conditions set forth in clauses (1), (2) and (3) of <u>Section 4.30(b)</u>, the Company will provide written notice of such event to the Trustee.

# ARTICLE 5 SUCCESSORS

Section 5.01 Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets.

The Company will not, directly or indirectly, consolidate, amalgamate or merge with or into another Person (regardless of whether the Company is the surviving entity), convert into another form of entity or continue in another jurisdiction; or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its

Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another Person, unless:

(a) either:

(1) the Company is the surviving entity; or

(2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation, amalgamation or merger or resulting from such conversion (if other than the Company) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made is a corporation, limited liability company or partnership organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(b) the Person formed by or surviving any such conversion, consolidation, amalgamation, or merger (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made assumes all the obligations of the Company under the Notes, this Indenture and the Security Documents, pursuant to a supplemental indenture and appropriate Security Documents;

(c) immediately after such transaction or transactions, no Default or Event of Default exists;

(d) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate from an Authorized Officer of the Company and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation or merger, or sale or disposition and such supplemental indenture, Security Documents and registration rights agreement, if any, comply with this Indenture and that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to such transaction have been complied with; and

(e) either (i) the Company shall have received letters from all Acceptable Rating Agencies then rating the Notes (or if only one Acceptable Rating Agency is then rating the Notes, the Company shall have received a letter from that Acceptable Rating Agency) to the effect that the Acceptable Rating Agency has considered the contemplated transaction or transactions, and that, if the contemplated transaction or transactions are consummated, such Acceptable Rating Agency would reaffirm the then current rating of the Notes as of the date of such transaction or transactions or (ii) the transaction or transactions have been consented to by Secured Debt Holders holding greater than 50% of the aggregate principal amount of Secured Debt then outstanding.

Upon any consolidation, amalgamation or merger, or any transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company in accordance with this <u>Section 5.01</u>, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or amalgamation or into which the Company merged or to which such transfer is made will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture and the Notes with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company in this Indenture and the Notes, and thereafter the predecessor Person will have no continuing obligations under the Indenture, the Notes and

the Security Documents (and such change shall not in any way constitute or be deemed to constitute a novation, discharge, rescission, extinguishment or substitution of the existing Indebtedness and any Indebtedness so effected shall continue to be the same obligation and not a new obligation).

In addition, the Company will not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of the properties and assets of it and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to any other Person. This <u>Section 5.01</u> will not apply to any sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, lease or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and the Guarantors.

Clause (c) of this <u>Section 5.01</u> will not apply to any merger or consolidation of the Company with or into an Affiliate solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Company in another jurisdiction.

## Section 5.02 Successor Corporation Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company in a transaction that is subject to, and that complies with the provisions of, <u>Section 5.01</u>, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Company is merged or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for (so that from and after the date of such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition, the provisions of this Indenture referring to the "Company" shall refer instead to the successor Person and not to the Company), and may exercise every right and power of the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company herein; *provided, however*, that the predecessor Company shall not be relieved from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes except in the case of a sale of all of the Company's assets in a transaction that is subject to, and that complies with the provisions of, <u>Section 5.01</u>.

# ARTICLE 6 DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.01 Events of Default.

Each of the following is an "Event of Default."

(1) any "Event of Default" specified in Section 9.1 of the Common Terms Agreement; *provided, however*, that:(A) except with respect to any default in the payment when due of any principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes, any default described in clause (i) of such Section 9.1 shall not constitute an "Event of Default" for purposes of the Notes unless such default in the payment when due of any principal of any Secured Debt is in a principal amount in excess of \$100,000,000, (B) any default described in clause (ii) of such Section 9.1 shall not constitute an "Event of Default" for purposes of

the Notes unless such default in the payment when due of any interest on any Secured Debt or any fee or any other amount or Obligation payable by the Company under the Common Terms Agreement, any Secured Debt Instrument or any other Financing Documents continues unremedied for a period of 30 days after the occurrence of such default, (C) any waiver of any default in the payment when due of any principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes shall not be effective, and will not be a waiver with respect to the Notes, unless such waiver is approved by greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (D) no amendment or other modification to such Section 9.1 that results in (i) any default in the payment when due of any principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes not being an "Event of Default" under such Section 9.1, (ii) an extension of the cure period with respect to the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes or (iii) an extension of the cure period with respect to the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes or (iii) an extension of the cure period with respect to the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes or (iii) an extension of the cure period with respect to the payment of interest on the Notes to a period that is greater than thirty (30) days, shall be effective with respect to the Notes unless such amendment or other modification is approved by greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding;

(2) default with respect to any Indebtedness of the Company that is in excess of \$100,000,000 in the aggregate (other than any amount due in respect of Additional Secured Debt or Secured Bank Debt) and continued beyond any applicable grace period, the effect of which has been to cause the entire amount of such Indebtedness under this clause (2) to become due (whether by redemption, purchase, offer to purchase or otherwise) and such Indebtedness under this clause (2) remains unpaid or the acceleration of its stated maturity unrescinded;

(3) failure by the Company to comply with its obligations described under Section 5.01 or to consummate a purchase of Notes when required pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19;

(4) failure by the Company for 30 days to comply with the provisions of Section 4.07, 4.08 or 4.10;

(5) failure by the Company for 60 days after notice from the Trustee or the Holders of at least  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes to comply with any of the other agreements in this Indenture or the Common Terms Agreement, to the extent applicable to the Notes, the Security Documents or the Notes unless covered by another Event of Default;

(6) (a) any Default Contract or the Consent related to such Default Contract shall at any time for any reason terminate (in each case, except in connection with its expiration in accordance with its terms in the ordinary course (and not related to any default or early terminate (in each case, except in connection with its expiration in accordance with its terms in the Consent related to such Material Project Document shall terminate (in each case, except in connection with its expiration in accordance with its terms in the ordinary course (and not related to any default or early terminate (in each case, except in connection with its expiration in accordance with its terms in the ordinary course (and not related to any default or early termination right thereunder)) and any such

event under this clause (b) could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; *provided*, *however*, that no Event of Default shall have occurred pursuant to this clause (6) if, in the case of the occurrence of any of the events set forth in clause (a) or (b) above with respect to any Material Project Document or related Consent:

(A) the Company notifies the Common Security Trustee that it intends to replace such Material Project Document (i) and related Consent. (B) the Company diligently pursues such replacement. (C) the applicable Material Project Document is replaced within 360 days (except the Sabine Liquefaction TUA, which shall be replaced within 180 days) with a replacement Material Project Document, (D) (I) in the case of any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the then existing least favorable FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, (II) in the case of the Sabine Liquefaction TUA, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the Sabine Liquefaction TUA, (III) in the case of the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract and the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract and the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, respectively, and (IV) in the case of any EPC Contract related to Train One and Train Two, Train Three and Train Four, Train Five or Train Six, the counterparty to such replacement Material Project Document is an internationally recognized contractor and the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of the Independent Engineer, certifying that such counterparty is capable of completing the applicable Project Phase, and (E) in the case of any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, the counterparty to any such replacement Material Project Document (x) has an Investment Grade Rating from at least two Acceptable Rating Agencies, or provides a guaranty from an Affiliate that has at least two of such ratings or (y) has a direct or indirect parent with an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency and either the counterparty or an Affiliate of such counterparty who is providing a guaranty has a tangible net worth in excess of \$15,000,000; provided that, clauses (D) and (E) shall not apply if such replacement Material Project Document is reasonably acceptable to (x) if the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is equal to or greater than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, the Required Secured Parties, or (y) if the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is less than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, Holders of greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes; or

(ii) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company and the certification set forth therein is confirmed by the Independent Engineer, certifying that (A) the present value of (x) the projected cash flows to be received by the Company pursuant to the Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements, minus (y) the projected expenses that could reasonably be expected to be incurred by the Company throughout the term of such Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements is greater than (B) the sum of the outstanding principal amount of Senior Debt (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date) outstanding; *provided*, that in calculating the present value of such cash flows, the discount rate shall be the weighted average interest rate of all the Indebtedness referred to in clause (B) and the discount period shall commence on the date of the occurrence of the applicable event set forth in clause (a) or (b) above with respect to the applicable Material Project Document (and, with respect to any Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement relating to a Train for which the In-Service Date has not occurred as of such date, the cash flows to be received pursuant to the associated Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement shall be deemed to commence on the Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date for such Train);

(7) any event that would constitute an "Event of Default" under Section 9.7 of the Common Terms Agreement shall occur with respect to the Company; *provided, however*, that (a) any waiver of any such "Event of Default" shall not be effective, and will not be a waiver, with respect to the Notes, unless such waiver is approved by greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (b) no amendment or other modification to such Section 9.7 that results in the occurrence of a Bankruptcy with respect to the Company not being an "Event of Default" under such Section 9.7 shall be effective with respect to the Notes unless such amendment or other modification is approved by greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding;

(8) a Bankruptcy shall occur with respect to (a) any party to one or more Default LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements (other than the Company) (and such party has failed to meet its contractual obligations under the applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement for 180 consecutive days) or (b) (i) prior to the later of Final Completion and "final completion" or similar concept in the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract and (ii) after the Company incurs Expansion Debt in respect of Train Three and Train Four pursuant to clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, the EPC Contractor or Bechtel Global Energy, Inc., unless:

(A) the Company notifies the Common Security Trustee that it intends to enter into a replacement Material Project (i) Document in lieu of the Material Project Document to which any of the affected Persons is party, (B) the Company diligently pursues such replacement, (C) the applicable Material Project Document is replaced not later than 180 days following the expiration of such 180 consecutive day period (except the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract, the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, which shall be replaced within 360 days) (D) (I) in the case of any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the then existing least favorable FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, (II) in the case of the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract and the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract and the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, respectively, and (III) in the case of any EPC Contract related to Train One and Train Two, Train Three and Train Four, Train Five or Train Six, the counterparty to such replacement Material Project Document is an internationally recognized contractor and the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of the Independent Engineer, certifying that such counterparty is capable of completing the applicable Project Phase and (E) in the case of any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, the counterparty to any such replacement Material Project Document (x) has an Investment Grade Rating from at least two Acceptable Rating Agencies, or provides a guaranty from an Affiliate that has at least two of such ratings or (y) has a direct or indirect parent with an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency and either the counterparty or an Affiliate of such counterparty who is providing a guaranty has a tangible net worth in excess of \$15,000,000; provided that, clauses (D) and (E) shall not apply if such replacement Material Project Document is reasonably acceptable to (x) if the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is equal to or greater than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, the Required Secured Parties, or (y) if the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is less than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, Holders of greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes: or

(ii) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company and the certification set forth therein is confirmed by the Independent Engineer, certifying that (A) the present value of (x) the projected cash flows to be received by the Company pursuant to the Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements, minus (y) the projected expenses that could reasonably be expected to be incurred by the Company throughout the term of such Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements is greater than (B) the sum of the outstanding principal amount of Senior Debt (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date) outstanding; *provided*, that in calculating the present value of such cash flows, the discount rate shall be the weighted average interest rate of all the Indebtedness referred to in clause (B) and the discount period shall commence on the date such Bankruptcy occurs (and, with respect to any Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement relating to a Train for which the In-Service Date has not occurred as of such date, the cash flows to be received pursuant to the associated Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements shall be deemed to commence on the Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date for such Train);

(9) A final judgment or order, or series of judgments or orders, for the payment of money in excess of \$150,000,000 in the aggregate (net of insurance proceeds which are reasonably expected to be paid), in either case shall be rendered against any Loan Party, in each case, by one or more Government Authorities, arbitral tribunals or other bodies having jurisdiction over any such entity and the same shall not be discharged (or provision shall not be made for such discharge), dismissed or stayed, within 90 days from the date of entry of such judgment or order or judgments or orders;

(10) the Common Terms Agreement or any other Financing Document or any material provision of any Financing Document, (A) is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or unenforceable, (B) should otherwise cease to be valid and binding or in full force and effect or shall be materially Impaired (in each case, except in connection with its expiration in accordance with its terms in the ordinary course (and not related to any default hereunder)) or (C) is (including the enforceability thereof) expressly terminated, contested or repudiated by any Loan Party, the Pledgor, the Parent, any Affiliate of any of them;

(11) the Liens in favor of the Secured Parties under the Security Documents shall at any time cease to constitute valid and perfected Liens granting a first priority security interest in any material portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens);

(12) an Event of Abandonment occurs or is deemed to have occurred; or

(13) any representation or warranty made in writing by or on behalf of the Company or by any officer of the Company in the Note Purchase Agreement thereby proves to have been false or incorrect in any material respect on the date as of which made; or

(14) any Fundamental Government Approval related to the Company or the Project shall be Impaired and such Impairment could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, unless:

(A) (i) the Company provides to the Trustee a remediation plan (which sets forth the proposed steps to be taken to cure such Impairment) no later than 20 Business Days following the date that the Company has knowledge of the occurrence of such Impairment, (ii) the Company pursues the implementation of such remediation plan, and (iii) such Impairment is cured no later than 360 days following the occurrence thereof; or

(B) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company and the certification set forth therein is confirmed by the Independent Engineer, certifying that (i) the present value of (x) the projected cash flows to be received by the Company pursuant to the Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements, minus (y) the projected expenses that could reasonably be expected to be incurred by the Company throughout the term of such Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements is greater than (ii) the sum of the outstanding principal amount of Senior Debt (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date) outstanding, in each case after giving effect to such Impairment; provided, that in calculating the present value of such cash flows, the discount rate shall be the weighted average interest rate of all the Indebtedness referred to in clause (ii) and the discount period shall commence on the date of the occurrence of the applicable Impairment event with respect to the applicable Fundamental Government Approval (and, with respect to any Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement relating to a Train for which the In-Service Date has not occurred as of such date, the cash flows to be received pursuant to the associated Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements shall be deemed to commence on the Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date for such Train).



# Section 6.02 Acceleration.

In the case of an Event of Default specified in clause (7) of Section 6.01, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice (subject to Applicable Law). If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately, by notice in writing to the Company, specifying the Event of Default. Upon any such declaration, the Notes shall become due and payable immediately.

Upon any Notes becoming due and payable under this <u>Section 6.02</u>, whether automatically or by declaration, such Notes will forthwith mature and the Optional Redemption Price determined with respect to such principal amount shall be immediately due and payable, in each and every case without presentment, demand, protest or further notice, all of which are hereby waived.

#### Section 6.03 Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal and premium, if any, and interest on the Notes or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Notes or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Notes or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of a Note in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

## Section 6.04 Waiver of Past Defaults.

Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive an existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, or interest on, the Notes (including in connection with an offer to purchase); *provided, however*, that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration. Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

### Section 6.05 Control by Majority.

Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on it. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture that the Trustee determines may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders of Notes or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability.

### Section 6.06 Limitation on Suits.

A Holder may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes only if:

(1) such Holder has previously given the Trustee written notice that an Event of Default is continuing;

(2) Holders of at least  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;

(3) such Holder or Holders have offered the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against any loss, liability or expense;

(4) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity; and

(5) Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes have not given the Trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

A Holder of a Note may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of a Note or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of a Note.

### Section 6.07 Rights of Holders of Notes to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Note to receive payment of principal and premium, if any, and interest on the Note, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Note (including in connection with an offer to purchase), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder; *provided* that a Holder shall not have the right to institute any such suit for the enforcement of payment if and to the extent that the institution or prosecution thereof or the entry of judgment therein would, under Applicable Law, result in the surrender, impairment, waiver or loss of the Lien of this Indenture upon any property subject to such Lien.

## Section 6.08 Collection Suit by Trustee.

If an Event of Default specified in <u>Section 6.01(1)</u> with respect to the Notes occurs and is continuing, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount of principal and premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on, the Notes and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

#### Section 6.09 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company (or any other obligor upon the Notes), its creditors or its property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under <u>Section 7.07</u>. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under <u>Section 7.07</u> out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that the Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

## Section 6.10 Priorities.

If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this <u>Article 6</u>, or, after an Event of Default, any money or other property distributable in respect of the Company's obligations under this Indenture, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

*First:* to the Trustee (including any predecessor trustee), its agents and attorneys for amounts due under <u>Section 7.07</u>, including payment of all compensation, expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

Second: to Holders of Notes for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for principal and premium, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for principal and premium, if any, and interest, respectively; and

Third: to the Company or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Notes pursuant to this Section 6.10.

#### Section 6.11 Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Note pursuant to Section 6.07, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes.

#### ARTICLE 7 TRUSTEE

Section 7.01 Duties of Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee will exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:

(1) the duties of the Trustee will be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(2) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee will examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the

requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts, statements, opinions or conclusions stated therein).

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(1) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraphs (b) and (e) of this <u>Section 7.01</u>;

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

(3) the Trustee will not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to <u>Section 6.05</u>.

(d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to this Section 7.01.

(e) No provision of this Indenture will require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights and powers under this Indenture at the request of any Holders, unless such Holder has offered to the Trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

(f) The Trustee will not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

# Section 7.02 Rights of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both; *provided* that an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel will not be required if the Indenture requires the Company to deliver a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company in connection with such act or refrain from acting. The Trustee will not be liable for any action it takes, suffers or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officer's Certificate, Opinion of Counsel or a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company. The Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel will be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and will not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.

(d) The Trustee will not be liable for any action it takes, suffers or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.

(e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Company will be sufficient if signed by an Authorized Officer of the Company.

(f) The Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity or security satisfactory to the Trustee against the losses, liabilities and expenses that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless written notice of such Default or Event of Default is received by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Notes and this Indenture.

(h) The Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Indenture arising out of or caused, directly or indirectly, by circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God; earthquakes; fire; flood; terrorism; wars and other military disturbances; sabotage; epidemics; riots; interruptions; loss or malfunctions of utilities, computer (hardware or software) or communication services; accidents; labor disputes; acts of civil or military authority and governmental action.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder (and under the other Financing Documents to which it is a party) and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.

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

(k) The Trustee may request that the Company deliver a certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officer's Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.

(1) Anything in this Indenture notwithstanding, in no event shall the Trustee be liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential or other similar loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to loss of profit), even if the Trustee has been advised as to the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

# Section 7.03 Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Company or any Affiliate of the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to <u>Section 7.10</u>.

#### Section 7.04 Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee will not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Notes or any money paid to the Company or upon the Company's direction under any provision of this Indenture, it will not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it will not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Notes or any other document in connection with the sale of the Notes or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.

The Trustee will not be responsible for the existence, genuineness or value of any of the Collateral, for the validity, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Liens in any of the Collateral, whether impaired by operation of law or by reason of any action or omission to act on its part hereunder, except to the extent such action or omission constitutes gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on the part of the Trustee, for the validity or sufficiency of the Collateral or any agreement or assignment contained therein, for the validity of the title of the Company or the Pledgor to the Collateral, for insuring the Collateral or for the payment of taxes, charges, assessments or Liens upon the Collateral or otherwise as to the maintenance of the Collateral. The Trustee hereby disclaims any representation or warranty to the present and future holders of the Secured Obligations concerning the perfection of the Liens granted hereunder or in the value of any of the Collateral. For purposes of the two preceding sentences, the terms "Collateral," "Liens," "Pledgor" and "Secured Obligations" shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Collateral Trust Agreement.

## Section 7.05 Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has received notice of such Default or Event of Default at its Corporate Trust Office, the Trustee will mail to Holders of Notes and the Noteholder Consultant a notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders.

Section 7.06 [Reserved.]

### Section 7.07 Compensation and Indemnity.

(a) The Company will pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder. The Trustee's compensation will not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company will reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses will include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel and of all Persons not regularly in its employ.

(b) The Company and the Guarantors will indemnify each of the Trustee or any predecessor trustee and their officers, agents, directors and employees for, and to hold them harmless against, any and all loss, damage, claims, liability or expense, including taxes (other than taxes based upon, measured by or determined by the income of the Trustee), incurred by it arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties under this Indenture and the Financing Documents, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Company and the Guarantors (including this <u>Section 7.07</u>) and defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Company, the Guarantors, any Holder or any other Person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder or thereunder, except to the extent any such loss, liability or expense may be attributable to its gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Trustee will notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company will not relieve the Company or any of the Guarantors of their obligations hereunder. The Company or such Guarantor will defend the claim and the Trustee will cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company will pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. Neither the Company nor any Guarantor need pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.



(c) The obligations of the Company and the Guarantors under this <u>Section 7.07</u> will survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the termination for any reason of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee.

(d) To secure the Company's and the Guarantors' payment obligations in this <u>Section 7.07</u>, the Trustee will have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Notes. Such Lien will survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the termination for any reason of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee.

(e) When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in <u>Section 6.01(7)</u> occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

(f) "Trustee" for purposes of this Section shall include any predecessor Trustee; *provided, however*; that the negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of any Trustee hereunder shall not affect the rights of any other Trustee hereunder.

# Section 7.08 Replacement of Trustee.

(a) A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee will become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this <u>Section 7.08</u>.

(b) The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Company in writing. The Company may remove the Trustee if:

(1) the Trustee fails to comply with <u>Section 7.10</u>;

(2) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;

- (3) a custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (4) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

(c) If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company will promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

(d) If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Company, or the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(e) If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder who has been a Holder for at least six months, fails to comply with <u>Section</u> <u>7.10</u>, such Holder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(f) A successor Trustee will deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee will become effective, and the successor Trustee will have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee will mail a notice of its succession to Holders and the Noteholder Consultant. The retiring Trustee will promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee; *provided* all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in <u>Section 7.07</u>. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this <u>Section 7.08</u>, the Company's obligations under <u>Section 7.07</u> will continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

#### Section 7.09 Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another Person, the successor Person without any further act will be the successor Trustee. In case any Notes shall have been authenticated but not delivered by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Notes so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee had itself authenticated such Notes.

### Section 7.10 *Eligibility; Disqualification.*

There will at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a Person organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$100,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

# Section 7.11 Authorization to Enter Into Accession Agreement.

The Trustee is hereby authorized to exercise all the rights and perform all the obligations of a Secured Debt Holder Group Representative set out in the Accession Documents (as defined in the Accession Agreement), including, without limitation, making, on behalf of the Holders, the agreements expressed to be made by Secured Debt Holders under the Financing Documents.

# Section 7.12 Trustee Protective Provisions.

Without duplication of any amounts the Trustee is entitled to recover under any indemnification provisions in the Financing Documents, the rights, privileges, protections, indemnities, immunities and benefits provided to the Trustee in this Indenture are in addition to, and are not intended to be in conflict with or limited by, any such provisions in the Financing Documents.

#### Section 7.13 Tax Withholding.

The Trustee shall be entitled to deduct FATCA Withholding Tax from any payment hereunder, and shall have no obligation to gross-up any payment hereunder or to pay any additional amount as a result of such FATCA Withholding Tax deduction.

# ARTICLE 8 LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

### Section 8.01 Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Company may at any time, at the option of its Board of Directors evidenced by a resolution set forth in an Officer's Certificate, elect to have either <u>Section 8.02</u> or <u>8.03</u> be applied to all outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this <u>Article</u> <u>8</u>.

# Section 8.02 Legal Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Company's exercise under <u>Section 8.01</u> of the option applicable to this <u>Section 8.02</u>, the Company and each of the Guarantors will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in <u>Section 8.04</u>, be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to all outstanding Notes (including the Note Guarantees) on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "*Legal Defeasance*"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Company and the Guarantors will be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes (including the Note Guarantees), which will thereafter be deemed to be "*outstanding*" only for the purposes of <u>Section 8.05</u> and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in clauses (1) and (2) below, and to have satisfied all their other obligations under such Notes, the Note Guarantees and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which will survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:



(1) the rights of Holders of outstanding Notes to receive payments in respect of the principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on, such Notes when such payments are due from the trust referred to in <u>Section 8.04</u>;

(2) the Company's obligations with respect to such Notes under <u>Article 2</u> and <u>Section 4.02</u>;

(3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and the Company's and the Guarantors' obligations in connection therewith; and

(4) this <u>Article 8</u>.

Subject to compliance with this <u>Article 8</u>, the Company may exercise its option under this <u>Section 8.02</u> notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under <u>Section 8.03</u>.

# Section 8.03 Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Company's exercise under <u>Section 8.01</u> of the option applicable to this <u>Section 8.03</u>, the Company and each of the Guarantors will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in <u>Section 8.04</u>, be released from each of their obligations under the covenants contained in <u>Sections 4.06</u> through <u>4.30</u> (and <u>Section 4.31</u> if a Covenant Change Date has occurred) with respect to the outstanding Notes on and after the date the conditions set forth in <u>Section 8.04</u> are satisfied (hereinafter, "*Covenant Defeasance*"), and the Notes will thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but will continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes will not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes).

For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes and Note Guarantees, the Company and the Guarantors may omit to comply with and will have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply will not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.01, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes and Note Guarantees will be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, Sections 6.01(3) through 6.01(5) will not constitute Events of Default.



Section 8.04 Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance under either Section 8.02 or 8.03:

(1) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders, cash in U.S. dollars, noncallable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm, or firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the outstanding Notes on the stated date for payment thereof or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to such stated date for payment or to a particular redemption date;

(2) in the case of an election under <u>Section 8.02</u>, the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that:

- (A) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling; or
- (B) since the Issue Date, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law,

in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

(3) in the case of an election under <u>Section 8.03</u>, the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;

(4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit) and the deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other instrument to which the Company or any Guarantor is a party or by which the Company or any Guarantor is bound;

(5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is bound;

(6) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of Notes over the other creditors of the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of the Company or others;

(7) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent set forth in clauses (1) through (6) of this <u>Section 8.04</u> have been complied with; and

(8) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel (which opinion of counsel may be subject to customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions), stating that all conditions precedent set forth in clauses (2), (3) and (5) of this <u>Section 8.04</u> have been complied with; *provided* that the Opinion of Counsel with respect to clause (5) of this <u>Section 8.04</u> may be to the knowledge of such counsel.

#### Section 8.05 Deposited Money and Government Securities to be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to <u>Section 8.06</u>, all money and non-callable Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this <u>Section 8.05</u>, the "*Trustee*") pursuant to <u>Section 8.04</u> in respect of the outstanding Notes will be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Notes of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Company will pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or noncallable Government Securities deposited pursuant to <u>Section 8.04</u> or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the outstanding Notes.

Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Article 8</u> to the contrary, the Trustee will deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon the request of the Company any money or non-callable Government Securities held by it as provided in <u>Section 8.04</u> which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under <u>Section 8.04(1)</u>), are

in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

### Section 8.06 Repayment to Company.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on its request or (if then held by the Company) will be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note will thereafter be permitted to look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, will thereupon cease; *provided, however*, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which will not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

### Section 8.07 Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any U.S. dollars or non-callable Government Securities in accordance with <u>Section</u> 8.02 or 8.03, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or Government Authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Company's and the Guarantors' obligations under this Indenture and the Notes and the Note Guarantees will be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u> or 8.03 until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with <u>Section 8.02</u> or 8.03, as the case may be; *provided, however*, that, if the Company makes any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company will be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

# ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

### Section 9.01 Without Consent of Holders of Notes.

Notwithstanding <u>Section 9.02</u>, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Notes and this Indenture or the Note Guarantees without the consent of any Holder of Notes:

(1) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;

(2) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;

(3) to provide for the assumption of the Company's or a Guarantor's obligations to the Holders and Note Guarantees by a successor to the Company or such Guarantor pursuant to <u>Article 5</u> or <u>Article 10</u>;

(4) to effect the release of a Guarantor from its Note Guarantee and the termination of such Note Guarantee, all in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture governing such release and termination;

(5) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders or that does not adversely affect the legal rights hereunder of any Holder;

- (6) to add any Note Guarantee; or
- (7) to provide for a successor Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in <u>Section 7.02</u>, the Trustee will join with the Company and the Guarantors in the execution of any amended or supplemental indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee will not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

### Section 9.02 With Consent of Holders of Notes.

Except as provided below in this Section 9.02, the Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture (including Section 3.09, 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 and 4.19) and the Notes and the Note Guarantees with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes voting as a single class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Notes), and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07, any existing Default or Event of Default (other than a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, the Notes, except a payment default resulting from an acceleration that has been rescinded) or compliance with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes or the Note Guarantees may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes voting as a single class (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Notes). Section 2.09 shall determine which Notes are considered to be "outstanding" for purposes of this Section 9.02.

Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders of Notes as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in <u>Section 7.02</u>, the Trustee will join with the Company and the Guarantors in the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture unless such amended or supplemental indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but will not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture.

It is not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Notes under this <u>Section 9.02</u> to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, supplement or waiver, but it is sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this <u>Section 9.02</u> becomes effective, the Company will mail to the Holders of Notes affected thereby and the Noteholder Consultant a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Company to mail such notice, or any defect therein, will not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental indenture or waiver. Subject to <u>Sections 6.04</u> and <u>6.07</u>, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding voting as a single class may waive compliance in a particular instance by the Company with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes or the Note Guarantees. However, without the consent of each Holder, an amendment, supplement or waiver under this <u>Section 9.02</u> may not (with respect to any Notes held by a non-consenting Holder):

(1) reduce the principal amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

(2) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any Note or alter or waive any of the provisions with respect to the redemption of the Notes; *provided, however*, that any purchase or repurchase of Notes, including pursuant to <u>Sections 4.09</u>, <u>4.13</u>, <u>4.14</u> or <u>4.19</u> shall not be deemed a redemption of the Notes;

(3) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest, including default interest, on any Note;

(4) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on the Notes (except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);

(5) make any Note payable in money other than that stated in the Notes;

(6) make any change in the provisions of this Indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders of Notes to receive payments of principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on the Notes;

(7) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Note; *provided, however*, that any purchase or repurchase of Notes, including pursuant to <u>Sections 4.09</u>, <u>4.13</u>, <u>4.14</u> or <u>4.19</u>, shall not be deemed a redemption of the Notes;

(8) release any Guarantor from any of its obligations under its Note Guarantee or this Indenture, except in accordance with the terms of this Indenture; or

(9) make any change in the preceding amendment and waiver provisions.

# Section 9.03 Decisions under Other Financing Documents.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture or the Intercreditor Agreement to the contrary, the Trustee shall be required, without the requirement of any vote or consent by the Holders of Notes and without seeking noteholder vote, consent or direction with respect to any of the clauses set forth below to vote as follows:

(1) for any Covered Action that is or includes any Fundamental Decision, if at the time no Secured Bank Debt is outstanding and such Covered Action causes the provisions of the Financing Documents that are being amended to be no less restrictive on the Company than the covenants in this Indenture, the Trustee shall vote in favor of such Covered Action;

(2) for any Covered Action while the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is less than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders to the extent that any such Covered Action causes the provisions of the Financing Documents that are being amended to be no less restrictive on the Company than this Indenture, as set forth in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company;

(3) for any Covered Action that Modifies the provisions governing Expansion Debt in the Common Terms Agreement, (A) if at the time both Aggregate Secured Bank Debt and Aggregate Other Secured Debt is outstanding, the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders to the extent that any such Covered Action causes the provisions of the Financing Documents that are being amended to be no less restrictive on the Company than this Indenture, as set forth in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company or (B) if at the time no Bank Debt is outstanding and such Covered Action causes the provisions of the Financing Documents that are being amended to be no less restrictive on the Company that the covenants in this Indenture, the Trustee shall vote in favor of such Covered Action; (4) the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as (A) item (a), (b), (c), (d), (k), (m) or (n) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement and (B) item (l) on such Schedule (to the extent of the phrase thereof which reads "any Modification in any material respect of any Security Document"), if the Modification contemplated by such Unanimous Decision Modification is not materially adverse to the Holders, or in the case of item (k) above is more restrictive on the Company, in each case as set forth in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company, upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely and will be fully protected in so relying, unless in any such case, such Unanimous Decision only applies to the Notes;

(5) the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as item (g), (h) or (n) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement if the Modification contemplated by such Unanimous Decision does not result in the Notes receiving payments that are less than *pari passu* with the Secured Bank Debt (other than due to timing differences in when payments are due on the Notes in accordance with their terms) and does not result in a material adverse change (when considered together with all other Modifications to any particular item specified in this clause (5)), in each case, as set forth in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely and will be fully protected in so relying, in (A) the priority within clauses (i) through (viii) of the waterfall of payments under Section 5.03 of the Accounts Agreement of any payment of principal, interest or other amounts payable (whether by prepayment or otherwise) under the Notes or (B) the funding of the Senior Secured Notes Debt Service Reserve Account;

(6) the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as item (i) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement (to the extent it affects actions in respect of any Unanimous Decision set forth as item (e) or (f) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement) if the Modification contemplated by such Unanimous Decision results in a Covered Action otherwise permitted by this Section 9.03;

(7) if there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, the Trustee shall vote in favor of any Covered Action with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as item (k) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement, if the Covered Action is either more restrictive on the Company than this Indenture or is not applicable, in each case as set forth in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely and will be fully protected in so relying;

(8) the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders with respect to any modification of the mandatory prepayment provisions of the Common Terms Agreement that permits a Secured Debt Instrument to provide a higher mandatory prepayment threshold than the applicable threshold in the Common Terms Agreement, including to conform the Common Terms Agreement to the mandatory prepayment thresholds set forth in this Indenture;

(9) notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event any Export Credit Agency provides or guarantees debt financing for the Company, the Trustee shall consent to any of the following which are approved by the Secured Bank Debt Holders (A) any amendments or other modifications to the Intercreditor Agreement or (ii) any amendments or other modifications to the Common Terms Agreement or the Accounts Agreement to provide (i) for a mandatory prepayment of the Indebtedness guaranteed by such Export Credit Agency if the guaranty (or similar financial accommodation) is terminated or (ii) for mandatory prepayment of the Indebtedness issued to or guaranteed by such Export Credit Agency if a Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement with a counterparty from the country of origin of such Export Credit Agency, is terminated and in each case, that the Company indicates in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company to the Trustee, upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely and will be fully protected in so relying, are required to induce such Export Credit Agency to make or guarantee such debt financing to the Company; and

(10) notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any Export Credit Agency provides or guarantees debt financing for the Company, the Trustee shall consent to any of the following which are approved by the Secured Bank Debt Holders: (A) any amendments to the Intercreditor Agreement or (B) any amendments to the Common Terms Agreement to provide that (i) if the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is less than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding and the consent of the Majority Secured Debt Participants is required for any Majority Decision (as described above Section 4.1(iv) of the Intercreditor Agreement) and (ii) the Secured Debt held by any Export Credit Agency is at least 12% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, the consent of such Export Credit Agency (or the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative of such Export Credit Agency) shall be required; *provided*, however, that the Company indicates in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company to the Trustee, upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely and will be fully protected in so relying, that such amendments are required to induce such Export Credit Agency to make or guarantee such debt financing to the Company.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Indenture or the Intercreditor Agreement to the contrary, if there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, the Trustee shall vote at the direction of a majority of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Notes with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as (A) item (a), (b), (c), (d), (k), (m) or (n) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement and (B) item (l) on such Schedule (to the extent of the phrase thereof which reads "any Modification in any material respect of any Security Document").

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of the Indenture or the Intercreditor Agreement to the contrary, to the extent that a vote of the Holders of Notes is required in respect of any Covered Action with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as item (e), (g), (h) or (j) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement, the Trustee will act at the direction of the Holders of at least 75% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by such Covered Action, including the Notes.

(d) Upon receipt of a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company and without the requirement of any vote or consent by the Holders of Notes, the Trustee shall consent to any Administrative Decisions pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement.

(e) Prior to voting in accordance with this Section 9.03, the Trustee shall have received a certificate from an Authorized Officer of the Company, which certificate shall set forth (1) the vote or consent the Trustee is directed to make as required by this Section 9.03 in connection with any vote required by the Trustee as Secured Debt Holder Group Representative under the Intercreditor Agreement or any other Financing Document and (2) the relevant subsection of this Section 9.03 pursuant to which such vote is required.

#### Section 9.04 *Revocation and Effect of Consents.*

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Note is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Note and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder of a Note or subsequent Holder of a Note may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

### Section 9.05 Notation on or Exchange of Notes.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for all Notes may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Note will not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

#### Section 9.06 Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc.

The Trustee will sign any amended or supplemental indenture authorized pursuant to this <u>Article 9</u> if the amendment or supplemental does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. The Company may not sign an amended or supplemental indenture until the Board of Directors of the General Partner approves it. In executing any amended or supplemental indenture, the Trustee will be entitled to receive and (subject to <u>Section 7.01</u>) will be fully protected in relying upon an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture.

# ARTICLE 10 COLLATERAL AND SECURITY

Section 10.01 Security.

(a) The payment of the Notes, when due, and the performance of all other Secured Debt are secured equally and ratably by liens upon the Company's rights in the Collateral. The payment of the guarantees of each Guarantor and all other obligations of such Guarantor, when due, and the performance of all other obligations of such Guarantor with respect to Secured Debt under the Secured Debt Documents are secured equally and ratably by liens upon such Guarantor's rights in the Collateral.

(b) The Company shall, and shall cause each of the Guarantors to, do or cause to be done all acts and things which may be required, or which the Common Security Trustee from time to time may reasonably request, to assure and confirm that the Common Security Trustee holds, for the benefit of the Holders and the other Secured Debt, duly created, enforceable and perfected Liens upon the Collateral as contemplated by this Indenture and the Security Documents, so as to render the same available for the security and benefit of this Indenture and of the Notes and Note Guarantees, according to the intent and purposes hereof expressed subject in each case to any express provisions of any Security Documents.

### Section 10.02 Security Documents.

(a) The Notes, upon issuance, will be Secured Debt for purposes of the Common Terms Agreement and the Security Documents. The Trustee shall be the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative for the Notes. The Holders shall be Senior Debt Holders.

(b) Upon the execution and delivery of the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative Accession Agreement – Secured Debt Instrument (which document shall be substantially in the form attached as Schedule 2.7(a) to the Common Terms Agreement) (the "*Accession Agreement*"), each Holder of the Notes, by its acceptance of the Notes instructs and directs the Trustee to execute and deliver the Accession Agreement, to which the Trustee and the Common Security Trustee will be a party on the Notes Issue Date, the Notes will constitute additional New Secured Debt (as defined in the Accession Agreement) and Secured Debt that is *pari passu* with all other Secured Debt and will be secured by the Collateral equally and ratable with the all other Secured Debt.

# Section 10.03 Collateral

(1) The Notes are secured, together with all other Secured Debt of the Company, equally and ratably by security interests granted to the Common Security Trustee in all of the assets of the Company; and

(2) each Guarantor's subsidiary guarantees are secured, together with such Guarantor's guarantee of all future Secured Debt of such Guarantor, equally and ratably by security interests granted to the Common Security Trustee in all assets of such Guarantor.

#### Section 10.04 Release of Security Interests

With respect to the Notes, the Common Security Trustee's Liens upon Collateral will no longer secure the Obligations with respect to the Notes and the right of the Holders of such Obligations to the benefits and proceeds of the Common Security Trustee's Liens on Collateral will terminate and be discharged:

(a) (1) upon satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture as set forth under in <u>Section 12.01</u>;
 (2) upon a Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance with respect to the Notes as set forth in <u>Article 8</u>; or

(3) upon payment in full in cash of the applicable Notes and all other related Note Obligations that are outstanding, due and payable at the time the Notes are paid in full in cash; and

(b) in accordance with the Common Terms Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement.

### Section 10.05 Release of Collateral.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture to the contrary, Collateral may only be released from the Lien and security interest created by the Security Documents at any time or from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement and the Security Documents.

(b) No certificate shall be required in connection with any sale, transfer or other disposition of Collateral if such sale, transfer or other disposition does not constitute an Asset Sale or is otherwise expressly permitted by the terms of any Security Document and such Security Document does not require delivery of such certificate and no instrument of release or other action of the Common Security Trustee is required in connection with such release.

(c) The release of any Collateral from the terms of this Indenture and the Security Documents will not be deemed to impair the security under this Indenture in contravention of the provisions hereof if and to the extent the Collateral is released pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents and none of the certificate delivery requirements under Article 10 shall effect or impair the ability of the Company to obtain the release of any Collateral to the extent the Company complies with its obligations to obtain such release under the Security Documents, Common Terms Agreement and Intercreditor Agreement.

# Section 10.06 Certificates of the Trustee.

In the event that the Company wishes to release Collateral in accordance with the Security Documents and has delivered the certificates and documents required by the Security Documents, the Trustee will determine whether it has received all documentation required under this Indenture in connection with such release and, will deliver a certificate to the Common Security Trustee setting forth such determination.

# Section 10.07 Termination of Security Interest.

Upon the payment in full of all Obligations of the Company under this Indenture and the Notes, or upon Legal Defeasance, the Trustee will, at the request of the Company, deliver a certificate to the Common Security Trustee stating that such Obligations have been paid in full, and instruct the Common Security Trustee to release the Liens pursuant to this Indenture and the Security Documents (subject to the satisfaction of any release of Lien provisions set forth in the Security Documents).

### ARTICLE 11 NOTE GUARANTEES

# Section 11.01 Guarantee.

(a) Subject to this <u>Article 11</u>, each of the Guarantors hereby, jointly and severally, unconditionally guarantees to each Holder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns, irrespective of the validity and enforceability of this Indenture, the Notes or the obligations of the Company hereunder or thereunder, that:

(1) the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the Notes will be promptly paid in full when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal of and interest on the Notes, if any, if lawful, and all other obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder or thereunder will be promptly paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and

(2) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other obligations, that same will be promptly paid in full when due or

performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise.

Failing payment when due of any amount so guaranteed or any performance so guaranteed for whatever reason, the Guarantors will be jointly and severally obligated to pay the same immediately. Each Guarantor agrees that this is a guarantee of payment and not a guarantee of collection.

(b) The Guarantors hereby agree that their obligations hereunder are unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Notes or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder of the Notes with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Company, any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, each Guarantor hereby waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company, any right to require a proceeding first against the Company, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenant that this Note Guarantee will not be discharged except by complete performance of the obligations contained in the Notes and this Indenture.

(c) If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Company, the Guarantors or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to either the Company or the Guarantors, any amount paid by either to the Trustee or such Holder, this Note Guarantee, to the extent theretofore discharged, will be reinstated in full force and effect.

(d) Each Guarantor agrees that it will not be entitled to any right of subrogation in relation to the Holders in respect of any obligations guaranteed hereby until payment in full of all obligations guaranteed hereby. Each Guarantor further agrees that, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (1) the maturity of the obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in <u>Article 6</u> for the purposes of this Note Guarantee, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed hereby, and (2) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such obligations as provided in <u>Article 6</u>, such obligations (whether or not due and payable) will forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for the purpose of this Note Guarantee. The Guarantors will have the right to seek contribution from any non-paying Guarantor so long as the exercise of such right does not impair the rights of the Holders under the Note Guarantee.

# Section 11.02 Limitation on Guarantor Liability.

Each Guarantor, and by its acceptance of Notes, each Holder, hereby confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the



extent applicable to any Note Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, and to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of such Guarantor will be limited to the maximum amount that will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor that are relevant under such laws, and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under this <u>Article 11</u>, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Note Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

# Section 11.03 Execution and Delivery of Note Guarantee Notation.

To evidence its Note Guarantee set forth in <u>Section 11.01</u>, each Guarantor hereby agrees that a notation of such Note Guarantee substantially in the form attached as Exhibit D hereto will be endorsed by an Authorized Officer of such Guarantor on each Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and that this Indenture will be executed on behalf of such Guarantor by one of its Authorized Officers.

Each Guarantor hereby agrees that its Note Guarantee set forth in <u>Section 11.01</u> will remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any failure to endorse on each Note a notation of such Note Guarantee.

If an Authorized Officer whose signature is on this Indenture or on the Note Guarantee no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Note on which a Note Guarantee is endorsed, the Note Guarantee will be valid nevertheless.

The delivery of any Note by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, will constitute due delivery of the Note Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Guarantors.

In the event that the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries creates or acquires any Domestic Subsidiary after the date of this Indenture, if required by <u>Section 4.25</u>, the Company will cause such Domestic Subsidiary to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 4.25</u> and this <u>Article 11</u>, to the extent applicable.

#### Section 11.04 Guarantors May Consolidate, etc., on Certain Terms.

Except as otherwise provided in <u>Section 11.05</u>, no Guarantor may sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to, or consolidate with or merge with or into (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person) another Person, other than the Company or another Guarantor, unless:

- (1) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default exists;
- (2) either:

(a) subject to <u>Section 11.05</u>, the Person acquiring the property in any such sale or disposition or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger unconditionally assumes all the obligations of that Guarantor under this Indenture and its Note Guarantee on the terms set forth herein or therein, pursuant to a supplemental indenture, and appropriate Security Documents, in each case, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee; or

(b) the Net Proceeds of such sale or other disposition are applied in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture, including without limitation, Section 4.09; and

(3) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate from an Authorized Officer of the Company and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation or merger, or sale or disposition and such Supplemental Indenture and Security Documents, if any, comply with this Indenture and that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to such transaction have been complied with.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor Person, by supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the Trustee and satisfactory in form to the Trustee, of the Note Guarantee endorsed upon the Notes and the due and punctual performance of all of the covenants and conditions of this Indenture to be performed by the Guarantor, such successor Person will succeed to and be substituted for the Guarantor with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a Guarantor. Such successor Person thereupon may cause to be signed any or all of the Note Guarantees to be endorsed upon all of the Notes issuable hereunder which theretofore shall not have been signed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee. All the Note Guarantees so issued will in all respects have the same legal rank and benefit under this Indenture as the Note Guarantees theretofore and thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture as though all of such Note Guarantees had been issued at the date of the execution hereof.

Except as set forth in <u>Articles 4</u> and <u>5</u>, and notwithstanding clauses 2(a) and (b) above, nothing contained in this Indenture or in any of the Notes will prevent any consolidation or merger of a Guarantor with or into the Company or another Guarantor, or will prevent any sale or conveyance of the property of a Guarantor as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to the Company or another Guarantor.



Section 11.05 Releases.

(a) In the event of any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of any Guarantor, by way of merger, consolidation or otherwise, or a sale or other disposition of all of the Capital Stock of any Guarantor, in each case to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transactions) the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, then such Guarantor (in the event of a sale or other disposition, by way of merger, consolidation or otherwise, of all of the Capital Stock of such Guarantor) or the corporation acquiring the property (in the event of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of such Guarantor) will be released and relieved of any obligations under its Note Guarantee; *provided* that the Net Proceeds of such sale or other disposition are applied in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture, including <u>Section 4.09</u>; and *provided further* that such release shall not become effective until all such applicable provisions of this Indenture have been complied with in full. Upon delivery by the Company to the Trustee of an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such sale or other disposition was made by the Company in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, including <u>Section 4.09</u> the Trustee will execute any documents reasonably required in order to evidence the release of any Guarantor from its obligations under its Note Guarantee and any Security Documents to which it is a party.

(b) Upon designation of any Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the terms of this Indenture, such Guarantor will be released and relieved of any obligations under its Note Guarantee and any Security Documents to which it is a party.

(c) Upon Legal Defeasance in accordance with <u>Article 8</u> or satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture in accordance with <u>Article 12</u>, each Guarantor will be released and relieved of any obligations under its Note Guarantee and any Security Documents to which it is a party.

Any Guarantor not released from its obligations under its Note Guarantee as provided in this <u>Section 11.05</u> will remain liable for the full amount of principal of and interest and premium, if any, on the Notes and for the other obligations of any Guarantor under this Indenture as provided in this <u>Article 11</u>.

# ARTICLE 12 SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 12.01 Satisfaction and Discharge.

This Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all Notes issued hereunder, when:

(1) either:

(a) all Notes that have been authenticated, except lost, stolen or destroyed Notes that have been replaced or paid and Notes for whose payment money has

theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to the Company, have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(b) all Notes that have not been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the mailing of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable within one year and the Company or any Guarantor has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm or firm of independent public accountants, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on the Notes not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption;

(2) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit);

(3) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Company or any Guarantor is a party or by which the Company or any Guarantor is bound;

(4) the Company or any Guarantor has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under this Indenture; and

(5) the Company has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee under this Indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the Notes at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be.

In addition, the Company must deliver to the Trustee (a) an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent set forth in clauses (1) through (5) of this <u>Section 12.01</u> have been satisfied, and (b) an Opinion of Counsel (which opinion of counsel may be subject to customary assumptions and qualifications), stating that all conditions precedent set forth in clauses (3) and (5) of this <u>Section 12.01</u> have been satisfied; provided that the Opinion of Counsel with respect to clause (3) of this <u>Section 12.01</u> may be to the knowledge of such counsel.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, if money has been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (b) of clause (1) of this <u>Section 12.01</u>, the provisions of <u>Sections 12.02</u> and <u>8.06</u> will survive. In addition, nothing in this <u>Section 12.01</u> will be deemed to discharge those provisions of <u>Section 7.07</u>, that, by their terms, survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

## Section 12.02 Application of Trust Money.

Subject to the provisions of <u>Section 8.06</u>, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to <u>Section 12.01</u> shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium and Additional, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or Government Securities in accordance with <u>Section 12.01</u> by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or Government Authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company's and any Guarantor's obligations under this Indenture and the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to <u>Section 12.01</u>; *provided* that if the Company has made any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Notes because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money or Government Securities held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

# ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 13.01 Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing and delivered in Person or by first class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), facsimile transmission, electronic mail or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

If to the Company and/or any Guarantor:

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002 Facsimile No.: (713) 375-6000 E-mail: lisa.cohen@cheniere.com Attention: Lisa C. Cohen

With a copy to (which copy shall be delivered as an accommodation and shall not be required to be delivered in satisfaction of any requirement hereof):



Latham & Watkins LLP 1271 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020 Facsimile No.: 212-751-4864 E-mail: jonathan.rod@lw.com Attention: Jonathan R. Rod

If to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon c/o The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Corporate Trust – Conventional Debt 601 Travis Street, 16th Floor Houston, TX 77002

If to the Noteholder Consultant:

Allianz Global Investors GmbH Address: 199 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3TY United Kingdom Telephone no.: + 44 20 3246 7619 / + 44 20 3246 7000 E-mail: infradebtnotices@allianzgi.com With copy to: ahmed.maqsood@allianzgi.com; and jorge.camina@allianzgi.com

The Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee, by notice to the others, may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) will be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when receipt acknowledged, if transmitted by facsimile; at the time sent, if transmitted by electronic mail; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery; *provided* that all notices and communications to the Trustee shall not be deemed received by the Trustee unless actually received by the Trustee at its address, facsimile number or electronic mail address set forth above.

Any notice or communication to a Holder will be mailed by first class mail, or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it will not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Company mails a notice or communication to Holders, it will send a copy to the Trustee, the Noteholder Consultant and each Agent at the same time by any of the means described above with respect to notice or communication by the Company.

The Trustee shall have the right, but shall not be required, to rely upon and comply with notices, instructions, directions or other communications sent by electronic mail, facsimile and other similar unsecured electronic methods by persons believed by the Trustee to be authorized to give instructions and directions on behalf of the Company. The Trustee shall have no duty or obligation to verify or confirm that the person who sent such instructions or directions is, in fact, a person authorized to give instructions on behalf of the Company; and the Trustee shall have no liability for any losses, liabilities, costs or expenses incurred or sustained by the Company as a result of such reliance upon or compliance with such notices, instructions, directions or other communications. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit notices, instructions, directions or other communications to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties. The Company shall use all reasonable endeavors to ensure that any such notices, instructions, directions or other communications transmitted to the Trustee pursuant to this Indenture are complete and correct. Any such notices, instructions, directions or other communications shall be conclusively deemed to be valid instructions from the Company to the Trustee for the purposes of this Indenture.

## Section 13.02 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee:

(1) an Officer's Certificate in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which must include the statements set forth in <u>Section 13.03</u>) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and

(2) an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which must include the statements set forth in <u>Section 13.03</u>) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been complied with, *provided*, that no such Opinion of Counsel shall be delivered on the date of this Indenture in connection with the original issuance of the Notes.

# Section 13.03 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture must include:

(1) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;

(2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(3) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him or her to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(4) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

#### Section 13.04 Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

# Section 13.05 No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders.

No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor (including without limitation, the General Partner and the Parent), as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, this Indenture, the Note Guarantees, the Security Documents, the Financing Documents or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

# Section 13.06 Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial; Jurisdiction.

(a) THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES AND THE NOTE GUARANTEES WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF OTHER THAN SECTION 5-1401 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.

(b) Each of the Company, any Guarantors and the Trustee, and each Holder of a Note, by its acceptance thereof, hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, any and all right it may have to trial by jury in any legal proceeding directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to this Indenture, the securities or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.

Each of the Company and each Guarantor, if any, irrevocably consents and submits, for itself and in respect of any of its assets (c) or property, to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any court of the State of New York or any United States federal court sitting, in each case, in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, New York, United States of America, and any appellate court from any thereof in any suit, action or proceeding that may be brought in connection with this Indenture or the securities, and waives any immunity from the jurisdiction of such courts. Each of the Company and each Guarantor, if any, irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection to any such suit, action or proceeding that may be brought in such courts whether on the grounds of venue, residence or domicile or on the ground that any such suit, action or proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Each of the Company and each Guarantor, if any, agrees, to the fullest extent that it lawfully may do so, that final judgment in any such suit, action or proceeding brought in such a court shall be conclusive and binding upon the Company and any Guarantor, if any, as applicable, and each of the Company and any Guarantor, if any, waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection to the enforcement by any competent court in the Company's and the applicable Guarantor's, as applicable, jurisdiction of organization of judgments validly obtained in any such court in New York on the basis of such suit, action or proceeding; provided, however, that neither the Company nor any Guarantor waive, and the foregoing provisions of this sentence shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver of, (i) any right to appeal any such judgment, to seek any stay or otherwise to seek reconsideration or review of any such judgment or (ii) any stay of execution or levy pending an appeal from, or a suit, action or proceeding for reconsideration of, any such judgment.

### Section 13.07 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or its Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

#### Section 13.08 Successors.

All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Notes will bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture will bind its successors. All agreements of each Guarantor in this Indenture will bind its successors, except as otherwise provided in <u>Section</u> <u>11.05</u>.

#### Section 13.09 Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions will not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 13.10 Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy will be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. Any certificate and any other document delivered in connection with this Indenture relating to the Notes may be signed by or on behalf of the signing party by manual, facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN

# Section 13.11 Trustee's Receipt of Funds to the Extent not Required to be Applied to Payment of the Notes

To the extent the Trustee receives any money from the Company or pursuant to any of the Financing Documents, and such money is not required to be used to redeem or repay the Notes as set forth in the certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company, such moneys shall be deposited into the Account under the Accounts Agreement as specified by the Company in such certificate.

# Section 13.12 Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and will in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

### Section 13.13 *Electronic Means*

"Electronic Means" shall mean the following communications methods: e-mail, facsimile transmission, secure electronic transmission containing applicable authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys issued by the Trustee, or another method or system specified by the Trustee as available for use in connection with its services hereunder.

The Trustee shall have the right to accept and act upon instructions, including funds transfer instructions ("Instructions") given pursuant to this Indenture and delivered using Electronic Means; provided, however, that the Company shall provide to the Trustee an incumbency certificate listing officers with the authority to provide such Instructions ("Authorized Officers") and containing specimen signatures of such Authorized Officers, which incumbency certificate shall be amended by the Company whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the Company elects to give the Trustee Instructions using Electronic Means and the Trustee in its discretion elects to act upon such Instructions, the Trustee's understanding of such Instructions shall be deemed controlling. The Company understands and agrees that the Trustee cannot determine the identity of the actual sender of such Instructions and that the Trustee shall conclusively presume that directions that purport to have been sent by an Authorized Officer listed on the incumbency certificate provided to the Trustee have been sent by such Authorized Officer. The Company shall be responsible for ensuring that only Authorized Officers transmit such Instructions to the Trustee and that the Company and all Authorized Officers are solely responsible to safeguard the use and confidentiality of applicable user and authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys upon receipt by the Company. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such Instructions notwithstanding such directions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The Company agrees: (i) to assume all risks arising out of the use of Electronic Means to submit Instructions to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized Instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties; (ii) that it is fully informed of the protections and risks associated with the various methods of transmitting Instructions to the Trustee and that there may be more secure methods of transmitting Instructions provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances; and (iv) to notify the Trustee immediately upon learning of any compromise or unauthorized use of the security procedures.

[Signatures on following page]

## SIGNATURES

Dated as of December 15, 2021

# SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

By:	/s/ Matthew Healey
Name:	Matthew Healey
Title:	Vice President, Finance and Planning

## THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee

By:	/s/ Michael D. Commisso
Name:	Michael D. Commisso
Title:	Vice President

[Signature Page to Indenture]

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NOTES

Section 1.1 Definitions

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Appendix A have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

#### Section 2.1 Form and Dating.

(a) *Definitive Notes.* The Notes will be issued initially in Definitive Note form. Notes issued in Definitive Note form will be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A-1</u> (but without the Global Note Legend thereon and without the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto) in an aggregate denomination equal to \$146,800,000.

(b) *Global Notes.* Except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 2.1</u>, Notes issued in global form (and the Trustee's certificate of authentication of such Notes) will be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A-1</u> (including the Global Note Legend thereon and the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Each such Note will be dated the date of its authentication. Each Global Note will represent such of the outstanding Notes as will be specified therein and each shall provide that it represents the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby will be made by the Trustee or the Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by <u>Section 2.3</u>.

(c) *Temporary Global Notes*. If Notes are exchanged in accordance with Section 2.3(a) during the Restricted Period, any such Notes initially offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S will be issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of such Notes in the form of Exhibit A-2. Such Notes will be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Notes represented thereby with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or the nominee of the Depositary for the accounts of designated agents holding on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided. The Restricted Period will be terminated upon the receipt by the Trustee of:

(1) a written certificate from the Depositary, together with copies of certificates from Euroclear and Clearstream certifying that they have received certification of non-United States beneficial ownership of 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note (except to the extent of any beneficial owners thereof who acquired an interest therein during the Restricted Period pursuant to another exemption from registration under the Securities Act and who will take delivery of a beneficial ownership interest in (A) a Global Note substantially in the

form of Exhibit A-1, bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend, deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee, and issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Notes sold in reliance on Rule 144A or (B) a Global Note bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend, deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or the nominee of the Depositary, and issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of Notes sold to Institutional Accredited Investors, all as contemplated by <u>Section 2.3(c)</u>; and

(2) an Officer's Certificate from the Company.

Following the termination of the Restricted Period with respect to any Notes, beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note will be exchanged, pursuant to the Applicable Procedures, for beneficial interests in a permanent Global Note, which will be in the form of <u>Exhibit A-1</u> bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend, deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or the nominee of the Depositary, and issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note, the Trustee will cancel the Regulation S Temporary Global Note. The aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note and the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee and the Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, in connection with transfers of interest as hereinafter provided.

(3) *Euroclear and Clearstream Procedures Applicable*. The provisions of the "Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" and "Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear" and the "General Terms and Conditions of Clearstream Banking" and "Customer Handbook" of Clearstream will be applicable to transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note that are held by Participants through Euroclear or Clearstream.

### Section 2.2 Holder Lists.

The Trustee will preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders. If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company will furnish to the Trustee at least seven Business Days before each Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of Notes.

Section 2.3 Transfer and Exchange.

(a) *Initial Exchange of Notes.* The Notes, which will be initially issued in Definitive Note form, may be exchanged in aggregate for beneficial interests in Global Notes if requested by Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Notes then outstanding, voting as a single class.

Upon receipt of such request for exchange, the Trustee, in accordance with <u>Section 7.02</u> of the Indenture, will cancel such Notes and the Company will issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with <u>Section 2.04</u> of the Indenture, the Trustee will authenticate one or more Restricted Global Notes, Unrestricted Global Notes or Regulation S Temporary Global Notes, as applicable, in accordance with Section 2.1. Holders will receive beneficial interests in the aggregate principal amount of Restricted Global Notes, Unrestricted Global Notes, as applicable.

(b) *Transfer and Exchange of Global Notes.* A Global Note may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary, by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or to another nominee of the Depositary, or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary. All Global Notes will be exchanged by the Company for Definitive Notes if:

(1) the Company delivers to the Trustee notice from the Depositary that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depositary for the Global Notes or that it has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, a successor Depositary is not appointed by the Company within 120 days after the date of such notice from the Depositary;

(2) the Company in its sole discretion determines that the Global Notes (in whole but not in part) should be exchanged for Definitive Notes and delivers a written notice to such effect to the Trustee; *provided* that in no event shall the Regulation S Temporary Global Note be exchanged by the Company for Definitive Notes prior to (A) the expiration of the Restricted Period and (B) the receipt by the Registrar of any certificates required pursuant to Rule 903(b)(3)(ii)(B) under the Securities Act; or

(3) there has occurred and is continuing an Event of Default with respect to the Notes.

Upon the occurrence of either of the preceding events in (1) or (2) above, Definitive Notes shall be issued in such names as the Depositary shall instruct the Trustee. Global Notes also may be exchanged or replaced, in whole or in part, as provided in Sections 2.08 and 2.11 of the Indenture. Every Note authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or in lieu of, a Global Note or any portion thereof, pursuant to this Section 2.3 or Sections 2.08 or 2.11 of the Indenture, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Note. A Global Note may not be exchanged for another Note other than as provided in this Section 2.3(b), however, beneficial interests in a Global Note may be transferred and exchanged as provided in Section 2.3(c), (d) or (g).

(c) *Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in the Global Notes*. The transfer and exchange of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be effected through the Depositary, in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the Applicable Procedures. Beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes will be subject to restrictions on transfer comparable to those set forth herein to the extent required by the Securities Act. Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Notes also will require compliance with either subparagraph (1) or (2) below, as applicable, as well as one or more of the other following subparagraphs, as applicable:

(1) Transfer of Beneficial Interests in the Same Global Note. Beneficial interests in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the same Restricted Global Note in accordance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Private Placement Legend; provided, however, that prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note may not be made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person (other than the Initial Purchasers). Beneficial interests in any Unrestricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. No written orders or instructions shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar to effect the transfers described in this Section 2.3(c)(1).

(2) All Other Transfers and Exchanges of Beneficial Interests in Global Notes. In connection with all transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests that are not subject to Section 2.3(c)(1), the transferor of such beneficial interest must deliver to the Registrar either:

(A)both:

(i) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to credit or cause to be credited a beneficial interest in another Global Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and

(ii) instructions given in accordance with the Applicable Procedures containing information regarding the Participant account to be credited with such increase; or

#### (B)both:

(i) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to cause to be issued a Definitive Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and

(ii) instructions given by the Depositary to the Registrar containing information regarding the Person in whose name such Definitive Note shall be registered to effect the transfer or exchange referred to in (1) above;

*provided* that in no event shall Definitive Notes be issued upon the transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note prior to (A) the expiration of the Restricted Period and (B) the receipt by the Registrar of any certificates required pursuant to Rule 903 under the Securities Act.

(3) Transfer of Beneficial Interests to Another Restricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Restricted Global Note if the transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.3(c)(2) and the Registrar receives the following:

(A) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(B) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note or the Regulation S Permanent Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; and

(C) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the IAI Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable.

(4) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be exchanged by any Holder thereof for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note if the exchange or transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.3(c)(2) and the Registrar receives the following:

(i) if the Holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u>, including the certifications in item (1)(a) thereof; or

(ii) if the Holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take

delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case, if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar and the Company to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

If any such transfer is effected at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Company shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with <u>Section 2.04</u> of the Indenture, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of beneficial interests transferred.

Beneficial interests in an Unrestricted Global Note cannot be exchanged for, or transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of, a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note.

(d) Transfer or Exchange of Beneficial Interests for Definitive Notes.

(1) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes. If any Holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:

(A) if the Holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C, including the certifications in item (2)(a) thereof;

(B) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(C) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;

(D) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (3) (a) thereof;

(E) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3)(d) thereof, if applicable;

(F) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or

(G) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to <u>Section 2.3(i)</u>, and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this <u>Section 2.3(d)</u> shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the Holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this <u>Section 2.3(d)(1)</u> shall bear the Private Placement Legend and shall be subject to all restrictions on transfer contained therein.

(2) Beneficial Interests in Regulation S Temporary Global Note to Definitive Notes. Notwithstanding Sections 2.3(d)(1)(A) and (C), a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note may not be exchanged for a Definitive Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note prior to (A) the expiration of the Restricted Period and (B) the receipt by the Registrar of any certificates required pursuant to Rule 903(b)(3)(ii)(B) under the Securities Act, except in the case of a transfer pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 903 or Rule 904.

(3) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A Holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or may transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note only if the Registrar receives the following:

(i) if the Holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive

Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C, including the certifications in item (1)(b) thereof; or

(ii) if the Holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case, if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar and the Company to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(4) Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. If any Holder of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, then, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.3(c)(2), the Trustee will cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.3(i), and the Company will execute and the Trustee will authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.3(d)(4) will be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the Holder of such beneficial interest requests through instructions to the Registrar from or through the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee will deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.3(d)(4) will deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered.

(e) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Beneficial Interests.

Unless initially exchanged in accordance with Section 2.3(a), Definitive Notes may be transferred and exchanged for beneficial interests in Global Notes as follows:

(1) *Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes.* If any Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note or to transfer such Restricted Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:

(A) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u>, including the certifications in item (2)(b) thereof;

(B) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, a certificate to the effect set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(C) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904, a certificate to the effect set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;

(D) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof;

(E) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3)(d) thereof, if applicable;

(F) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or

(G) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee will cancel the Restricted Definitive Note, increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of, in the case of clause (A) above, the appropriate Restricted Global Note, in the case of clause (B) above, the Rule 144A Global Note, in the case of clause (C) above, the Regulation S Global Note, in the case of clause (E) above, the IAI Global Note and in all other cases, the appropriate Unrestricted Global Note.

(2) *Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes*. A Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Restricted Definitive Note to a

Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note only if the Registrar receives the following:

(i) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C, including the certifications in item (1)(c) thereof; or

(ii) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case, if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar and the Company to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions of any of the subparagraphs in this <u>Section 2.3(e)(2)</u>, the Trustee will cancel the Definitive Notes and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of the Unrestricted Global Note.

(3) Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes. A Holder of an Unrestricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note at any time. Upon receipt of a request for such an exchange or transfer, the Trustee will cancel the applicable Unrestricted Definitive Note and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of one of the Unrestricted Global Notes.

If any such exchange or transfer from a Definitive Note to a beneficial interest is effected pursuant to subparagraphs (2)(B), (2) (D) or (3) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Company will issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with <u>Section 2.04</u> of the Indenture, the Trustee will authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Definitive Notes so transferred.

(f) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Definitive Notes. Upon request by a Holder of Definitive Notes and such Holder's compliance with the provisions of this Section 2.3(f), the Registrar will register the transfer or exchange of Definitive Notes. Prior to such registration of transfer or exchange, the requesting Holder must present or surrender to the Registrar the Definitive Notes duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instruction of transfer in form satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by such Holder or by its attorney, duly authorized in writing. In addition, the requesting Holder must provide any additional

certifications, documents and information, as applicable, required pursuant to the following provisions of this Section 2.3(f).

(1) *Restricted Definitive Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes.* Any Restricted Definitive Note may be transferred to and registered in the name of Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:

(A) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 144A, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(B) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 903 or Rule 904, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; and

(C) if the transfer will be made pursuant to any other exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable.

(2) *Restricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes.* Any Restricted Definitive Note may be exchanged by the Holder thereof for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or transferred to a Person or Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:

(i) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C, including the certifications in item (1)(d) thereof; or

(ii) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case, if the Registrar so requests, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(3) Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A Holder of Unrestricted Definitive Notes may transfer such Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note. Upon receipt of a request to

register such a transfer, the Registrar shall register the Unrestricted Definitive Notes pursuant to the instructions from the Holder thereof.

(g) *Legends.* The following legends will appear on the face of all Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued under this Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of this Indenture.

#### (1) Private Placement Legend.

(A)Except as permitted by subparagraph (B) below, each Global Note and each Definitive Note (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall bear the legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION. NEITHER THIS SECURITY NOR ANY INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION HEREIN MAY BE REOFFERED, SOLD, ASSIGNED, TRANSFERRED, PLEDGED, ENCUMBERED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR UNLESS SUCH TRANSACTION IS EXEMPT FROM, OR NOT SUBJECT TO, SUCH REGISTRATION. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, AGREES ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ANY INVESTOR ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT HAS PURCHASED SECURITIES, TO OFFER, SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER SUCH SECURITY, PRIOR TO THE DATE (THE "RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE") THAT IS ONE YEAR AFTER THE LATER OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE HEREOF AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH THE COMPANY OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY WAS THE OWNER OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY), ONLY (A) TO THE COMPANY, (B) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) FOR SO LONG AS THE SECURITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A, (D) PURSUANT TO OFFERS AND SALES THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (E) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SUBPARAGRAPH (A)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) OF RULE 501 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT IS ACQUIRING THE NOTES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR", FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO, OR FOR OFFER OR SALE IN CONNECTION WITH, ANY DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (F) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, SUBJECT TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE TRUSTEE'S RIGHT PRIOR TO ANY SUCH OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT

TO CLAUSES (D), (E) OR (F) TO REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATION AND/ OR OTHER INFORMATION SATISFACTORY TO EACH OF THEM. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER AFTER THE RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE."

(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Global Note or Definitive Note issued pursuant to subparagraphs (b)(4), (c)(3), (c)(4), (d)(2), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(3) or (f) of this Section 2.3 (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) will not bear the Private Placement Legend.

(2) Global Note Legend. Each Global Note will bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (1) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.3 OF APPENDIX A TO THE INDENTURE, (2) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.3 OF APPENDIX A TO THE INDENTURE, (3) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.12 OF THE INDENTURE AND (4) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMPANY.

UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN DEFINITIVE FORM, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) ("DTC"), TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN."

(3) *Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend.* The Regulation S Temporary Global Note will bear a Legend in substantially the following form:

"THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE, AND THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ITS EXCHANGE FOR CERTIFICATED NOTES, ARE AS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED HEREIN). NEITHER THE HOLDER NOR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PAYMENT OF INTEREST HEREON."

(h) *Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Notes.* At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Note have been exchanged for Definitive Notes or a particular Global Note has been redeemed, repurchased or canceled in whole and not in part, each such Global Note will be returned to or retained and canceled by the Trustee in accordance with <u>Section 2.12</u> of the Indenture. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note or for Definitive Notes, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note will be reduced accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note, such other Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.

#### (i) General Provisions Relating to Transfers and Exchanges.

(1) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company will execute and the Trustee will authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with <u>Section 2.02</u> of the Indenture or at the Registrar's request.

(2) No service charge will be made to a Holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note or to a Holder of a Definitive Note for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to <u>Sections 2.09</u>, <u>3.06</u>, <u>3.09</u>, <u>4.09</u>, <u>4.13</u>, <u>4.14</u>, <u>4.19</u> and <u>9.05</u> of the Indenture).

(3) The Registrar will not be required to register the transfer of or exchange of any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.

(4) All Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Notes or Definitive Notes will be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Notes or Definitive Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(5) Neither the Registrar nor the Company will be required:

(A) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange any Notes during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of any selection of Notes for redemption under <u>Section 3.02</u> of the Indenture and ending at the close of business on the day of selection;

(B) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part; or

(C) to register the transfer of or to exchange a Note between a record date and the next succeeding Payment Date.

(6) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent and the Company may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent or the Company shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(7) The Trustee will authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 2.04</u> of the Indenture.

(8) All certifications, certificates and Opinions of Counsel required to be submitted to the Registrar pursuant to this <u>Section</u> 2.3 to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by facsimile.

(9) None of the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar shall have any responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner in a Global Note, an agent member of the Depositary or other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of the Depositary or its nominee or of any agent member of the Depositary, with respect to any ownership interest in the Notes or with respect to the delivery to any agent member of the Depositary, Beneficial Owner or other Person (other than the Depositary) of any notice (including any notice of redemption) or the payment of any amount, under or with respect to such Notes. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders and all payments to be made to Holders under the Notes and this Indenture shall be given or made only to or upon the order of the registered holders (which shall be the Depositary or its nominee in the case of the Global Note). The rights of Beneficial Owners in the Global Note shall be exercised only through the Depositary subject to the Applicable Procedures. The Trustee, the Paying Agent and the Registrar shall be entitled to rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by the Depositary with respect to its members, participants and any beneficial owners. The Trustee, the Paying Agent and the Registrar shall be entitled to deal with the Depositary, and any nominee thereof, that is the registered holder of any Global Note for all purposes of this Indenture relating to such Global Note (including the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, and the giving of instructions or directions by or to the owner or holder of a beneficial ownership interest in such Global Note) as the sole holder of such Global Note and shall have no obligations to the Beneficial Owners thereof. None of the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar shall have any responsibility or liability for any acts or omissions of the Depositary with respect to such Global Note, for the records of any such depositary, including records in respect of beneficial ownership interests in respect of any such Global Note, for any transactions between the Depositary and any agent member of the Depositary or between or among the Depositary, any such agent member of the Depositary and/or any holder or owner of a beneficial interest in such Global Note, or for any transfers of beneficial interests in any such Global Note.

(10) Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Global Note, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Trustee, or any agent of the Company or the Trustee from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by any Depositary (or its nominee), as a Holder, with respect to such Global Note or shall impair, as between such Depositary and owners of beneficial interests in such Global Note, the operation of customary practices governing the exercise of the rights of such Depositary (or its nominee) as Holder of such Global Note.

(11) None of the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar shall have any obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under Applicable Law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any security (including any transfers between or among Depositary participants, members or beneficial owners in any Global Note) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

## APPENDIX B

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment	Outstanding Principal
3/15/2022	\$-	\$1,082,650.00	\$1,082,650.00	\$146,800,000
9/15/2022	\$-	\$2,165,300.00	\$2,165,300.00	\$146,800,000
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9/15/2025	\$4,297,705.24	\$2,165,300.00	\$6,463,005.24	\$142,502,295
3/15/2026	\$4,405,147.79	\$2,101,908.85	\$6,507,056.64	\$138,097,147
9/15/2026	\$4,515,276.60	\$2,036,932.92	\$6,552,209.52	\$133,581,870
3/15/2027	\$4,628,158.46	\$1,970,332.59	\$6,598,491.05	\$128,953,712
9/15/2027	\$4,743,862.37	\$1,902,067.25	\$6,645,929.62	\$124,209,850
3/15/2028	\$4,862,458.97	\$1,832,095.28	\$6,694,554.25	\$119,347,391
9/15/2028	\$4,984,020.38	\$1,760,374.01	\$6,744,394.39	\$114,363,370
3/15/2029	\$5,108,620.92	\$1,686,859.71	\$6,795,480.63	\$109,254,749
9/15/2029	\$5,236,336.55	\$1,611,507.55	\$6,847,844.10	\$104,018,413
3/15/2030	\$5,367,244.90	\$1,534,271.59	\$6,901,516.49	\$98,651,168
9/15/2030	\$5,501,425.97	\$1,455,104.73	\$6,956,530.70	\$93,149,742
3/15/2031	\$5,638,961.61	\$1,373,958.69	\$7,012,920.30	\$87,510,780
9/15/2031	\$5,779,935.66	\$1,290,784.01	\$7,070,719.67	\$81,730,845
3/15/2032	\$5,924,434.02	\$1,205,529.96	\$7,129,963.98	\$75,806,411
9/15/2032	\$6,072,544.95	\$1,118,144.56	\$7,190,689.50	\$69,733,866
3/15/2033	\$6,224,358.54	\$1,028,574.52	\$7,252,933.05	\$63,509,507
9/15/2033	\$6,379,967.45	\$936,765.23	\$7,316,732.68	\$57,129,540
3/15/2034	\$6,539,466.75	\$842,660.71	\$7,382,127.46	\$50,590,073
9/15/2034	\$6,702,953.33	\$746,203.57	\$7,449,156.90	\$43,887,120
3/15/2035	\$6,870,527.18	\$647,335.01	\$7,517,862.19	\$37,016,592
9/15/2035	\$7,042,290.33	\$545,994.74	\$7,588,285.07	\$29,974,302
3/15/2036	\$7,218,347.76	\$442,120.95	\$7,660,468.71	\$22,755,954
9/15/2036	\$7,398,806.43	\$335,650.33	\$7,734,456.75	\$15,357,148
3/15/2037	\$7,583,776.45	\$226,517.93	\$7,810,294.38	\$7,773,372
9/15/2037	\$7,773,371.40	\$114,657.23	\$7,888,028.63	\$0

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2.95% Senior Secure	d Notes due 2037	CUSIP:[]
No		\$
SABINE PASS LIQU	EFACTION, LLC	
promises to pay to or registered assigns, the principal sum of interest thereon in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provide	DOLLARS and	
Payment Dates: March 15 and September 15, commencing March 15, 202	22	
Record Dates: March 1 and September 1		
Dated:, 2021	SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC	
	By:	
	Name:	
	Title:	
This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:		
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee		
By:Authorized Signatory		

#### [Back of Note] 2.95% Senior Secured Notes due 2037

[Insert the Global Note Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

[Insert the Private Placement Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

(1) *PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST*. Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "*Company*"), promises to make payments of principal and interest in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provided for under Schedule I hereto. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; *provided* that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Payment Date; *provided further* that the first Payment Date shall be March 15, 2022. The Company will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and interest thereon, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 0.5% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect to the extent lawful (without regard to any applicable grace periods). Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Company will make payments (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the March 1 or September 1 next preceding the Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.13 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Paying Agent or Registrar maintained for such purpose within or without the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest, if any, may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders; *provided* that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of and interest, premium, if any, on, all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which will have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent. Such payment will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

(3) *PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR*. Initially, The Bank of New York Mellon, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

(4) INDENTURE AND SECURITY DOCUMENTS. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 (the *"Indenture"*) among the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of

the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are secured obligations of the Company. The Notes are secured by a pledge of Collateral (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to the Security Documents referred to in the Indenture. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

#### (5) OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

At any time or from time to time prior to March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the Notes at a redemption price equal to the Optional Redemption Price (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on a payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

"Optional Redemption Price" with respect to any Notes to be redeemed, means an amount equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of such Notes; and
- (2) the Discounted Value of such Notes;

plus, in the case of both (1) and (2), accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes, if any, to the redemption date.

"*Called Principal*" means, with respect to any Note, the principal of such Note that is to be prepaid or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable, as the context requires.

*"Discounted Value"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

*"Remaining Scheduled Payments"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, provided that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date.

*"Reinvestment Yield"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the yield(s) reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as "Page PX1" (or such other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities (*"Reported"*) having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there are no

such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (a) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (b) interpolating linearly between the yields Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

If such yields are not Reported or the yields Reported as of such time are not ascertainable (including by way of interpolation), then "*Reinvestment Yield*" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the U.S. Treasury constant maturity yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (or any comparable successor publication) for the U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there is no such U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to such Remaining Average Life, such implied yield to maturity will be determined by interpolating linearly between (1) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

*"Remaining Average Life"* shall mean, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years obtained by dividing (a) such Called Principal into (b) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (1) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (2) the number of years, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months calculated to two decimal places, that will elapse between the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

*"Settlement Date"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of a Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be redeemed or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable.

The notice of redemption with respect to the foregoing redemption need not set forth the Optional Redemption Price but only the manner of calculation thereof. The Company will notify the Trustee of the Optional Redemption Price with respect to any redemption promptly after the calculation, and the Trustee shall not be responsible for such calculation.

### (6) MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

The Company is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

### (7) REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF HOLDER.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company will make an offer (a "*Change of Control Offer*") of payment (a "*Change of Control Payment*") to each Holder to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to not less than 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase (the "*Change of Control Payment Date*," which date will be no earlier than the date of such Change of Control). No later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and setting forth the procedures governing the Change of Control Offer as required by the Indenture.

(b) The Company will be required to make Asset Sale Offers, Excess Proceeds Offers and Project Document Termination Payment Offers to the extent provided in Sections 4.09, 4.14 and 4.19, respectively, of the Indenture.

(8) NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction or discharge of the Indenture. Notes in denominations larger than \$100,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed.

(9) DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$.01 in excess thereof. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Payment Date.

(10) PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

(11) *TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH COMPANY*. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

(12) NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor (including the General Partner and the Parent), as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, the Indenture, the Note

Guarantees, the Security Documents, the Financing Documents or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

(13) AUTHENTICATION. This Note will not be valid until authenticated by the manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

(14) *ABBREVIATIONS*. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

(15) *CUSIP NUMBERS*. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes, and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption, and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

(16) *GOVERNING LAW*. THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THE INDENTURE, THIS NOTE AND THE NOTE GUARANTEES.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002 Attention: Treasurer

Schedule I

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appoint to transfer this Note on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

Date:

and irrevocably

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

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## SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTEREST IN THE GLOBAL NOTE

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount [at	Amount of increase in Principal Amount [at	Principal Amount [at maturity] of this Global	Signature of authorized
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Date of Exchange	Note	Note	decrease (or increase)	Custodian

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SABINE PASS LIQU	EFACTION, LLC		
promises to pay to or registered assigns, the principal sum of interest thereon in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provide	d for under Schedule I hereto.	DOLLARS and	
Payment Dates: March 15 and September 15, commencing March 15, 2022			
Record Dates: March 1 and September 1			
Dated:, 2021			
	SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC		
	By: Name: Title:		
This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee			
By:			

Authorized Signatory

### [Back of Regulation S Temporary Global Note] 2.95% Senior Secured Notes due 2037

THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE, AND THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ITS EXCHANGE FOR CERTIFICATED NOTES, ARE AS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED HEREIN). NEITHER THE HOLDER NOR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PAYMENT OF INTEREST HEREON.

THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (1) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.3 OF APPENDIX A TO THE INDENTURE, (2) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.3(a) OF APPENDIX A TO THE INDENTURE, (3) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.12 OF THE INDENTURE AND (4) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMPANY.

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THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION. NEITHER THIS SECURITY NOR ANY INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION HEREIN MAY BE REOFFERED, SOLD, ASSIGNED, TRANSFERRED, PLEDGED, ENCUMBERED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF IN THE

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Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

(1) PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST. Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), promises to make payments of principal and interest in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provided for under Schedule I hereto. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; provided that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Payment Date; provided further that the first Payment Date shall be March 15, 2022. The Company will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any

Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and interest thereon, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 0.5% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect to the extent lawful (without regard to any applicable grace periods). Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Until this Regulation S Temporary Global Note is exchanged for one or more Regulation S Permanent Global Notes, the Holder hereof shall not be entitled to receive payments of interest hereon; until so exchanged in full, this Regulation S Temporary Global Note shall in all other respects be entitled to the same benefits as other Notes under the Indenture.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Company will make payments (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the March 1 and September 1 next preceding the Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.13 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Paying Agent or Registrar maintained for such purpose within or without the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest, if any, may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders; *provided* that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of and interest, premium, if any, on, all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which will have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent. Such payment will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

(3) *PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR*. Initially, The Bank of New York Mellon, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

(4) INDENTURE AND SECURITY DOCUMENTS. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "Indenture"), among the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are secured obligations of the Company. The Notes are secured by a pledge of Collateral (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to the Security Documents referred to in the Indenture. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

### (5) OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

At any time or from time to time prior to March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the Notes at a redemption price equal to the Optional Redemption

Price (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on a payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

- "Optional Redemption Price" with respect to any Notes to be redeemed, means an amount equal to the greater of:
- (1) 100% of the principal amount of such Notes; and
- (2) the Discounted Value of such Notes;

plus, in the case of both (1) and (2), accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes, if any, to the redemption date.

"*Called Principal*" means, with respect to any Note, the principal of such Note that is to be prepaid or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable, as the context requires.

"Discounted Value" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

*"Remaining Scheduled Payments"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, provided that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date.

*"Reinvestment Yield"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the yield(s) reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as "Page PX1" (or such other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities (*"Reported"*) having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there are no such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (a) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (b) interpolating linearly between the yields Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average

Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

If such yields are not Reported or the yields Reported as of such time are not ascertainable (including by way of interpolation), then "*Reinvestment Yield*" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the U.S. Treasury constant maturity yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (or any comparable successor publication) for the U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there is no such U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to such Remaining Average Life, such implied yield to maturity will be determined by interpolating linearly between (1) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

*"Remaining Average Life"* shall mean, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years obtained by dividing (a) such Called Principal into (b) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (1) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (2) the number of years, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months calculated to two decimal places, that will elapse between the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

"Settlement Date" means, with respect to the Called Principal of a Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be redeemed or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable.

The notice of redemption with respect to the foregoing redemption need not set forth the Optional Redemption Price but only the manner of calculation thereof. The Company will notify the Trustee of the Optional Redemption Price with respect to any redemption promptly after the calculation, and the Trustee shall not be responsible for such calculation.

### (6) MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

The Company is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

## (7) REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF HOLDER.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company will make an offer (a "*Change of Control Offer*") of payment (a "*Change of Control Payment*") to each Holder to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess

thereof) of that Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to not less than 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase (the "*Change of Control Payment Date*," which date will be no earlier than the date of such Change of Control). No later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and setting forth the procedures governing the Change of Control Offer as required by the Indenture.

(b) The Company will be required to make Asset Sale Offers, Excess Proceeds Offers and Project Document Termination Payment Offers to the extent provided in Sections 4.09, 4.14 and 4.19, respectively, of the Indenture.

(8) NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction or discharge of the Indenture. Notes in denominations larger than \$100,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed.

(9) DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$.01 in excess thereof. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Payment Date.

This Regulation S Temporary Global Note is exchangeable in whole or in part for one or more Global Notes only (i) on or after the termination of the 40-day distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S) and (ii) upon presentation of certificates (accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel, if applicable) required by Article 2 of the Indenture. Upon exchange of this Regulation S Temporary Global Note for one or more Global Notes, the Trustee shall cancel this Regulation S Temporary Global Note.

(10) *PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS*. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

(11) TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH COMPANY. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

(12) NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor (including the General Partner and the Parent), as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, the Indenture, the Note Guarantees, the Security Documents, the Financing Documents or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under federal securities laws.

(13) *AUTHENTICATION*. This Note will not be valid until authenticated by the manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

(14) *ABBREVIATIONS.* Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

(15) *CUSIP NUMBERS.* Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes, and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption, and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

(16) *GOVERNING LAW*. THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THE INDENTURE, THIS NOTE AND THE NOTE GUARANTEES.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002 Attention: Treasurer

Schedule I

# PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment	Outstanding Principal
3/15/2022	\$-	\$1,082,650.00	\$1,082,650.00	\$146,800,000
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3/15/2023	\$-	\$2,165,300.00	\$2,165,300.00	\$146,800,000
9/15/2023	\$-	\$2,165,300.00	\$2,165,300.00	\$146,800,000
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If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, check the appropriate box below:

 $\square$  Section 4.09  $\square$  Section 4.13  $\square$  Section 4.14  $\square$  Section 4.19

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

\$\_\_\_\_\_

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

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Tax Identification No:

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

# SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTEREST IN THE REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE

The following exchanges of a part of this Regulation S Temporary Global Note for an interest in another Global Note, or exchanges of a part of another other Restricted Global Note for an interest in this Regulation S Temporary Global Note, have been made:

	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount [at	Amount of increase in Principal Amount [at	Principal Amount [at maturity] of this Global Note	Signature of authorized
Date of Exchange	maturity] of this	maturity] of this	following such decrease (or	signatory of Trustee or
	Global Note	Global Note	increase)	Custodian

#### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee 500 Ross Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15262

cc: Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002

Re: 2.95% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 issued by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, (the "*Indenture*"), among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, as issuer (the "*Company*"), the Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

\_\_\_\_\_\_, (the "*Transferor*") owns and proposes to transfer the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified in Annex A hereto, in the principal amount of \$ in such Note[s] or interests (the "*Transfer*"), to (the "*Transferee*"), as further specified in Annex A hereto. In connection with the Transfer, the Transferor hereby certifies that:

#### [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. □ Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note or a Restricted Definitive Note pursuant to Rule 144A. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144A ("*Rule 144A*") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that the beneficial interest or Definitive Note is being transferred to a Person that the Transferor reasonably believes is purchasing the beneficial interest or Definitive Note for its own account, or for one or more accounts with respect to which such Person exercises sole investment discretion, and such Person and each such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, and such Transfer is in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Rule 144A Global Note and/or the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

- 2. □ Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note, the Regulation S Permanent Global Note or a Restricted Definitive Note pursuant to Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that (i) the Transfer is not being made to a Person in the United States and (x) at the time the buy order was originated, the Transferee was outside the United States or such Transferor and any Person acting on its behalf reasonably believed and believes that the Transferee was outside the United States or (y) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market and neither such Transferor nor any Person acting on its behalf knows that the transaction was prearranged with a buyer in the United States, (ii) no directed selling efforts have been made in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (iii) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act and (iv) if the proposed transfer is being made prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, (x) the transferred will be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear or Clearstream. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on Transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Regulation S Permanent Global Note, the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and/or the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.
- 3. □ Check and complete if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Definitive Note pursuant to any provision of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A or Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States, and accordingly the Transferor hereby further certifies that (check one):

(a) □ such Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act;

or

(b)  $\Box$  such Transfer is being effected to the Company or a subsidiary thereof;

or

(c)  $\Box$  such Transfer is being effected pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and in compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act;

(d)  $\Box$  such Transfer is being effected to an Institutional Accredited Investor and pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A, Rule 144, Rule 903 or Rule 904, and the Transferor hereby further certifies that it has not engaged in any general solicitation within the meaning of Regulation D under the Securities Act and the Transfer complies with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in a Restricted Global Note or Restricted Definitive Notes and the requirements of the exemption claimed, which certification is supported by (1) a certificate executed by the Transfere in the form of Exhibit G to the Indenture and (2) if such Transfer is in respect of a principal amount of Notes at the time of transfer of less than \$250,000, an Opinion of Counsel provided by the Transferor or the Transferee (a copy of which the Transferor has attached to this certification), to the effect that such Transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the IAI Global Note and/or the Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

# 4. Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or of an Unrestricted Definitive Note.

(a) **Check if Transfer is pursuant to Rule 144.** (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

(b)  $\Box$  Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Regulation S. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

(c)  $\Box$  Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Other Exemption. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in compliance with an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144, Rule 903 or Rule 904 and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any State of

the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will not be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes or Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Company.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

By:

Name: Title:

Dated:

# ANNEX A TO CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

1. The Transferor owns and proposes to transfer the following:

[CHECK ONE OF (a) OR (b)]

(a)  $\square$  a beneficial interest in the:

- (iii) □ IAI Global Note (CUSIP \_\_\_\_\_); or

(b)  $\square$  a Restricted Definitive Note.

2. After the Transfer the Transferee will hold:

[CHECK ONE]

(a)  $\square$  a beneficial interest in the:

- (iii) 🗆 IAI Global Note (CUSIP \_\_\_\_\_); or

(b)  $\square$  Restricted Definitive Note; or

(c) □ an Unrestricted Definitive Note,

in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

#### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EXCHANGE

The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee 500 Ross Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15262

cc: Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002

Re: 2.95% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 issued by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC

(CUSIP \_\_\_\_\_)

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, (the "*Indenture*"), among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, as issuer (the "*Company*"), the Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

#### 1. <u>Exchange of Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Unrestricted Definitive</u> Notes or Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note

(a)  $\Box$  Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note in an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

(b) Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to Unrestricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial

interest in a Restricted Global Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

(c)  $\Box$  Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

(d)  $\Box$  Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to Unrestricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

#### 2. <u>Exchange of Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes for Restricted Definitive Notes</u> or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes

(a)  $\Box$  Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to Restricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a Restricted Definitive Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies that the Restricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Restricted Definitive Note issued will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

(b)  $\Box$  Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's Restricted Definitive

Note for a beneficial interest in the [CHECK ONE]  $\Box$  Rule 144A Global Note or  $\Box$  Regulation S Global Note or  $\Box$  IAI Global Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer and (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, and in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the beneficial interest issued will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the relevant Restricted Global Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Company.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

By: Name: Title:

Dated:

#### [FORM OF NOTATION OF GUARANTEE]

For value received, each Guarantor (which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture) has, jointly and severally, unconditionally guaranteed, to the extent set forth in the Indenture and subject to the provisions in the Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "*Indenture*") among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC (the "Company"), the Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (the "*Trustee*"), (a) the due and punctual payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the Notes, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, the due and punctual payment of interest on overdue principal of and interest on the Notes, if any, if lawful, and the due and punctual performance of all other obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee all in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and (b) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other obligations, that the same will be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise. The obligations of the Guarantors to the Holders of Notes and to the Trustee pursuant to the Note Guarantee and the Indenture are expressly set forth in Article 11 of the Indenture and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for the precise terms of the Note Guarantee. Each Holder of a Note, by accepting the same, agrees to and shall be bound by such provisions.

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

#### [NAME OF GUARANTOR(S)]

By:

Name: Title:

#### [FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO BE DELIVERED BY SUBSEQUENT GUARANTORS]

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this "Supplemental Indenture"), dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, among \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Guaranteeing Subsidiary"), a subsidiary of Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC (or its permitted successor), a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), the Company, the other Guarantors (as defined in the Indenture referred to herein) and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee under the Indenture referred to below (the "Trustee").

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Company has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an indenture (the "*Indenture*"), dated as of December 15, 2021 providing for the issuance of 2.95% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (the "*Notes*");

WHEREAS, the Indenture provides that under certain circumstances the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall unconditionally guarantee all of the Company's Obligations under the Notes and the Indenture on the terms and conditions set forth herein (the "*Note Guarantee*"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.1(d) of Appendix A to the Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Guaranteeing Subsidiary and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders as follows:

1. CAPITALIZED TERMS. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

2. AGREEMENT TO GUARANTEE. The Guaranteeing Subsidiary hereby agrees to provide an unconditional Guarantee on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Note Guarantee and in the Indenture including but not limited to Article 11 thereof.

3. NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator, stockholder or agent of the Guaranteeing Subsidiary, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or any Guaranteeing Subsidiary under the Notes, any Note Guarantees, the Indenture or this Supplemental Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of the Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

4. NEW YORK LAW TO GOVERN. THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF OTHER THAN SECTION 5-1401 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.

5. COUNTERPARTS. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. Any certificate and any other document delivered in connection with this Supplemental Indenture relating to the Notes may be signed by or on behalf of the signing party by manual, facsimile or electronic format (i.e., "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. Any certificate and any other document delivered in connection with this Supplemental Indenture relating to the Notes may be signed by or on behalf of the signing party by manual, facsimile or electronic format (i.e., "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission.

6. EFFECT OF HEADINGS. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

7. THE TRUSTEE. The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture or for or in respect of the recitals contained herein, all of which recitals are made solely by the Guaranteeing Subsidiary and the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed and attested, all as of the date first above written.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

#### [GUARANTEEING SUBSIDIARY]

By:

Name: Title:

# SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

By: Name:

Title:

[EXISTING GUARANTORS]

By: Name:

Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON as Trustee

By:

Authorized Signatory

#### EXHIBIT G

#### FORM OF CERTIFICATE FROM ACQUIRING INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR

The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee 500 Ross Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15262

cc: Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002

Re: 2.95% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 issued by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "Indenture"), among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, as issuer (the "Company"), the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

In connection with our proposed purchase of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount of:

- (a)  $\Box$  a beneficial interest in a Global Note, or
- (b)  $\Box$  a Definitive Note,

we confirm that:

1. We understand that any subsequent transfer of the Notes or any interest therein is subject to certain restrictions and conditions set forth in the Indenture and the undersigned agrees to be bound by, and not to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes or any interest therein except in compliance with, such restrictions and conditions and the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

2. We understand that the offer and sale of the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act, and that the Notes and any interest therein may not be offered or sold except as permitted in the following sentence. We agree, on our own behalf and on behalf of any accounts for which we are acting as hereinafter stated, that if we should sell the Notes or any interest therein, we will do so only (A) to the Company or any subsidiary thereof, (B) in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act to a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined therein), (C) to an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined below) that, prior to such transfer, furnishes (or has furnished on its behalf by a U.S. broker-dealer) to you and to the Company a signed letter substantially in the form of this letter and, if such transfer is in respect of a principal amount of Notes, at the time of transfer of less than \$250,000, an Opinion of

Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Company to the effect that such transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act, (D) outside the United States in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (E) pursuant to the provisions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act or (F) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, and we further agree to provide to any Person purchasing the Definitive Note or beneficial interest in a Global Note from us in a transaction meeting the requirements of clauses (A) through (E) of this paragraph a notice advising such purchaser that resales thereof are restricted as stated herein.

3. We understand that, on any proposed resale of the Notes or beneficial interest therein, we will be required to furnish to you and the Company such certifications, legal opinions and other information as you and the Company may reasonably require to confirm that the proposed sale complies with the foregoing restrictions. We further understand that the Notes purchased by us will bear a legend to the foregoing effect.

4. We are an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act) and have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of our investment in the Notes, and we and any accounts for which we are acting are each able to bear the economic risk of our or its investment.

5. We are acquiring the Notes or beneficial interest therein purchased by us for our own account or for one or more accounts (each of which is an institutional "accredited investor") as to each of which we exercise sole investment discretion.

You and the Company are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy hereof to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby.

[Insert Name of Accredited Investor]

By: Name: Title:

Dated:

# SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

# AND EACH GUARANTOR THAT MAY BECOME PARTY HERETO

#### INDENTURE

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Dated as of December 15, 2021

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,

as Trustee

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INDENTURE dated as of December 15, 2021 among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, any Guarantors (as defined herein) that may become a party hereto from time to time, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee.

The Company and the Trustee agree as follows for the benefit of each other and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) of Notes (as defined herein).

#### ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### Section 1.01 Definitions.

*"2013 Indenture"* means the indenture, dated as of February 1, 2013, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 16, 2013, the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 16, 2013, the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2014, the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2014, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2014, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 3, 2015, the Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 14, 2016, the Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2016, the Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 6, 2017 and the Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 8, 2020.

"Acceptable Rating Agency" means S&P, Fitch, Moody's, or any other "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including any successor to S&P, Fitch or Moody's.

"Account" has the meaning given to such term in the Accounts Agreement.

"Accounts Agreement" means the Third Amended and Restated Accounts Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2020, among the Company, the Common Security Trustee and the Accounts Bank, as amended from time to time.

"Accounts Bank" means Citibank, N.A., or any successor to it appointed pursuant to the terms of the Accounts Agreement.

*"Additional Debt Service Reserve Account"* means any Additional Debt Service Reserve Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank, as directed by the Company pursuant to the Accounts Agreement, upon the incurrence of any Secured Replacement Debt or Secured Expansion Debt that provides for a "debt service reserve requirement."

"Additional Material Project Document" means any contract, agreement, letter agreement or other instrument to which the Company becomes a party after the Initial Senior Secured Debt Closing Date that:

(a) replaces or substitutes for an existing Material Project Document; or

(b) (i) contains obligations and liabilities that are in excess of \$250,000,000 over its term (including after taking into account all amendments, amendments and restatements, supplements, or waivers to any such contract, agreement, letter agreement or other instrument) and (ii) is for a term that is greater than two years;

*provided*, that for the purposes of this definition, any series of related transactions shall be considered as one transaction, and all contracts, agreements, letter agreements or other instruments in respect of such transactions shall be considered as one contract, agreement, letter agreement or other instrument, as applicable.

"Additional Notes" means Notes (other than the Initial Notes) issued under this Indenture in accordance with Section 2.1(d) of Appendix A and Exhibit F.

"Additional Secured Debt" means any of (a) the Secured Expansion Debt, (b) the Secured Replacement Debt, and (c) the Secured Working Capital Debt.

"Administrative Decisions" has the meaning given to such term in the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Advance" means a borrowing of a loan, issuance of or drawing upon a letter of credit or the issuance of debt securities pursuant to any Secured Debt Instrument.

*"Affiliate"* means, with respect to any Person, another Person that directly or indirectly Controls, or is under common Control with, or is Controlled by, such Person and, if such Person is an individual, any member of the immediate family (including parents, spouse, children and siblings) of such individual and any trust whose principal beneficiary is such individual or one or more members of such immediate family and any Person who is Controlled by any such member or trust. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the definition of "Affiliate" shall not encompass (a) any individual solely by reason of his or her being a director, officer or employee of any Person and (b) the Common Security Trustee, the Trustee or any Secured Debt Holder.

"Agent" means any Registrar, co-registrar, Paying Agent or additional paying agent.

"Aggregate Other Secured Debt" means, at any time, the aggregate amount of Other Secured Debt.

*"Aggregate Secured Bank Debt"* means, at any time, the aggregate amount of (i) the Secured Bank Debt and (ii) without duplication, any Additional Secured Debt (other than any Additional Secured Debt that is either (x) Other Secured Debt or (y) loans made primarily by institutional investors, term loan B loans or any other loans made pursuant to one or more credit facilities in which the lenders are not primarily financial institutions engaged in the business of banking).

*"Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement"* means any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (other than (A) any terminated Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, (B) any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement in relation to which a Bankruptcy has occurred in respect of the counterparty thereof, (C) any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement not then in effect and (D) any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement in material payment default or a breach that has resulted in a material non-payment by the

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counterparty to such Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement) with respect to any Train (a) for which the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that the In-Service Date has occurred or (b) (i) for which the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that such Train is under construction pursuant to a validly issued full notice to proceed under an EPC Contract not in material default and (ii) for which the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate from the Independent Engineer certifying that the Indebtedness incurred in respect thereof, together with any equity contribution amount required by such Indebtedness and all Contracted Cash Flows, are sufficient to fund the entirety of the Project Costs of such Train through the Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date thereof, plus reasonable contingencies. As of the date of this Indenture, the Train One and Train Two LNG Sales Agreements, the Train Three and Train LNG Four Sales Agreements and the Train 5 LNG Sales Agreement are Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements.

"Applicable Law" means, except as the context may otherwise require, all applicable laws (including common law), rules, regulations, ordinances, judgments, decrees, injunctions, writs and orders of any Government Authority.

"Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any transfer or exchange of or for beneficial interests in any Global Note, the rules and procedures of the Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream that apply to such transfer or exchange.

"Asset Sale" means:

(a) the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of any assets or rights; *provided* that the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole will be governed by the provisions of <u>Sections 4.13</u> and <u>5.01</u>, and not by the provisions of <u>Section 4.09</u>; and

(b) the issuance of Equity Interests in any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries or the sale of Equity Interests in any of its Subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the preceding, none of the following items will be deemed to be an Asset Sale:

(1) any single transaction or series of related transactions that involves assets having a Fair Market Value of less than \$50,000,000;

(2) a transfer of assets between or among the Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;

(4) the sale, lease or other disposition of (A) products, services, inventory or accounts receivable in the ordinary course of business or (B) equipment or other assets pursuant to a program for the maintenance or upgrading of such equipment or assets and the disposition of obsolete equipment, equipment that is damaged or worn out or assets no longer needed in the business of the Company;

(5) the sale or other disposition of cash or Cash Equivalents;

(6) settlement, release, waiver or surrender of contract, tort or other claims in the ordinary course of business or a grant of a Lien not prohibited by this Indenture;

(7) a Restricted Payment that does not violate Section 4.06 or a Permitted Investment;

(8) the sale or other disposition of LNG (or other commercial products);

(9) sales, transfers or other dispositions of Permitted Investments;

(10) sales of Services in the ordinary course of business;

(11) sales of any LNG related to additional liquefaction trains developed by the Company;

(12) transfers or novations of Interest Rate Protection Agreements in accordance with the Common Terms Agreement;

(13) sales or other dispositions of the Improved Facilities (as defined in the Cooperation Agreement);

(14) conveyance to gas transmission companies of gas interconnection or metering facilities built using Capital Expenditures permitted by the Common Terms Agreement;

(15) subject to clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, the assignment, novation or transfer of any Train Five LNG Sales Agreement, any Train Six LNG Sales Agreements or the CMI LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement and any related agreements by the Company to an Affiliate of the Company; *provided, however*, that if the Company incurs Expansion Debt in respect of Train Five or Train Six, as applicable, pursuant to clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, any such assignment, novation or transfer of any Train Five LNG Sales Agreement or any Train Six LNG Sales Agreement, as applicable, and any related agreements by the Company to an Affiliate of the Company shall constitute an Asset Sale unless it otherwise qualifies under any of the other listed exception in this "Asset Sales" definition; and

(16) any single transaction or series of related transactions pursuant to the terms of an agreement existing on the Notes Issue Date.

"Authorized Officer" means: (a) with respect to any Person that is a corporation, the chairman, president, senior vice president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, attorney-in-fact, secretary or assistant secretary of such Person, (b) with respect to any Person that is a partnership, the chairman, president, senior vice president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, attorney-in-fact, secretary or assistant secretary of a general partner of such Person and (c) with respect to any Person that is a limited liability company, the chairman, president, senior

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vice president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, attorney-in-fact, secretary or assistant secretary, the manager, the managing member or a duly appointed officer of such Person.

"Bankruptcy" means, with respect to any Person, the occurrence of any of the following events, conditions or circumstances:

(a) such Person shall file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or shall be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or shall file any petition or answer or consent seeking any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief for itself under the Bankruptcy Code or any present or future applicable federal, state or other statute or law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other relief for debtors, or shall seek or consent to or acquiesce in the appointment of any trustee, receiver, conservator or liquidator of such Person or of all or any substantial part of its properties (the term "*acquiesce*," as used in this definition, includes the failure to file in a timely manner a petition or motion to vacate or discharge any order, judgment or decree after entry of such order, judgment or decree);

(b) a case or other proceeding shall be commenced against such Person without the consent or acquiescence of such Person seeking any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief with respect to such Person or its debts under the Bankruptcy Code or any present or future applicable federal, state or other statute or law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other relief for debtors, or seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official of it or any substantial part of its property, and such involuntary case or other proceeding shall remain undismissed or unstayed for a period of 90 consecutive days;

(c) a court of competent jurisdiction shall enter an order, judgment or decree approving a petition filed against such Person seeking a reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief under the Bankruptcy Code, or any other present or future applicable federal, state or other statute or law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other relief for debtors, and such Person shall acquiesce in the entry of such order, judgment or decree or such order, judgment or decree shall remain undischarged, unvacated or unstayed for 120 days (whether or not consecutive) from the date of entry thereof, or any trustee, receiver, conservator or liquidator of such Person or of all or any substantial part of its property shall be appointed without the consent or acquiescence of such Person and such appointment shall remain unvacated and unstayed for an aggregate of 120 days (whether or not consecutive);

(d) such Person shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts as they mature or shall generally not be paying its debts as they become due;

(e) such Person shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors or take any other similar action for the protection or benefit of creditors;

(f) such Person shall take any corporate or partnership action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing; or

(g) an order for relief shall be entered in respect of such Person under the Bankruptcy Code.

*"Bankruptcy Code"* means the United States Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, as heretofore and hereafter amended, and codified as 11 U.S.C. Section 11 et seq.

"Bankruptcy Law" means the Bankruptcy Code and any other state or federal insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar law for the relief of debtors.

"Beneficial Owner" has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such "person" will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such "person" has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time. The terms "Beneficially Owns" and "Beneficially Owned" have a corresponding meaning.

"BG" means BG Gulf Coast LNG, LLC.

"BG FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated January 25, 2012, between the Company and BG, as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

*"Blocked Person"* means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, Controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a) or (b).

#### "Board of Directors" means:

(a) with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of the corporation or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such board;

(b) with respect to a partnership, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the partnership;

(c) with respect to a limited liability company, the managing member or members or any controlling committee of managing members thereof; and

(d) with respect to any other Person, the board or committee of such Person serving a similar function.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or any other day which is a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are permitted or required by law, regulation or executive order to be closed in New York, New York.

"Business Interruption Insurance Proceeds" means all proceeds of any insurance policies required pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement or otherwise obtained with respect to the Company or the Project insuring the Company against business interruption or delayed start-up.

"Calculation Date" means the last day of the month immediately preceding a Restricted Payment Date.

*"Calculation Period"* means, on any Calculation Date, the period commencing twelve months prior to, and ending on, such Calculation Date; *provided*, that prior to the first anniversary of the DSCR Start Date, the Calculation Period shall mean the period beginning on the first day of the first full month following the DSCR Start Date and ending on, the Calculation Date.

"*Capital Expenditures*" means, for any period, the aggregate amount of all expenditures of the Company payable during such period that, in accordance with GAAP, are or should be included in "purchase of property, plant and equipment" or similar items reflected in the consolidated statement of cash flows of the Company.

"Capital Lease Obligations" means, for any Person, the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under a lease of (or other agreement conveying the right to use) Property of such Person to the extent such obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as a capital lease on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP (including Accounting Standards Codification 840-30, *Capital Leases* of the Financial Accounting Standards Board) and, for purposes of the Financing Documents, the amount of such obligations shall be the capitalized amount of such obligations, determined in accordance with GAAP (including such ASC 840-30).

"Capital Stock" means:

(a) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;

(b) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;

(c) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and

(d) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person, but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

"Cash Equivalents" means:

(a) Dollars;

(b) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality of the United States government (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support of those securities) having maturities of not more than one year from the date of acquisition;

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(c) marketable general obligations issued by any state of the United States of America or any political subdivision of any such state or any public instrumentality thereof maturing within one year from the date of acquisition thereof and, at the time of acquisition thereof, having a credit rating of "A" or better from either S&P or Moody's (or, if any of such entities cease to provide such ratings, the equivalent rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency);

(d) certificates of deposit, demand deposit accounts and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding one year and overnight bank deposits, in each case, with any domestic commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$500,000,000 and a Thomson Bank Watch Rating of "B" or better;

(e) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than 30 days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (b), (c) and (d) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (d) above;

(f) commercial paper or tax exempt obligations having one of the two highest ratings obtainable from Moody's or S&P (or, if any of such entities cease to provide such ratings, the equivalent rating categories from any other Acceptable Rating Agency) and, in each case, maturing within one year after the date of acquisition; and

(g) money market funds at least 95% of the assets of which constitute Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (a) through (f) of this definition or a money market fund or a qualified investment fund (including any such fund for which the Trustee or any Affiliate thereof acts as an advisor or a manager) given one of the two highest long-term ratings available from S&P or Moody's (or, if any of such entities cease to provide such ratings, the equivalent rating categories from any other Acceptable Rating Agency).

"Cash Flow" means, for any period, the sum (without duplication) of the following:

(a) all cash paid to the Company during such period in connection with the ownership or operation of the Project;

(b) all interest and investment earnings paid to the Company or accrued during such period;

(c) all cash paid to the Company during such period as Business Interruption Insurance Proceeds; and

(d) all cash paid to the Company during the applicable period from any direct or indirect owner of the Company by way of equity contribution or subordinated shareholder loans (in each case as otherwise permitted pursuant to the terms of the Financing Documents);

*provided, however*, that Cash Flow shall not include any proceeds of any Senior Debt or any other Indebtedness incurred by the Company; Insurance Proceeds; Condemnation Proceeds; proceeds from any disposition of assets of the Project or the Company other than the sale of capacity and other commercial products in the ordinary course of business and tax refunds.

"Cash Flow Available for Debt Service" means, for any period, an amount equal to the amount of Cash Flow received by the Company during such period minus all operating and maintenance expenses paid during such period.

*"Centrica FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement"* means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated March 22, 2013, between the Company and Centrica LNG Company (assignee of Centrica plc), as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections</u> <u>6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Change of Control" means the Parent shall own, directly or indirectly, less than 50% of the voting and economic interests in the Company; *provided* that a Change of Control shall not be deemed to have occurred if the Company shall have received letters from any two Acceptable Rating Agencies (or if only one Acceptable Rating Agency is then rating the Notes, the Company shall have received a letter from that Acceptable Rating Agency) to the effect that the Acceptable Rating Agency has considered the contemplated event under this definition and that, if the contemplated event occurs, such Acceptable Rating Agency would reaffirm the then current rating of the Notes as of the date of such event.

"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, or any successor securities clearing agency.

"CMI LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated May 14, 2012, between the Company and Cheniere Marketing, LLC, as amended from time to time.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time.

"Collateral" means the Collateral (as defined in each of the Security Documents).

"Commission" or "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Security Trustee" means Société Générale or any successor to it appointed pursuant to the terms of the Security Agency Agreement.

*"Common Terms Agreement"* means the Third Amended and Restated Common Terms Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2020, among the Loan Parties, the Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives, the Secured Hedge Representatives, the Secured Gas Hedge Representatives, the Common Security Trustee and the Intercreditor Agent, as amended from time to time.

"Company" means Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, and any and all successors thereto.

"Condemnation Proceeds" means any amounts and proceeds of any kind (including instruments) payable in respect of any Event of Taking.



"*ConocoPhillips License Agreements*" means the License Agreements between the Company and ConocoPhillips Company, dated as of May 3, 2012, dated as of May 20, 2015, dated as of December 21, 2012, and dated as of November 8, 2018, as each is amended from time to time.

"*Consents*" means (a) each consent to collateral assignment required to be entered into pursuant to the Financing Documents, in each case, by and among the Company, the Common Security Trustee and the Persons identified therein and (b) each subordination, nondisturbance, surface use and/or recognition agreement, affidavit of use and possession, estoppel certificate from counterparties to the Real Property Documents required to be entered into pursuant to the Financing Documents.

"Construction Account" means the Construction Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Construction/Term Loan" means a loan made by the Secured Bank Debt Holders to the Company in an aggregate amount of up to \$3,626,000,000 in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of the Term Loan A Credit Agreement.

"Consultants" means the Independent Engineer, the Insurance Advisor and the Market Consultant.

"Contest" or "Contested" means, with respect to any Person, with respect to any Taxes or any Lien imposed on Property of such Person (or the related underlying claim for labor, material, supplies or services) by any Government Authority for Taxes or with respect to obligations under ERISA or any Mechanics' Lien (each, a "Subject Claim"), a contest of the amount, validity or application, in whole or in part, of such Subject Claim pursued in good faith and by appropriate legal, administrative or other proceedings diligently conducted so long as:

(a) during the period of such contest the enforcement of such Subject Claim is effectively stayed and any Lien (including any inchoate Lien) arising by virtue of such Subject Claim and securing amounts in excess of \$25,000,000 shall, if required by applicable Government Rule, be effectively secured by posting of cash collateral or a surety bond (or similar instrument) by a reputable surety company;

(b) no Secured Party or any of its officers, directors or employees has been or could reasonably be expected to be exposed to any risk of criminal or civil liability or sanction in connection with such contested items;

(c) the failure to pay such Subject Claim under the circumstances described above could not otherwise reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; and

(d) any contested item determined to be due, together with any interest or penalties thereon, is promptly paid when due after resolution of such Contest, if required by such resolution. The term "Contest" used as a verb shall have a correlative meaning.

"*Contracted Cash Flow*" means the sum of (a) the projected cash to be received by the Company with respect to Monthly Sales Charges or the fixed price component based on FOB LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements that, at the time of such incurrence, are in effect and not in

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material default, *plus* (b) the projected cash to be received by the Company with respect to Monthly Sales Charges (or the fixed price component) based on LNG sales contracts that, at the time of such incurrence, are in effect and not in material payment default or a breach that has resulted in a material non-payment by the counterparty to such agreement and are with counterparties that (1) have an Investment Grade Rating from at least two Acceptable Rating Agencies, or who provide a guaranty from an affiliate that has at least two of such ratings or (2) have a direct or indirect parent with an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency and either the counterparty or an affiliate of such counterparty who is providing a guaranty has a tangible net worth in excess of \$15,000,000,000, *minus* (c) the fixed expenses that could reasonably be expected to be incurred if the counterparties to the FOB LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements and such other LNG sales agreements were not lifting any cargoes from the Company; *provided* that for the purposes of <u>Section 4.08(a)(2)</u>, it shall not be a material default, material payment default or a breach that has resulted in a material non-payment under clause (a) or clause (b) of this definition, as applicable, if (A) a Bankruptcy has occurred in respect of the applicable counterparty to such FOB LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement or such LNG sales contract, as applicable, and the bankruptcy court enters an order permitting the assumption of the applicable FOB LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement or LNG sales contract or (B) such counterparty continues to meet its contractual obligations thereunder.

"Contracted Cash Flow Available for Debt Service" means, for any period, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the amount set forth in clauses (a) and (b) of the definition of Contracted Cash Flow expected to be received by the Company during such period, *minus* (ii) the amount set forth in clause (c) of the definition of Contracted Cash Flow expected to be paid during such period *plus* (iii) any amounts expected to be received pursuant to clauses (b) and (c) of the definition of Cash Flow during such period.

"*Control*" (including, with its correlative meanings, "Controlled by" and "under common Control with") means possession, directly or indirectly, of power to direct or cause the direction of management or policies (whether through ownership of securities or partnership or other ownership interests, by contract or otherwise) and, in any event, any Person owning at least 50% of the voting securities of another Person shall be deemed to Control that Person.

"Controlled Entity" means (a) any of the Subsidiaries of the Company and any of their or the Company's respective Controlled Affiliates and (b) Parent and its Controlled Affiliates.

"Cooperation Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Cooperation Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2015, between the Company and SPLNG, as amended from time to time.

"Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee" means the address of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be principally administered, which office at the date of the execution of this instrument is located at the address specified in <u>Section 13.01</u> or such other address as to which the Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Company, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Trustee (or such other address as such successor Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Company).

"Covered Action" means:

(a) any consent to a Modification of or under any Financing Document by the Intercreditor Agent, the Common Security Trustee or any Secured Party, other than any Permitted Modification;

(b) any instruction given to the Common Security Trustee under or with respect to any Financing Document; and

(c) any exercise of discretion by the Intercreditor Agent, a Secured Debt Holder Group Representative or the Common Security Trustee under or with respect to any Financing Document to the extent the Intercreditor Agent, Secured Debt Holder Group Representative or the Common Security Trustee requests instruction, in each case other than certain Administrative Decisions permitted by the Intercreditor Agreement.

"*CQP Indemnity Letter*" means that certain indemnity letter, dated as of July 31, 2012, between the Parent and the Company with respect to Leases, Subleases and the Sabine Liquefaction TUA.

"CQP Security Agreement" means the Security Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, between the Parent and the Common Security Trustee.

"Creole Trail Pipeline Transportation Agreement" means the Firm Transportation Agreement, dated as of March 11, 2015, between the Company and Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P. pursuant to the Creole Trail Precedent Agreement.

*"Creole Trail Precedent Agreement"* means the Transportation Precedent Agreement, dated as of August 6, 2012, between the Company and Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P., as amended by that certain First Amendment to Transportation Precedent Agreement Firm Transportation Services, dated as of November 5, 2012, as further amended by that certain Second Amendment to Transportation Precedent Agreement Firm Transportation Services, dated as of March 11, 2015.

"CTA Event of Default" means any of the events described in Section 9 (Events of Default for Secured Debt) in the Common Terms Agreement.

"Custodian" means the Trustee, as custodian with respect to the Notes in global form, or any successor entity thereto.

"Debt Service" means, for any period, the sum of (without duplication):

(a) all fees scheduled to become due and payable (or, for purposes of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio, accrued or paid) during such period in respect of any Senior Debt;

(b) interest on the Senior Debt (taking into account any Interest Rate Protection Agreements) scheduled to become due and payable (or for the purposes of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio, accrued or paid) during such period;

(c) scheduled principal payments of the Senior Debt to become due and payable (or, for purposes of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio, accrued or paid) during such period;



(d) all payments due or anticipated to become due (or, for purposes of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio, accrued or paid) by the Company pursuant to and provision in respect of increased costs or taxes under any Secured Bank Debt with respect to such principal, interest and fees and similar payments under any Senior Debt Instrument; and

(e) any indemnity payments due to any of the Secured Parties.

"Debt Service Coverage Ratio" or "DSCR" means, at any date, the ratio of Cash Flow Available for Debt Service for the preceding 12month period to the aggregate amount required to service the Company's Debt Service payable for the preceding 12-month period (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section <u>4.08</u>, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date and the scheduled principal payment of any Senior Debt that has bullet maturities or balloon payments at maturity or in the final year prior to maturity); *provided*, that for purposes of <u>Section 4.06</u>, any DSCR calculation performed prior to the first anniversary of the DSCR Start Date will be based on the number of months elapsed since the DSCR Start Date; *provided*, *further*, that the Company may exclude from any DSCR calculation the Cash Flow Available for Debt Service and the prorated aggregate amount required to service the Company's Debt Service attributable to any month in which a Force Majeure Event had occurred or was continuing for up to twelve months in any period for which any DSCR calculation is performed.

"Debt Service Reserve Account" means any Debt Service Reserve Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Default" means an Event of Default or CTA Event of Default, as applicable, or an event or condition which, with the giving of notice, lapse of time or upon a declaration or determination being made (or any combination thereof), would become an Event of Default or CTA Event of Default, as applicable.

*"Definitive Note"* means a certificated Note registered in the name of the Holder thereof, issued in accordance with <u>Section 2.3</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>, and, in the case of Initial Notes, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A-1</u> except that such Note shall not bear the Global Note Legend and shall not have the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto.

"Default Contracts" means any Default LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement and the Sabine Liquefaction TUA.

#### "Default LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement" means:

(a) at any time following Substantial Completion of Train Four, any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement if (i) such Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, together with any other Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement that is a Default LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, accounts for more than 25% of the net revenues of the Company for the prior twelve months and are anticipated to account for at least 25% of the net revenues of the Company over the following twelve months and (ii) such Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, together

with any other Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement that is a Default LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, has a remaining term of more than four years; and

(b) at all other times, any of the Train One and Train Two LNG Sales Agreements and, if the Company incurs Expansion Debt in respect of Train Three and Train Four pursuant to clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, any of the Train Three and Train Four LNG Sales Agreements.

"Depositary" means, with respect to the Notes issuable or issued in whole or in part in global form, the Person specified in <u>Section 2.05</u> as the Depositary with respect to the Notes, and any and all successors thereto appointed as depositary hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

"Designated Voting Party" means, at any time, with respect to any Secured Debt Instrument, (i) the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative of such Secured Debt Holder Group or (ii) such other Person which has been authorized to act as a Designated Voting Party by the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative of such Secured Debt Holder Group in a written notice given to the Intercreditor Agent and each other Secured Debt Holder Group Representative.

"Development" means the development, acquisition, ownership, occupation, construction, equipping, testing, repair, operation, maintenance and use of the Project and the purchase and sale of natural gas and the sale of LNG, the export of LNG from the Project (and, if elected, the import of LNG to the extent the Company has all necessary Government Approvals therefor), the transportation of natural gas to the Project by third parties, and the sale of other Services or other products or by-products of the Project and all activities incidental thereto, in each case in accordance with the Transaction Documents. "Develop" and "Developed" shall have the correlative meanings.

"Disqualified Stock" means any Capital Stock that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case, at the option of the holder of the Capital Stock), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder of the Capital Stock, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the date on which the Notes mature. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders of the Capital Stock have the right to require the Company to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale will not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of such Capital Stock provide that the Company may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock deemed to be outstanding at any time for purposes of this Indenture will be the maximum amount that the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may become obligated to pay upon the maturity of, or pursuant to any mandatory redemption provisions of, such Disqualified Stock, exclusive of accrued dividends.

"Distribution Account" means the Distribution Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"DOE/FE" means the United States Department of Energy Office of Fossil Energy or any successor thereto having jurisdiction over the import of LNG to and the export of LNG from the Project.

"Dollars" and "\$" means lawful money of the United States.

"Domestic Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that was formed under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States or the District of Columbia or that guarantees or otherwise provides direct credit support for any Indebtedness of the Company.

"DSCR Start Date" means September 15, 2016.

"EPC Contractor" means Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. or, in the case of the EPC Contract with respect to Train Six, the relevant contractor under such EPC Contract.

*"EPC Contract"* means any of the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract, the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, the Train Five EPC Contract, the Stage 4 EPC Contract and any engineering, procurement and construction contract entered into by the Company related to the construction of Train Six, as applicable.

"Equity Contribution Amount" means \$1,890,000,000.

"*Equity Interests*" means, with respect to any Person, any of the shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person or warrants, rights or options for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of such shares (or such other interests), and all of the other ownership or profit interests in such Person (including partnership, member or trust interests therein), whether voting or nonvoting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination, in each such case including all voting rights and economic rights related thereto.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

"Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. or any successor securities clearing agency.

"Event of Abandonment" means any of the following shall have occurred:

(a) the abandonment, suspension or cessation of all or a material portion of the activities related to the Development for a period in excess of 60 consecutive days (other than as a result of force majeure so long as the Company is diligently attempting to restart the Development);

(b) a formal, public announcement by the Company of a decision to abandon or indefinitely defer or suspend the Development for any reason; or

(c) the Company shall make any filing with FERC giving notice of the intent or requesting authority to abandon the Development for any reason.

"Event of Loss" means any event that causes the Pipeline or any Property of the Company, or any portion thereof, to be damaged, destroyed or rendered unfit for normal use for any reason whatsoever, and shall include an Event of Taking.

*"Event of Taking"* means any taking, seizure, confiscation, requisition, exercise of rights of eminent domain, public improvement, inverse condemnation, condemnation or similar action of or proceeding by any Government Authority relating to all or any part of the Pipeline or the Project, any Equity Interests in the Company or any other part of the Collateral.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"*Expansion Debt*" means additional senior secured or unsecured Indebtedness to finance the development of additional Trains and to be incurred after the Notes Issue Date.

"Export Credit Agency" means any export credit agency or similar financial institution.

*"Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements"* means, collectively, the Train One and Train Two LNG Sales Agreements, the Train Three and Train Four LNG Sales Agreements, the Train Five LNG Sales Agreement and any additional LNG sales agreements entered into by the Company.

*"Fair Market Value"* means the value that would be paid by a willing buyer to an unaffiliated willing seller in a transaction not involving distress or necessity of either party, determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Company (unless otherwise provided in this Indenture).

*"FATCA Withholding Tax"* means any withholding Tax pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (and any regulations or agreements thereunder or official interpretations thereof) or any intergovernmental agreement between the United States and another jurisdiction facilitating the implementation thereof (or any law implementing such an intergovernmental agreement).

"Fee Letters" means the Intercreditor Agent Fee Letter, and the Fee Letters, as defined in the Common Terms Agreement.

"FERC" means the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any successor thereto having jurisdiction over the transportation of natural gas through, or the siting, construction or operation of, the Project.

"Final Completion" has the meaning assigned to the term "Final Completion" in the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract.

"Financing Documents" means each of:

(a) the Common Terms Agreement;

(b) this Indenture and any additional indentures entered into in connection with the issuance of any additional Senior Bonds;

(c) each other Secured Debt Instrument;

(d) each of the Security Documents;

(e) the Security Agency Agreement;

(f) the Intercreditor Agreement;

(g) the Notes;

(h) the Permitted Hedging Agreements;

(i) the Fee Letters;

(j) the CQP Indemnity Letter;

(k) the Hedge Opportunity Letter;

(l) the Notarial Assignment;

(m) the other financing and security agreements, documents and instruments delivered in connection with the Common Terms Agreement; and

(n) each other document designated as a Financing Document by the Company and each Secured Debt Holder Group Representative.

"Fiscal Quarter" means each three-month period commencing on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of any Fiscal Year and ending on the next March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, respectively.

"Fiscal Year" means any period of 12 consecutive calendar months beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of each calendar year.

"Fitch" means Fitch Ratings, Ltd.

*"FOB Sale and Purchase Agreements"* means, collectively, the BG FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the Centrica FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the GN FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the KoGas FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the GAIL FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the Total FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the Petronas FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, the Vitol FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement and any "Qualified FOB Sale and Purchase Agreements" under and as defined in the Common Terms Agreement.

"Force Majeure Event" means the occurrence of a Force Majeure event under any of the Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements.

"Fundamental Decision" means:

(a) Modifying Article V (*Application of Funds*) of the Accounts Agreement, other than Section 5.08 (*Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds Account*) of the Accounts Agreement, and defined terms used therein;

(b) Modifying any of the provisions of Section 2.1 (Granting Clause) of the Security Agreement or Section 2.1 (Granting Clause) of the Pledge Agreement or any other provision of the Financing Documents governing the granting of or priority of the Liens over the Security; and

(c) Modifying the definition of "Project Completion Date" as set out in the Common Terms Agreement.

*"Fundamental Government Approvals"* the approvals and permits issued by FERC and DOE/FE as set forth on Schedule 4.6(a) of the Common Terms Agreement, and, when obtained, the approvals and permits issued by FERC and DOE/FE as set forth on Schedule 4.6(b) of the Common Terms Agreement.

*"GAAP"* means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied.

"GAIL" means GAIL (India) Limited.

"GAIL FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated December 11, 2011, between the Company and GAIL, as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Gas" means any hydrocarbon or mixture of hydrocarbons consisting predominantly of methane which is in a gaseous state.

*"Gas Hedge Provider"* means any party (other than the Loan Parties or any of their Affiliates) that is a party to a Permitted Hedging Agreement described in clause (b) of the definition thereof that is secured by a Security in the Collateral pursuant to the Security Documents.

"Gas Hedge Termination Value" means the amount of any termination payment owed by the Company to a Gas Hedge Provider under a Secured Gas Hedge Instrument, or to any other counterparty under a Gas hedge agreement that is not a Secured Gas Hedge Instrument, in either case upon the termination of the Secured Gas Hedge Instrument or such other Gas hedge agreement that is not a Secured Gas Hedge Instrument as a result of a party's default thereunder.

"General Partner" means Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC.

"Global Note Legend" means (i) in the case of the Initial Notes, the legend set forth in Section 2.3(g)(2) of Appendix A and (ii) in the case of any Additional Notes, a legend required or permitted by Section 2.1(d) of Appendix A.

*"Global Notes"* means, individually and collectively, each of the Restricted Global Notes and the Unrestricted Global Notes and any Additional Notes issued as a Global Note, deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee, issued in accordance with <u>Sections 2.1</u> and <u>2.3</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>.

"GN FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated November 21, 2011, between the Company and Naturgy LNG GOM, Limited (formerly Gas Natural Fenosa LNG GOM, Limited), as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section</u> <u>4.20</u>.

"Government Approval" means (a) any authorization, consent, approval, license, lease, ruling, permit, tariff, rate, certification, waiver, exemption, filing, variance, claim, order, judgment or decree of, by or with, (b) any required notice to, (c) any declaration of or with or (d) any registration by or with, any Government Authority.

"Government Authority" means any supra-national, federal, state or local government or political subdivision thereof or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of or pertaining to government and having jurisdiction over the Person or matters in question.

*"Government Rule"* means any statute, law, regulation, ordinance, rule, judgment, order, decree, directive, requirement of, or other governmental restriction or any similar binding form of decision of or determination by, or any interpretation or administration of any of the foregoing by, any Government Authority, including all common law, which is applicable to any Person, whether now or hereafter in effect.

"Government Securities" means securities that are direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States of America for the timely payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged.

"Guarantee" means a guarantee, an endorsement, a contingent agreement to purchase or to furnish funds for the payment or maintenance of, or otherwise to be or become contingently liable under or with respect to, the Indebtedness, other obligations, net worth, working capital or earnings of any Person, or a guarantee of the payment of dividends or other distributions upon the stock or equity interests of any Person, or an agreement to purchase, sell or lease (as lessee or lessor) Property of any Person, products, materials, supplies or services primarily for the purpose of enabling a debtor to make payment of his, her or its obligations or an agreement to assure a creditor against loss, and including causing a bank or other financial institution to issue a letter of credit or other similar instrument for the benefit of another Person, but excluding (a) endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business and (b) customary non-financial indemnity or hold harmless provisions included in contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business. The terms "Guarantee" and "Guaranteed" used as verbs shall have correlative meanings.

"Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date" means the "Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date" or any equivalent term, with respect to each Train, as defined in the applicable EPC Contract.

"Guarantors" means each Subsidiary of the Company that executes a Note Guarantee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, and each such Person's respective successors and assigns, in each case, until the Note Guarantee of such Person has been released in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

"Hedge Opportunity Letter" means the Hedge Opportunity Letter, dated as of July 11, 2012, among the Company, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., Union Bank, N.A., Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, HSBC Securities (USA), Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., Royal Bank of Canada, SG Americas Securities, LLC, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, Standard Chartered Bank, and Sovereign Bank, N.A.

*"Hedge Termination Value"* means, in respect of any Interest Rate Protection Agreement, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement to which the Company is a party relating to such Interest Rate Protection Agreement, for any date on or after the date such Interest Rate Protection Agreement has been closed out and termination value determined in accordance therewith, such termination value.

"Hedging Agreement" means any agreement in respect of any interest rate, swap, forward rate transaction, commodity swap, commodity option, commodity future, interest rate option, interest or commodity cap, interest or commodity collar transaction, currency swap agreement, currency future or option contract, or other similar agreements.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Note is registered.

"IAI Global Note" means a Global Note issued in accordance with Section 2.1(c)(1)(B) of Appendix A.

"Immaterial Subsidiary" means, as of any date, any Restricted Subsidiary whose total assets, as of that date, are less than \$5,000,000 and whose total revenues for the most recent 12-month period do not exceed \$5,000,000.

"Impairment" means, with respect to any Government Approval;

(a) the rescission, revocation, staying, withdrawal, early termination, cancellation, repeal or invalidity thereof or otherwise ceasing to be in full force and effect;

(b) the suspension or injunction thereof; or

(c) the inability to satisfy in a timely manner stated conditions to effectiveness or amendment, modification or supplementation thereof in whole or in part. The verb "Impair" shall have a correlative meaning.

"In-Service Date" means (a) with respect to Train One, May 27, 2016, and with respect to Train Two, September 15, 2016, and (b) with respect to the EPC Contract with respect to any

other Train, the date when the Independent Engineer shall have certified in writing to the Trustee that "substantial completion" (based on the corresponding defined term in such EPC Contract) of such Train has occurred.

"Indebtedness" of any Person means without duplication:

(a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money or in respect of deposits or advances of any kind;

(b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements, or similar instruments;

(c) all obligations of such Person upon which interest charges are customarily paid;

(d) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property acquired by such Person (even though the rights and remedies of the seller or lender under such agreement in the event of default are limited to repossession or sale of such property or are otherwise limited in recourse);

(e) all obligations of such Person in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (excluding current accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of business);

(f) all Indebtedness of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the Indebtedness secured thereby has been assumed;

(g) all Guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness of others;

(h) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person;

(i) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person as an account party in respect of letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bank guaranties, surety bonds, letters of guaranty and similar instruments;

(j) all obligations of such Person in respect of any Hedging Agreement;

(k) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of bankers' acceptances; and

(1) all obligations of such Person to purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise make any payment in respect of any Equity Interests of such Person or any other Person or any warrants, rights or options to acquire such Equity Interests, valued, in the case of redeemable preferred interests, at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends.

The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such

entity, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Independent Engineer" means Lummus Consultants International, Inc. (f/k/a Shaw Consultants International, Inc.) and any replacement thereof appointed by the Required Secured Parties and, if no CTA Event of Default shall then be occurring, after consultation with the Company.

"Indirect Participant" means a Person who holds a beneficial interest in a Global Note through a Participant.

"Initial Notes" means the \$95,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due September 15, 2037 issued under this Indenture on the date hereof.

"Initial Note Purchase Agreement" means that certain Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 17, 2021, between the Company and the Purchaser (as defined therein).

"Initial Purchasers" means, with respect to the Initial Notes, the purchaser named in the Initial Note Purchase Agreement, and with respect to any Additional Notes, the purchaser or purchasers of such Additional Notes from the Company.

"Initial Senior Secured Debt Closing Date" means July 31, 2012.

"Institutional Accredited Investor" means an institution that is an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act, who is not also a QIB.

"Insurance Advisor" means Aon Risk Services and any replacement thereof appointed by the Required Secured Parties and, if no CTA Event of Default shall then be occurring, after consultation with the Company.

*"Insurance Proceeds"* means all proceeds of any insurance policies required pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement or otherwise obtained with respect to the Company or the Project that are paid or payable to or for the account of the Company as loss payee (other than Business Interruption Insurance Proceeds and proceeds of insurance policies relating to third party liability).

"Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds Account" means the Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Intercreditor Agent" means Société Générale or any successor to it, appointed pursuant to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Intercreditor Agent Fee Letter" means the Fee Letter, dated as of July 31, 2012, between the Company and the Intercreditor Agent.

"Intercreditor Agreement" means the Second Amended and Restated Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2015, among the Secured Bank Debt Holder Group

Representatives, each other Secured Debt Holder Group Representative party thereto, the Secured Hedge Representatives, the Secured Gas Hedge Representatives, the Common Security Trustee and the Intercreditor Agent, as amended from time to time.

*"Intercreditor Vote"* means, at any time, a vote conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article 3 (*Voting and Decision-Making*) of the Intercreditor Agreement among the Designated Voting Parties entitled to vote with respect to the particular decision at issue at such time.

"Interest Rate Protection Agreements" means each interest rate swap, collar, put, or cap, or other interest rate protection arrangement between the Company and a Qualified Counterparty.

"International LNG Terminal Standards" means to the extent not inconsistent with the express requirements of the Common Terms Agreement, the international standards and practices applicable to the design, construction, equipment, operation or maintenance of LNG receiving, exporting, liquefaction and regasification terminals, established by the following (such standards to apply in the following order of priority): (a) a Government Authority having jurisdiction over the Company, (b) the SIGTTO or any successor body of the same and (c) any other internationally recognized non -governmental agency or organization with whose standards and practices it is customary for reasonable and prudent operators of LNG receiving, exporting, liquefaction and regasification terminals to comply. In the event of a conflict between any of the priorities noted above, the priority with the lowest Roman numeral noted above shall prevail.

*"International LNG Vessel Standards"* means to the extent not inconsistent with the express requirements of the Common Terms Agreement, the international standards and practices applicable to the ownership, design, equipment, operation or maintenance of LNG vessels established by: (a) the International Maritime Organization, (b) the Oil Companies International Marine Forum, (c) SIGTTO (or any successor body of the same), (d) the International Navigation Association, (e) the International Association of Classification Societies, and (f) any other internationally recognized agency or non-governmental organization with whose standards and practices it is customary for reasonable and prudent operators of LNG vessels to comply. In the event of a conflict between any of the priorities noted above, the priority with the lowest Roman numeral noted above shall prevail.

## "Investment" means, for any Person:

(a) the acquisition (whether for cash, Property of such Person, services or securities or otherwise) of capital stock, bonds, notes, debentures, partnership or other ownership interests or other securities of any other Person or any agreement to make any such acquisition (including any "short sale" or any other sale of any securities at a time when such securities are not owned by the Person entering into such sale);

(b) the making of any deposit with, or advance, loan or other extension of credit to, any other Person (including the purchase of Property from another Person subject to an understanding or agreement, contingent or otherwise, to resell such Property to such Person, but excluding any such advance, loan or extension of credit having a term not exceeding 90 days representing the purchase price of inventory or supplies sold in the ordinary course of business); and

(c) the entering into of any Guarantee of, or other contingent obligation (other than an indemnity which is not a Guarantee) with respect to, Indebtedness or other liability of any other Person;

provided, that Investment shall not include amounts deposited pursuant to the escrow agreement entered with respect to disputed amounts under any EPC Contract.

"Investment Grade Date" means January 9, 2017.

*"Investment Grade Issue Rating"* means Baa3 or better by Moody's, BBB- or better by Fitch, BBB- or better by S&P or, if any of such entities cease to rate the Notes for reasons outside of the control of the Company, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency selected by the Company as a replacement agency.

"Investment Grade Rating" means Baa3 or better by Moody's, BBB- or better by Fitch, BBB- or better by S&P or the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency.

"Issue Date" means the first date of original issuance of the Notes under this Indenture.

*"KMLP Pipeline Transportation Agreement"* means the Transportation Rate Schedule FTS Agreement, dated December 8, 2017, by and between Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline Company LLC and the Company, as amended.

"KoGas" means Korea Gas Corporation.

"KoGas FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated January 30, 2012, between the Company and KoGas, as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Lease Agreements" means:

(a) that certain real property lease agreement between Crain Lands, LLC, as lessor, and the Company, as lessee, dated December 5, 2011; and

(b) that certain real property lease agreement between Crain Lands, LLC, as lessor, and the Company, as lessee, dated June 21, 2019 but effective as of November 1, 2011,

both as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

"*Lien*" means, with respect to any Property (including, without limitation, the Project) of any Person, any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, encumbrance, bailment, lien, privilege or other security interest, including any sale-leaseback arrangement, any conditional sale, other title retention agreement, tax lien, lien (statutory or otherwise), easement or right of way in respect of such Property of such Person. For purposes of the Financing Documents, a Person shall be deemed to own subject to a Lien any Property which it has acquired or holds

subject to the interest of a vendor or lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or other title retention agreement (other than an operating lease) relating to such Property.

"LNG" means Gas in a liquid state at or below its boiling point at a pressure of approximately one atmosphere.

"Loan Parties" means the Company and each subsidiary of the Company party to the Common Terms Agreement from time to time.

"Majority Aggregate Other Secured Debt Participants" means, at any time with respect to any decision, the Designated Voting Parties under any one or more Secured Debt Instruments that constitute all or part of the Other Secured Debt that, when their allotted votes are cast pursuant to Section 3.3 (Intercreditor Votes; Each Party's Entitlement to Vote) of the Intercreditor Agreement and Section 3.4 (Casting of Votes) of the Intercreditor Agreement, exceed 50% of the votes eligible to be cast by such Designated Voting Parties regarding such decision; provided, however, that a Modification that has been the subject of a Rating Affirmation shall be deemed to have been approved by votes cast pursuant to Section 3.3 (Intercreditor Votes; Each Party's Entitlement to Vote) of the Intercreditor Agreement and Section 3.4 (Casting of Votes) of the Intercreditor Agreement, exceeding 50% of the votes eligible to be cast by such Designated Voting Parties regarding the Modification that has been the subject of such Rating Affirmation.

"Majority Aggregate Secured Bank Debt Participants" means, at any time with respect to any decision, the Designated Voting Parties under any one or more Secured Debt Instruments that constitute all or part of the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt that, when their allotted votes are cast pursuant to Section 3.3 (Intercreditor Votes; Each Party's Entitlement to Vote) of the Intercreditor Agreement and Section 3.4 (Casting of Votes) of the Intercreditor Agreement, exceed 50% of the votes eligible to be cast by such Designated Voting Parties regarding such decision.

"Majority Secured Debt Participants" means, at any time with respect to any relevant decision, the Designated Voting Parties under any one or more Secured Debt Instruments that, when their allotted votes are cast pursuant to Section 3.3 (Intercreditor Votes; Each Party's Entitlement to Vote) of the Intercreditor Agreement and Section 3.4 (Casting of Votes) of the Intercreditor Agreement, exceed 50% of the votes eligible to be cast by all Designated Voting Parties regarding such decision; provided, however, that a Modification that has been the subject of a Rating Affirmation shall be deemed to have been approved by votes cast pursuant to Section 3.3 (Intercreditor Votes; Each Party's Entitlement to Vote) of the Intercreditor Agreement and Section 3.4 (Casting of Votes) of the Intercreditor Agreement, exceeding 50% of the votes eligible to be cast by such Designated Voting Parties regarding the Modification that has been the subject of such Rating Affirmation.

"Management Services Agreement" means the Management Services Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2012, between the Company and Cheniere LNG Terminals, Inc., as amended from time to time.

"Manager" means Cheniere LNG Terminals, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

"Market Consultant" means Wood Mackenzie Limited and any replacement thereof appointed by the Required Secured Parties and, if no CTA Event of Default shall then be occurring, after consultation with the Company.

*"Material Adverse Effect"* means an act, event or condition which materially impairs (a) the business, financial condition, or operations of the Company or the Project, (b) the ability of the Company to perform its material obligations under any Financing Document or Material Project Document to which it is a party, (c) the validity and enforceability of any Material Project Document or any Financing Document or the rights or remedies of each Secured Debt Holder thereunder or (d) the security interests of the Secured Parties.

"Material Project Document" means:

- (a) the EPC Contracts and related parent guarantees;
- (b) the FOB Sale and Purchase Agreements and related parent guarantees;
- (c) the Management Services Agreement;
- (d) the Sabine Liquefaction TUA;
- (e) the Pipeline Transportation Agreements;
- (f) the Terminal Use Rights Assignment and Agreement;
- (g) the Cooperation Agreement;
- (h) the Real Property Documents;
- (i) the Precedent Agreements;
- (j) the ConocoPhillips License Agreements;
- (k) the Water Agreement;
- (1) any Additional Material Project Document;

(m) if the Company incurs Expansion Debt in respect of Train Six pursuant, as applicable, to Section 4.08(a)(1), any Train Six LNG Sales Agreements, as applicable, and with respect to Train Six any agreement or license having substantially the same purpose as the Material Project Documents set forth in clauses (a) and (i) above in this definition; and

(n) any agreement replacing or in substitution of any of the foregoing.

"Material Project Party" means each party to a Material Project Document (other than the Company) and each guarantor or provider of security or credit support in respect thereof.

"Mechanics' Liens" means carriers', warehousemen's, laborers', mechanics', workmen's, materialmen's, repairmen's, construction or other like statutory Liens.

"Modification" means, with respect to any Financing Document, any amendment, supplement, Waiver or other modification of the terms and provisions thereof and the term "Modify" shall have a corresponding meaning.

"Monthly Sales Charges" with respect to any of the FOB Sale and Purchase Agreements, has the meaning set forth in such FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

*"Mortgage"* means (i) the Third Amended and Restated Multiple Indebtedness Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2015, from the Company to the Common Security Trustee, (ii) the Multiple Indebtedness Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2015, from the Company to the Common Security Trustee and (iii) the Multiple Indebtedness Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Trustee and Rents and Security Trustee, in each case, as amended.

"Net Cash Proceeds" means in connection with any asset disposition, the aggregate cash proceeds received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any asset disposition (including any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received in any asset disposition), net of the direct costs relating to such asset disposition and payments made to retire Indebtedness (other than the Obligations) required to be repaid in connection therewith, including legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions, and any relocation expenses incurred as a result of such asset disposition, taxes paid or payable as a result of such asset disposition, in each case, after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements, and amounts reserved for adjustment in respect of the sale price of such asset or assets established in accordance with GAAP.

"Net Loss Proceeds" means Insurance Proceeds, Condemnation Proceeds and all Performance Liquidated Damages.

"NGA" means the United States Natural Gas Act of 1938, as heretofore and hereafter amended, and codified 15 U.S.C. §717 et seq.

*"NGPL Pipeline Transportation Agreements"* means (i) the Transportation Rate Schedule FTS Agreement, dated October 29, 2012, between Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC and the Company, as amended by that certain Transportation Rate Schedule FTS Amendment No. 1, dated June 18, 2013 and (ii) Transportation Rate Schedule FTS Agreement, dated June 18, 2013, between Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC and the Company.

"Non-Recourse Debt" means Indebtedness:

(a) as to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (1) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness) or (2) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise; and

(b) as to which the lenders have been notified in writing that they will not have any recourse to the stock or assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the Equity Interests of an Unrestricted Subsidiary).

"Non-U.S. Person" means a Person who is not a U.S. Person.

"Notarial Assignment" means the Notarial Act of Assignment, dated July 31, 2012, by the Parent in favor of the Common Security Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties of (i) that certain Revolving Credit Note in the amount of \$100,000,000, dated June 11, 2012, made by the Company, payable to the order of the Parent, (ii) that certain Multiple Indebtedness Mortgage, Assignment of Rents and Leases, and Security Agreement, executed by the Company, as mortgagor, to and in favor of the Parent, as mortgagee, dated effective June 11, 2012, and recorded in the Official Records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on June 11, 2012, under File No. 326265, relating to that property in Cameron Parish, Louisiana described therein, and (iii) that certain UCC-1 Financing Statement filed in the Official Records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on June 11, 2012 under File No. 12-326266.

"Note Guarantee" means the Guarantee by each Guarantor of the Company's obligations under this Indenture and the Notes, executed pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture.

"Notes" means the Initial Notes and any Additional Notes, unless the context otherwise requires.

"Notes Issue Date" means the first date of the original issuance of the Initial Notes under this Indenture.

"O&M Agreement" means the Operation and Maintenance Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2012, between the Operator, the Company and, solely for the purposes set forth therein, Cheniere LNG O&M Services, LLC, as amended from time to time.

"Obligations" means and includes all loans, advances (including, without limitation, any advance made by any Secured Party to satisfy any obligation of any Loan Party or the Pledgor under any Transaction Document), debts, liabilities, Indebtedness and obligations of the Company, howsoever arising, owed to the Secured Debt Holders, the Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives, the Senior Debt Holders of Secured Hedge Obligations, the Secured Hedge Representatives or any other Secured Party of every kind and description (whether or not evidenced by any note or instrument and whether or not for the payment of money), direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against the Company of any insolvency or liquidation proceeding naming the Company as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding, pursuant to the terms of the Common Terms Agreement or any of the other Financing Documents (including the Secured Hedge Instruments), including all principal, interest, fees, charges, expenses, attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, accountants' fees and Consultants' fees payable by the Company thereunder.

"OFAC" means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

"Officer's Certificate" means a certificate signed by one Authorized Officer of the Company, which officer must be the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer, the treasurer or the principal accounting officer, that meets the requirements of Section 13.03.

"One Hundred Percent Participants" means, at any time with respect to any decision, the Designated Voting Parties that, when their allotted votes are cast pursuant to Article 3 (Voting and Decision-Making) of the Intercreditor Agreement, equal 100% of the votes eligible to be cast regarding such decision.

"Operating Account" means the Operating Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Operating Budget" means a proposed operating plan and a budget setting forth in reasonable detail the projected requirements for Operation and Maintenance Expenses for the Company and the Project for the ensuing calendar year (or, in the case of the initial Operating Budget, the remaining portion thereof).

"Operation and Maintenance Expenses" means, for any period, the sum, computed without duplication, of the following, in each case that are contemplated by the then-effective Operating Budget or are incurred in connection with any permitted exceedance thereunder pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement:

(a) for fees and costs of the Manager pursuant to the Management Services Agreement; *plus* 

(b) expenses for operating the Project and maintaining it in good repair and operating condition payable during such period, including the ordinary course fees and costs of the Operator payable pursuant to the O&M Agreement; plus

- (c) insurance costs payable during such period; plus
- (d) applicable sales and excise taxes (if any) payable or reimbursable by the Company during such period; plus
- (e) franchise taxes payable by the Company during such period; plus
- (f) property taxes payable by the Company during such period; plus

(g) any other direct taxes (if any) payable by the Company to the taxing authority (other than any taxes imposed on or measured by income or receipts) during such period; plus

- (h) costs and fees attendant to the obtaining and maintaining in effect the Government Approvals payable during such period; plus
- (i) legal, accounting and other professional fees attendant to any of the foregoing items payable during such period; plus
- (j) Permitted Capital Expenditures contemplated by the then-effective Operating Budget; plus

(k) the cost of purchase and transportation (including storage) of natural gas consumed for LNG production; plus

(1) all other cash expenses payable by the Company in the ordinary course of business. Operation and Maintenance Expenses shall exclude any Gas Hedge Termination Value and shall exclude, to the extent included above: (i) transfers from any Account into any other Account (other than the Operating Account) during such period, (ii) payments of any kind with respect to Restricted Payments during such period, (iii) depreciation for such period, (iv) except as provided in clause (j) above, any Capital Expenditure including Permitted Capital Expenditures and (v) any payments of any kind with respect to any restoration during such period.

To the extent insufficient funds are available in the Operating Account to pay any Operation and Maintenance Expenses and amounts are advanced by or on behalf of any Secured Party in accordance with the terms of the applicable Secured Debt Instrument or Secured Hedge Instrument for the payment of such Operation and Maintenance Expenses, the Obligation to repay such advances shall itself constitute an Operation and Maintenance Expense.

"Operator" means Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC, or such other Person from time to time party to the O&M Agreement as "Operator."

"Opinion of Counsel" means an opinion or opinions from legal counsel who is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee, that meets the requirements of <u>Section 13.03</u>. The counsel may be an employee of, or counsel to, the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company or the Trustee.

"Other Secured Debt" means any Secured Debt other than (a) the Secured Bank Debt and (b) any Additional Secured Debt which constitutes one or more commercial loans made pursuant to one or more credit facilities in which the lenders are primarily financial institutions engaged in the business of banking.

"Parent" means Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

"*Participant*" means, with respect to the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to DTC, shall include Euroclear and Clearstream).

"Payment Date" means March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing on March 15, 2022 (as set forth in the Payment Schedule), or if any such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day.

"Payment Schedule" means the payment and amortization schedule attached hereto as Appendix B, or, with respect to any Additional Notes, the amortization schedule with respect to such Additional Notes, in each case, as the same may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

"Performance Liquidated Damages" means any liquidated damages resulting from the Project's performance which are required to be paid by the EPC Contractor or any other Material Project Party for or on account of any diminution to the performance of the Project.

"Permitted Business" means (i) the construction, operation, expansion, reconstruction, debottlenecking, improvement and maintenance of the Project or related to or using by-products of the Project, all activity reasonably necessary or undertaken in connection with the foregoing and any activities incidental or related to any of the foregoing, including, the development, construction, operation, maintenance and financing of any facilities reasonably related to the Project or related to or using by-products of the Project and (ii) the buying, selling, storing and transportation of hydrocarbons for use in connection with the Project or related to or using by-products of the Project.

"Permitted Capital Expenditures" means Capital Expenditures that: (a) are required for compliance with Project Documents, insurance policies, Government Rules, Government Approvals and Prudent Industry Practices; or (b) are otherwise used for the Project or for the development, construction, financing and operation of additional Trains; and in all cases, (i) are funded by equity or Permitted Indebtedness issued by the Company, (ii) are funded from the Distribution Account as set forth in Section 5.10 (*Distribution Account*) of the Accounts Agreement, (iii) are funded by insurance proceeds, each of (i), (ii) or (iii) as expressly permitted herein and the other Financing Documents and to the extent that all such sums entirely fund such Permitted Capital Expenditures, or (iv) are contemplated by the then-effective Operating Budget, and, in the case of clauses (i), (ii) or (iii), could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or materially and adversely affect the Company's rights, duties, obligations or liabilities under the Sabine Liquefaction TUA.

"Permitted Hedging Agreement" means any of the:

(a) Interest Rate Protection Agreements; and

(b) gas hedging contracts in an amount and for a period not to exceed the amount reasonably required by the Company to comply with its obligations under the Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements and its other contractual obligations.

"Permitted Indebtedness" means items (a) through (r) set forth in Section 4.08.

### "Permitted Investments" means:

(a) any Investment in the Company or in a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Guarantor and that is engaged in a Permitted Business;

- (b) any Investment in Cash Equivalents;
- (c) any Investment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in a Person, if as a result of such Investment:
  - (1) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; or

(2) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;

(d) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale that was made pursuant to and in compliance with Section 4.09;

(e) any Investment in any Person solely in exchange for the issuance of Equity Interests (other than Equity Interests that constitute Indebtedness) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(f) any Investments received in compromise or resolution of (A) obligations of trade creditors or customers that were incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including pursuant to any plan of reorganization or similar arrangement upon the bankruptcy or insolvency of any trade creditor or customer; or (B) litigation, arbitration or other disputes with Persons who are not Affiliates;

(g) Investments pursuant to Hedging Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes;

(h) advances to or reimbursements of employees for moving, entertainment and travel expenses, drawing accounts and similar expenditures in the ordinary course of business;

(i) loans or advances to employees made in the ordinary course of business of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2.5 million at any one time outstanding;

(j) repurchases of the Notes;

(k) advances, deposits and prepayments for purchases of any assets, including any Equity Interests;

 advances to customers or suppliers in the ordinary course of business that are, in conformity with GAAP, recorded as accounts receivable, prepaid expenses or deposits on the balance sheet of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries and endorsements for collection or deposit arising in the ordinary course of business;

(m) receivables owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary created or acquired in the ordinary course of business and payable or dischargeable in accordance with customary trade terms; provided, however, that such trade terms may include such concessionary trade terms as the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary deems reasonable under the circumstances;

(n) Investments received as a result of a foreclosure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to any secured Investment in default;

(o) surety and performance bonds and workers' compensation, utility, lease, tax, performance and similar deposits and prepaid expenses in the ordinary course of business, including cash deposits incurred in connection with natural gas purchases;

(p) Guarantees of Indebtedness permitted under Section 4.08;

(q) Investments existing on the Notes Issue Date; and

(r) other Investments in any Person having an aggregate Fair Market Value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (r) that are at the time outstanding not to exceed \$50.0 million.

"Permitted Liens" means, collectively:

(a) Liens in favor, or for the benefit, of the Secured Parties created or permitted pursuant to the Security Documents;

(b) Liens securing Indebtedness with respect to Permitted Hedging Agreements and Secured Bank Debt permitted to be incurred under this Indenture;

(c) Liens which are scheduled exceptions to the coverage afforded by the Title Policy on the Initial Senior Secured Debt Closing Date;

(d) statutory liens for a sum not yet delinquent or which are being Contested;

(e) pledges or deposits of cash or letters of credit to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts (other than for borrowed money) leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds, letters of credit and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business and in accordance with the then-effective Operating Budget and cash deposits incurred in connection with natural gas purchases;

(f) Liens to secure Indebtedness (including Capital Lease Obligations) permitted by Section 4.08(e) covering only the assets acquired with or financed by such Indebtedness;

(g) easements and other similar encumbrances affecting real property which are incurred in the ordinary course of business and encumbrances consisting of zoning restrictions, licenses, restrictions on the use of property or encumbrances or imperfections in title which do not materially impair such property for the purpose for which the Company's interest therein was acquired or materially interfere with the operation of the Project as contemplated by the Transaction Documents;

(h) Mechanics' Liens, Liens of lessors and sublessors and similar Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business for sums which are not overdue for a period of more than 30 days or the payment of which is subject to a Contest;

(i) legal or equitable encumbrances (other than any attachment prior to judgment, judgment lien or attachment in aid of execution on a judgment) deemed to exist by reason of the existence of any pending litigation or other legal proceeding if the same is effectively stayed or the claims secured thereby are subject to a Contest;

(j) the Liens created pursuant to the Real Property Documents;

(k) Liens arising out of judgments or awards so long as an appeal or proceeding for review is being prosecuted in good faith and for the payment of which adequate cash reserves,



bonds or other cash equivalent security have been provided or are fully covered by insurance (other than any customary deductible);

(1) Liens for workers' compensation awards and similar obligations not then delinquent; Mechanics' Liens and similar Liens not then delinquent, and any such Liens, whether or not delinquent, whose validity is at the time being Contested in good faith;

(m) Liens in favor of the Company or the Guarantors;

(n) Liens to secure any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under this Indenture; provided, however, that:

(1) the new Lien is limited to all or part of the same property and assets that secured or, under the written agreements pursuant to which the original Lien arose, could secure the original Lien (plus improvements and accessions to, such property or proceeds or distributions thereof); and

(2) the Indebtedness secured by the new Lien is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of (x) the outstanding principal amount, or, if greater, committed amount, of the Indebtedness renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged (plus all accrued interest on the Indebtedness, any amounts deposited in a debt service reserve or similar reserve account in connection with the issuance of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness and the amount of all fees and expenses (including Hedge Termination Value with respect to any Interest Rate Protection Agreement subject to refinancing with the purposed Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness), including premiums, incurred in connection therewith) with such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness and (y) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, discounts, related to such renewal, refunding, refinancing, replacement, defeasance or discharge; and

(o) other Liens not otherwise permitted hereunder so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the obligations secured thereby does not exceed \$100,000,000 at any one time.

"Permitted Modification" means, with respect to any Secured Debt Instrument, the following:

(a) subject to Section 4.1 (*Majority Decisions*) and 4.2 (*Unanimous Decisions*) of the Intercreditor Agreement any Modifications of or under such Secured Debt Instrument (*provided* that such Modification shall not (x) adversely affect the rights or interests of any Secured Party not party to such Secured Debt Instrument or (y) change or attempt to change the effect of Sections 4.5(b) or 4.6 of the Intercreditor Agreement);

(b) any release of anyone liable in any manner under, or in respect of the Obligations owing under, such Secured Debt Instrument (but only in respect of such Obligations); and

(c) any Waiver of, or determination of satisfaction of or compliance with, any condition precedent to any Advance under such Secured Debt Instrument.

"Permitted Payments to Parent" means, without duplication as to amounts allowed to be distributed under any other provision of this Indenture:

(a) payments to the Parent to permit the Parent to pay reasonable accounting, legal and administrative expenses of the Parent when due, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 per calendar year; and

(b) on each Quarterly Payment Date, the amount necessary for payment to the Pledgor or Parent to enable it to pay its (or for Parent to satisfy any contractual obligation to distribute to its beneficial owners to enable them to pay their) income tax liability with respect to income generated by the Company, determined at the highest combined U.S. federal and State of Louisiana tax rate applicable to an entity taxable as a corporation in both jurisdictions for the applicable period.

"Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries issued in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to renew, refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than intercompany Indebtedness); provided that:

(a) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of the Indebtedness renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged (plus all accrued interest on the Indebtedness, any amounts deposited in a debt service reserve or similar reserve account in connection with the issuance of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness and the amount of all fees and expenses (including Hedge Termination Value with respect to any Interest Rate Protection Agreement subject to refinancing with the purposed Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness), including premiums and discounts incurred in connection therewith);

(b) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and has a weighted average life to maturity that is (a) equal to or greater than the weighted average life to maturity of, the Indebtedness being renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged or (b) more than 90 days after the final maturity date of the Notes; provided that this clause (b) shall not apply to Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 4.08(a)(2);

(c) if the Indebtedness being renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes on terms at least as favorable to the Holders as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged; and

(d) such Indebtedness is incurred either by the Company or by the Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that was the obligor on the Indebtedness being renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged and is guaranteed only by Persons who were obligors on the Indebtedness being renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, company, voluntary association, partnership, joint venture, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated organization or Government Authority.

# "Petronas" means Petronas LNG Ltd.

"Petronas FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement" means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated December 18, 2018, between the Company and Petronas as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"*Pipeline*" means the approximately 94 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline and other facilities as described in the application filed by the Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P., pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA in FERC Docket No CP12-351-000 and any expansion thereof used in connection with any Permitted Business.

*"Pipeline Transportation Agreements"* means, collectively, the Creole Trail Pipeline Transportation Agreement, the NGPL Pipeline Transportation Agreements, the Transportation Agreement, and the KMLP Pipeline Transportation Agreement.

"Pledge Agreement" means the Pledge Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, between the Pledgor and the Common Security Trustee and any other pledge agreement executed (in favor of the Common Security Trustee) by any Person holding any direct ownership interests in the Company.

"Pledgor" means Sabine Pass LNG-LP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"*Precedent Agreements*" means the Precedent Agreement, dated as of October 31, 2018, between Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline LLC and the Company and the Amended and Restated Precedent Agreement, dated as of April 19, 2019, between Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC and the Company, each as amended.

"Private Placement Legend" means (a) in the case of the Initial Notes, the legend set forth in Section 2.3(g)(1) of Appendix A, and (b) in the case of any Additional Notes, any legend required or permitted by Section 2.1.(d) of Appendix A.

*"Project"* means (a) the natural gas liquefaction facility located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana owned and operated by the Company for the production of LNG and other Services and (b) any other Permitted Business conducted by the Company.

"Project Costs" means all costs of acquiring, leasing, designing, engineering, developing, permitting, insuring, financing (including closing costs and interest and interest rate hedge expenses), constructing, installing, commissioning, testing and starting-up (including costs relating to all equipment, materials, spare parts and labor for) the Project and all other costs incurred with respect to the Project, including working capital (provided that Project Costs shall exclude any operation and maintenance expenses for any train of the Project that has achieved Substantial Completion).

"Project Document Termination Payments" means all payments that are required to be paid to or for the account of the Company as a result of the termination of or reduction of any obligations under any Material Project Document, if any.

"Project Documents" means each Material Project Document and any other material agreement relating to Development.

*"Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio"* means, for the applicable period, the ratio of (a) Cash Flow Available for Debt Service projected for such period (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of <u>Section 4.08</u>, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date and the scheduled principal payment of any Senior Debt that has bullet maturities or balloon payments at maturity or in the final year prior to maturity), including Debt Service projected with respect to any undrawn portion of the Secured Bank Debt Available Amount. Where this Indenture states that the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio is to be based on Contracted Cash Flow, the Projected Debt Service projected for such period (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of <u>Section 4.08</u>, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of <u>Section 4.08</u>, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date and the scheduled principal payment of any Senior Debt that has bullet maturities or balloon payments at maturity or in the final year prior to maturity), including Debt Service projected with respect to any undrawn portion of the Secured Bank Debt Available for Det Service projected for such period (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clause

"Property" means any right or interest in or to property of any kind whatsoever, whether real, personal, mixed, movable, immovable, corporeal or incorporeal and whether tangible or intangible.

*"Prudent Industry Practice"* means, at a particular time, any of the practices, methods, standards and procedures (including those engaged in or approved by a material portion of the LNG industry) that, at that time, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of the facts known at the time a decision was made, would reasonably have been expected to accomplish the desired result consistent with good business practices, including due consideration of the Project's reliability, environmental compliance, economy, safety and expedition, and which practices, methods, standards and acts generally conform to International LNG Terminal Standards and International LNG Vessel Standards.

"QIB" means a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A.

"Qualified Counterparty" means:

(a) as of the date of execution or assignment of any Interest Rate Protection Agreement, any of the following: (i) any Person who is a Secured Debt Holder as of the date of the Common Terms Agreement or (ii) any Affiliate of any Person listed in the foregoing clause (a)(i) of this definition; and

(b) as of the date of execution or assignment of any Interest Rate Protection Agreement, any of the following: (i) any Person who is a Secured Debt Holder after the date of the Common Terms Agreement or (ii) any Affiliate of any Person listed in the foregoing clause (b)(i) of this definition, in each case, with a credit rating (or a guaranty from a Person with a credit rating) of at least A- from S&P or Fitch or at least A-3 from Moody's (or, if any of such entities cease to provide such ratings, the equivalent credit rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency).

"Quarterly Payment Date" means each March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31.

*"Rating Affirmation"* means, with respect to any Modification, delivery by the Company to the Intercreditor Agent of letters from any two Recognized Credit Rating Agencies that are then rating Other Secured Debt (or if only one Recognized Credit Rating Agency is then rating Other Secured Debt, that Recognized Credit Rating Agency) to the effect that the Recognized Credit Rating Agency has considered the contemplated Modification and that, if the contemplated Modification is adopted, such Recognized Credit Rating Agency would reaffirm (or upgrade) the rating of the Other Secured Debt as of the date of the request for a Rating Affirmation.

*"Real Property Documents"* means any material contract or agreement constituting or creating an estate or interest in any portion of the Site, including, without limitation, the Lease Agreements and the Subleases.

*"Recognized Credit Rating Agency"* means S&P, Fitch, Moody's, or any successor to S&P, Fitch, Moody's, so long as such agency is a *"nationally recognized statistical rating organization"* registered with the SEC.

"Regulation S" means Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Regulation S Global Note" means a Regulation S Temporary Global Note or Regulation S Permanent Global Note, as appropriate.

*"Regulation S Permanent Global Note"* means a permanent Global Note issued in accordance with the second paragraph of <u>Section</u> <u>2.1(c)</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>.

*"Regulation S Temporary Global Note"* means a temporary Global Note issued in accordance with the first paragraph of <u>Section 2.1(c)</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>.

*"Replacement Assets"* means (a) non-current assets that will be used or useful in a Permitted Business or (b) substantially all the assets of a Permitted Business or a majority of the voting stock of any Person engaged in a Permitted Business that will become on the date of acquisition thereof a Restricted Subsidiary.

*"Replacement Debt"* means, collectively, Secured Replacement Debt and Unsecured Replacement Debt incurred by the Company (including by way of Senior Bonds) pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement in order to partially or in whole (a) refinance by prepaying or redeeming then existing Senior Debt or (b) replace by cancelling then existing Senior Debt

Commitments. For the avoidance of doubt, the Notes constitute Replacement Debt for purposes of the Financing Documents.

## "Required Secured Parties" means:

(a) except as otherwise provided in clauses (b) through (e) below, with respect to any Covered Action, Designated Voting Parties constituting the Majority Aggregate Secured Credit Facilities Debt Participants;

(b) in the case of any Covered Action subject to Section 4.1 (Majority Decisions) of the Intercreditor Agreement, Designated Voting Parties constituting the Majority Aggregate Secured Bank Debt Participants, the Majority Aggregate Other Secured Debt Participants or the Majority Secured Debt Participants, as applicable, set forth in that Section;

(c) Designated Voting Parties constituting the One Hundred Percent Participants with respect to any Covered Action that is subject to Section 4.2 (Unanimous Decisions) of the Intercreditor Agreement;

(d) Designated Voting Parties constituting the Majority Secured Debt Participants with respect to any decision to exercise remedies made pursuant to Section 5.3 (Election to Pursue Remedies) of the Intercreditor Agreement, except as otherwise provided in Section 5.3(g) of the Intercreditor Agreement; and

(e) Designated Voting Parties constituting the Majority Secured Debt Participants (1) if no Secured Bank Debt is outstanding or (2) with respect to any other action not otherwise described or dealt with in this definition of "Required Secured Parties" and not otherwise specifically delegated to the Intercreditor Agent, the Common Security Trustee or a Secured Debtholder Group Representative pursuant to Section 4.3 (Administrative Decisions) of the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Responsible Officer," when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer within the Corporate Trust Division - Corporate Finance Unit of the Trustee (or any successor division or unit of the Trustee) located at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, who has direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture and also means, in the case of Section 7.01(c)(2) and the second sentence of Section 7.05, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Restricted Definitive Note" means a Definitive Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.

"Restricted Global Note" means a Global Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.

"*Restricted Payment*" with respect to any Person means (a) any dividend or other distribution (in cash, Property of such Person, securities, obligations, or other property) on, or other dividends or distributions on account of, its Capital Stock (other than dividends or distributions payable solely to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), (b) the setting apart of money for a sinking or other analogous fund for, or the purchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition by such Person of any portion of any of the Capital Stock of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company, (c) all payments (in cash, Property of such Person,

securities, obligations, or other property) of principal of, interest on and other amounts with respect to, or other payments on account of, or the setting apart of money for a sinking or other analogous fund for, or the purchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition by such Person of, any Indebtedness owed to the Pledgor or any other Person party to a Pledge Agreement or any Affiliate thereof (including any Subordinated Indebtedness incurred to fund the Equity Contribution Amount), and (d) the setting apart of money for a sinking or other analogous fund for, or the purchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition by such Person of Subordinated Indebtedness (other than from the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, and other than within one year of the fixed date on which the final payment of principal thereof is due and payable). For the avoidance of doubt, payments to the Manager for fees and costs pursuant to the Management Services Agreement, and payments to the Operator pursuant to the O&M Agreement paid in accordance with the Accounts Agreement and Permitted Payments to Parent are not Restricted Payments.

"Restricted Payment Date" means, with respect to any specific Restricted Payment, the date such Restricted Payment is made.

"Restricted Period" means the 40-day distribution compliance period as defined in Regulation S.

"Restricted Subsidiary" of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referent Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Revenue Account" means the Revenue Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Rule 144" means Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A Global Note" means a Global Note issued in accordance with Section 2.1(c)(1)(A) of Appendix A.

"Rule 903" means Rule 903 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 904" means Rule 904 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, a division of McGraw-Hill, Inc.

"Sabine Liquefaction TUA" means the Second Amended and Restated LNG Terminal Use Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, between the Company and SPLNG, as amended from time to time.

"Secured Bank Debt" means Indebtedness incurred by the Company in the aggregate amount of up to \$3,626,000,000 pursuant to the Term Loan A Credit Agreement comprised of the Construction/Term Loans, and any amendments, supplements, modifications, extensions, renewals, restatements, replacements, refundings or refinancings thereof with banks or other institutional lenders or investors that replace, refund or refinance any part of the loans or

commitments thereunder; provided that, any such replacements, refundings or refinancings shall be subject to Section 4.08(a)(2).

*"Secured Bank Debt Available Amount"* means the amount of all outstanding Secured Bank Debt *plus* available and undrawn commitments for any Secured Bank Debt pursuant to the applicable Secured Debt Instruments.

"Secured Bank Debt Holders" means, at any time, the Senior Debt Holders of the Secured Bank Debt and shall also include any indebtedness issued to or guaranteed by an export credit agency or institution serving a similar function.

"Secured Debt" means the Senior Debt (other than Indebtedness under Interest Rate Protection Agreements) that is secured by a Security in the Collateral pursuant to the Security Documents.

"Secured Debt Holder Group" means, at any time, the Senior Debt Holders of each tranche of Secured Debt.

*"Secured Debt Holder Group Representative"* means, (a) the Term Loan A Administrative Agent in respect of the Secured Bank Debt Holders and Secured Bank Debt, (b) the Trustee and (c) with respect to any other Secured Debt Holder Group and its relevant Secured Debt Instrument, the representative designated as such pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Secured Debt Holders" means, at any time, the Senior Debt Holders of the Secured Debt.

"Secured Debt Instrument" means, at any time, each instrument governing Secured Debt and designated as such pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Secured Expansion Debt" means the Expansion Debt that is Secured Debt.

"Secured Gas Hedge Representative" means the representative or representatives of the Gas Hedge Providers designated as such pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Secured Hedge Instrument" means, at any time, each instrument governing Secured Hedge Obligations and designated as such in pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Secured Hedge Obligations" means the Indebtedness under Interest Rate Protection Agreements that is secured by a Security in the Collateral pursuant to the Security Documents.

"Secured Hedge Representative" means the representative or representatives of the Senior Debt Holders of Secured Hedge Obligations designated as such pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Secured Parties" means the Secured Debt Holders, the Senior Debt Holders of Secured Hedge Obligations, the Gas Hedge Providers, the Common Security Trustee, the Intercreditor Agent, the Accounts Bank, the Trustee, the applicable Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives, Secured Hedge Representatives and Secured Gas Hedge Representatives, in each case, in whose favor the Company has granted Security in the Collateral pursuant to the Security Documents.

"Secured Replacement Debt" means the Replacement Debt that is Secured Debt.

"Secured Working Capital Debt" means the Working Capital Debt that is Secured Debt.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Security" means the security interest created in favor of the Common Security Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to the Security Documents.

*"Security Agency Agreement"* means the Security Agency Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, among the Company, the Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives, the Secured Hedge Representatives, the Secured Gas Hedge Representatives, the Common Security Trustee, the Accounts Bank and the Intercreditor Agent.

"Security Agreement" means the Third Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2020, between the Loan Parties and the Common Security Trustee, as amended.

"Security Documents" means:

- (a) the Security Agreement;
- (b) the CQP Security Agreement;
- (c) the Accounts Agreement;
- (d) each Pledge Agreement;
- (e) the Mortgage;
- (f) the Consents; and

(g) any such other security agreement, control agreement, patent and trademark assignment, lease, mortgage, assignment and other similar agreement securing the Obligations between any Person and the Common Security Trustee on behalf of the Secured Parties or between any Person and any other Secured Party and all financing statements, agreements or other instruments to be filed in respect of the Liens created under each such agreement.

"Senior Bonds" means debt securities, including the Notes, issued pursuant to an indenture that is a Senior Debt Instrument.

"Senior Debt" means:

- (a) Secured Bank Debt;
- (b) Additional Secured Debt;
- (c) the Unsecured Replacement Debt;
- (d) the Unsecured Expansion Debt;



- (e) the Unsecured Working Capital Debt;
- (f) Indebtedness under Interest Rate Protection Agreements; and
- (g) all other Indebtedness referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c) and (p) of Section 4.08.

"Senior Debt Commitments" means, at any time, the aggregate of any principal amount that Senior Debt Holders of Senior Debt are committed to disburse or stated amount of letters of credit that Senior Debt Holders of Senior Debt are required to issue, in each case under any Senior Debt Instrument, and in the case of Senior Debt Commitments in respect of Secured Debt, as designated pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.

"Senior Debt Instrument" means a Secured Debt Instrument or an Unsecured Debt Instrument.

*"Senior Debt Holders"* shall be determined by reference to provisions of the relevant Senior Debt Instrument or Secured Hedge Instrument, as applicable, setting forth who shall be deemed to be lenders, holders or owners of the Senior Debt governed thereby.

"Senior Secured Notes Debt Service Reserve Account" means the Senior Secured Notes Debt Service Reserve Account so designated, established and created by the Accounts Bank pursuant to the Accounts Agreement.

"Services" means the liquefaction and other services to be provided or performed by the Company under the Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements and any other agreements entered into in connection with a Permitted Business.

"SIGTTO" means the Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators.

*"Site"* means, collectively, each parcel or tract of land, as reflected on Schedule A of the Title Policy and in the Real Property Documents, upon which any portion of the Project is or will be located.

*"Solvent*" means, with respect to a particular Person on a particular date, that on such date (i) the present fair market value (or present fair saleable value) of the assets of the Person is not less than the total amount required to pay the liabilities of the Person on its total existing debts and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) as they become absolute and matured; (ii) the Person is able to pay its debts and other liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments as they mature and become due in the normal course of business; (iii) the Person is not incurring debts or liabilities beyond its ability to pay as such debts and liabilities mature; and (iv) the Person is not engaged in any business or transaction, and does not propose to engage in any business or transaction, for which its assets would constitute unreasonably small capital after giving due consideration to the prevailing practice in the industry in which the Person is engaged.

"SPLNG" means Sabine Pass LNG, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

"Stage 4 EPC Contract" means the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated as of



November 7, 2018 between the Company and the EPC Contractor, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

"Subleases" means the (a) Sub-lease Agreement, dated June 11, 2012, between SPLNG, as sublessor, and the Company, as sublessee, (b) the Second Sub-lease Agreement, dated as of June 25, 2015, between SPLNG, as sublessor, and the Company, as sublessee, and (c) the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement, dated as of June 21, 2019 but effective as of November 1, 2011, between Crain Lands, L.L.C., a Louisiana limited liability company, as lessor, and the Company, as lessee.

*"Subordinated Indebtedness"* means any unsecured Indebtedness of the Company to any Person permitted by <u>Section 4.08(f)</u> which is subordinated to the Obligations pursuant to an instrument in writing satisfactory in form and substance to the Required Secured Parties.

"Subsidiary" means, for any Person, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity of which at least a majority of the securities or other ownership interests having by their terms ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or other Persons performing similar functions of such corporation, partnership or other entity (irrespective of whether or not at the time securities or other ownership interests of any other class or classes of such corporation, partnership or other entity shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency) is at the time directly or indirectly owned or Controlled by such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

"Substantial Completion" has the meaning assigned to such term in the applicable EPC Contract.

*"Supplemental Indenture"* means any indenture supplemental to this Indenture governing the terms and conditions of any Additional Notes issued from time to time pursuant to <u>Section 2.1(d)</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>, in each case, to the extent that the Indebtedness evidenced by any Additional Notes, and the terms and conditions of any such Indebtedness, Additional Notes and Supplemental Indenture, are permitted by this Indenture, including <u>Article 4</u>.

*"Taxes"* means, with respect to any Person, all taxes, assessments, imposts, duties, governmental charges or levies imposed directly or indirectly on such Person or its income, profits or Property by any Government Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

"Term Loan A Administrative Agent" means Société Générale.

*"Term Loan A Credit Agreement"* means the Credit Agreement (Term Loan A) dated July 31, 2012, by and among the Company, the Term Loan A Administrative Agent, the Common Security Trustee, and the Secured Bank Debt Holders.

*"Terminal Use Rights Assignment and Agreement"* means the Terminal Use Rights Assignment and Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, among the Company, SPLNG and Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC, as amended from time to time.

"Title Policy" means the title policy delivered on May 31, 2015, in connection with one or more prior credit facilities of the Company.

*"Total FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement"* means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated December 14, 2012, between the Company and TotalEnergies Gas & Power North America, Inc. (formerly known as Total Gas & Power North America, Inc.), as amended from time to time, and any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Train" means a "liquefaction train" as such term is used in the definition of "Project."

"Train Five" means the designated Train under the Train Five LNG Sales Agreement.

*"Train Five EPC Contract"* means the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 3 Facility, dated as of May 4, 2015, between the Company and the EPC Contractor, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

*"Train Five LNG Sales Agreement"* means the Total FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement and any other LNG sale and purchase agreement entered into by the Company with respect to Train Five and any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

"Train Number" means the numbers One through Six to describe the applicable Train.

"Train One and Train Two" means the designated Trains under the Train One and Two LNG Sales Agreements.

*"Train One and Train Two EPC Contract"* means the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Liquefaction Facility, dated as of November 11, 2011, between the Company and the EPC Contractor, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

"Train One and Train Two LNG Sales Agreements" means the BG FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement and the GN FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement.

"Train Six" means the Train intended to be the designated train under the Train Six LNG Sales Agreements.

"Train Six LNG Sales Agreements" means any LNG sale and purchase agreement entered into by the Company with respect to the sixth Train of the Project.

"Train Three and Train Four" means the designated Trains under the Train Three and Train Four LNG Sales Agreements.

*"Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract"* means the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 2 Liquefaction Facility, dated as of December 20, 2012, between the Company and the EPC Contractor, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

"Train Three and Train Four LNG Sales Agreements" means the GAIL FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement and the KoGas FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement.

"Transaction Documents" means, collectively, the Financing Documents and the Project Documents.

*"Transco Pipeline Transportation Agreement"* means the Rate Schedule FT Service Agreement, dated December 20, 2016, by and between Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC and the Company, as amended.

"Trustee" means The Bank of New York Mellon until a successor replaces it in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and thereafter means the successor serving hereunder.

"Unanimous Decisions" means each of the items ((a) through (n)) set forth on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Uniform Commercial Code" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York; provided, however, in the event that, by reason of mandatory provisions of law, any or all of the perfection of priority of the security interest in any Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in any jurisdiction other than the State of New York, the term "Uniform Commercial Code" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in such other jurisdiction for purposes of provisions relating to such perfection or priority and for purposes of definitions related to such provisions.

"United States" or "U.S." means the United States of America.

"U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws" means those laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

"Unrestricted Definitive Note" means a Definitive Note that does not bear and is not required to bear the Private Placement Legend.

"Unrestricted Global Note" means a Global Note that does not bear and is not required to bear the Private Placement Legend.

*"Unrestricted Subsidiary"* means any Subsidiary of the Company that is designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary:

(a) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt;

(b) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company unless the terms of any such agreement,

contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company;

(c) is a Person with respect to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect obligation (1) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or (2) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results; and

(d) has not guaranteed or otherwise directly or indirectly provided credit support for any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"Unsecured Debt Instrument" means, at any time, each material instrument governing Senior Debt other than Secured Debt or Secured Hedge Obligations.

"Unsecured Expansion Debt" means the Expansion Debt that is not Secured Debt.

"Unsecured Replacement Debt" means the Replacement Debt that is not Secured Debt.

"Unsecured Working Capital Debt" means the Working Capital Debt that is not Secured Debt.

"U.S. Person" means a U.S. Person as defined in Rule 902(k) promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Vitol" means Vitol Inc.

*"Vitol FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement"* means the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated September 14, 2018, between Cheniere Marketing LLC and Vitol, as amended and novated by Cheniere Marketing LLC to the Company pursuant to the Vitol Novation and Amendment Agreement, dated May 22, 2019, between the Company, Cheniere Marketing LLC, Vitol and Vitol Holding B.V., as amended from time to time, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 6.01(6)</u> and <u>6.01(8)</u>, any replacements thereof entered into with the required approval of the Required Secured Parties or, at any time when there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, any replacements thereof meeting the requirements of <u>Section 4.20</u>.

*"Waiver"* means, with respect to any particular conduct, event or other circumstance, any change to an obligation of any Person under any Transaction Document requiring the consent of one or more Secured Parties, which consent has the effect of waiving, excusing or accepting or approving changed performance of, or noncompliance with, such obligation or any Default or CTA Event of Default with respect thereto to the extent relating to such conduct, event or circumstance.

"*Water Agreement*" means the Water Service Agreement, dated as of December 21, 2011, between the City of Port Arthur and the Company, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Water Service Agreement, dated as of June 12, 2012 and that certain Second Amendment to Water Service Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2012, as amended from time to time.

"Working Capital Debt" means additional senior secured or unsecured Indebtedness the proceeds of which shall be used solely for working capital and general corporate purposes related

to the Project (including the issuance of letters of credit), only if, prior to or on the date of incurrence thereof, the following conditions have been satisfied or waived by the Required Secured Parties:

(a) the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative for any Secured Working Capital Debt shall have entered into an Accession Agreement in accordance with the Common Terms Agreement; and

(b) the Intercreditor Agent shall have received a certificate from an Authorized Officer of the Company at least five days prior to the incurrence of such Working Capital Debt, in the form set out in the Common Terms Agreement, which certificate shall (i) identify each Secured Debt Holder Group Representative and each Senior Debt Holder for any Secured Working Capital Debt; (ii) attach a copy of each proposed Senior Debt Instrument relating to the Working Capital Debt (that may be an amendment to an existing Senior Debt Instrument), which copy shall disclose the material terms, permitted uses, and the tenor and amortization schedule of such Working Capital Debt and the rate, or the rate basis and margin in the case of a floating rate, at which such Working Capital Debt shall bear interest, and (if applicable) commitment fees or other premiums relating thereto; and (iii) in the case of Working Capital Debt incurred pursuant to Section 4.08(d)(2) certify that the amount to be incurred is reasonably expected to be required to be expended to purchase Gas to comply with the obligations of the Company under the Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements

Section 1.02 Other Definitions.

Term	Defined in Section
"Accession Agreement"	10.02
"Affiliate Transaction"	4.30
"Asset Sale Offer"	3.09
"Authentication Order"	2.04
"Called Principal"	3.07
"Change of Control Offer"	4.13
"Change of Control Payment"	4.13
"Change of Control Payment Date"	4.13
"Covenant Change Date"	4.30
"Covenant Defeasance"	8.03
"Discounted Value"	3.07
<i>"DTC"</i>	2.03
"Event of Default"	6.01
"Excess Loss Offer"	3.09
"Excess Loss Proceeds"	4.14
"Excess Proceeds"	4.09
"incur"	4.08
"Legal Defeasance"	8.02
"Optional Redemption Price"	3.07
"Offer Amount"	3.09
"Offer Period"	3.09

"Paying Agent"	2.03
"Project Document Termination Payment Offer"	3.09
"Project Phase"	4.08
"Purchase Date"	3.09
"Registrar"	2.03
"Reinvestment Yield"	3.07
"Remaining Average Life"	3.07
"Remaining Scheduled Payments"	3.07
"Reported"	3.07
"Rule 144A Information"	4.03
"Settlement Date"	3.07

Section 1.03 [Reserved.]

Section 1.04 Rules of Construction.

(a) Unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) a term has the meaning assigned to it;

(2) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;

(3) "or" is not exclusive;

(4) "including" means "including without limitation" whether or not stated;

(5) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;

(6) "will" shall be interpreted to express a command;

(7) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;

(8) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act will be deemed to include substitute, replacement of successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time; and

(9) references to any agreement or instrument means such agreement or instrument as it may be amended, amended and restated or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

(b) For purposes of the Common Terms Agreement and the Security Documents, the capitalized terms used therein shall have the respective meanings set forth therein.

### ARTICLE 2 THE NOTES

## Section 2.01 Form and Dating.

The Notes will be issued initially in Definitive Note form. Provisions relating to the Initial Notes and any Additional Notes issued under this Indenture are set forth in Appendix A, which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Indenture. The terms and provisions contained in the Notes will constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture and the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

## Section 2.02 Interest and Principal on the Notes

(a) Interest shall accrue on the outstanding principal balance of the Initial Notes at a rate of 3.17% per annum and shall be payable in arrears on each Payment Date in accordance with the Payment Schedule.

(b) Unless all of the Notes have been redeemed pursuant to Section 3.07 and subject to proportional reduction in the event the Notes are redeemed in part, in each case as of a particular Payment Date, the principal amount specified as being payable on a Payment Date as set forth in the applicable Payment Schedule and accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid on each such Payment Date. Each Holder of any series of Notes will receive its *pro rata* share of payments with respect to such series.

## Section 2.03 Adjustment to Payment Schedule

The Payment Schedule shall be appropriately adjusted (whereby scheduled payments of principal and interest set out in the Payment Schedule are increased or decreased, as applicable, in a pro rata manner) in any circumstance in which Additional Notes are issued in accordance with this Indenture, or in any circumstance in which Notes are redeemed, repaid or prepaid by the Company in accordance with this Indenture, and either a supplemental indenture shall be entered into in respect of such adjusted Payment Schedule, or, with respect to Additional Notes of a series other than the Initial Notes, an additional Payment Schedule will be attached to the supplemental indenture with respect to such series, provided that the Company shall deliver the adjusted Payment Schedule or new Payment Schedule to the Trustee. For clarity, any amendments to any Payment Schedule undertaken pursuant to and in accordance with this Section 2.03 do not require approval of the Holders.

# Section 2.04 Execution and Authentication.

At least one Authorized Officer must sign the Notes for the Company by manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature.

If an Authorized Officer whose signature is on a Note no longer holds that office at the time a Note is authenticated, the Note will nevertheless be valid.



A Note will not be valid until authenticated by the manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature of the Trustee. The signature will be conclusive evidence that the Note has been authenticated under this Indenture.

The Trustee will, upon receipt of a written order of the Company signed by at least one Authorized Officer (an "Authentication Order"), authenticate Notes for original issue that may be validly issued under this Indenture, including any Additional Notes. The aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed the aggregate principal amount of Notes authorized for issuance by the Company pursuant to one or more Authentication Orders, except as provided in <u>Section 2.08</u>.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or an Affiliate of the Company.

The Initial Notes and the Additional Notes shall be treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture, and unless the context otherwise requires, all references to the Notes shall include the Initial Notes and any Additional Notes. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to modify, replace or otherwise affect the restrictions on transfer applicable to Restricted Period Notes set forth in <u>Section 2.3</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>.

### Section 2.05 Registrar and Paying Agent; Depositary.

The Company will maintain an office or agency where Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("*Registrar*") and an office or agency where Notes may be presented for payment ("*Paying Agent*"). The Registrar will keep a register of the Notes and of their transfer and exchange. The Company may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "*Registrar*" includes any co-registrar and the term "*Paying Agent*" includes any additional paying agent. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company will notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Company fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Company initially appoints The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") to act as Depositary with respect to the Global Notes.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Registrar and Paying Agent and to act as Custodian with respect to the Global Notes.

# Section 2.06 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Company will require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium or interest on the Notes, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the

Trustee. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Company or a Subsidiary) will have no further liability for the money. If the Company or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it will segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Company, the Trustee will serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

#### Section 2.07 Holder Lists.

The Trustee will preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders. If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company will furnish to the Trustee at least seven Business Days before each Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of Notes.

#### Section 2.08 Replacement Notes.

If any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Trustee or the Company and the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, the Company will issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, will authenticate a replacement Note if the Trustee's requirements are met. If required by the Trustee or the Company, an indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Company to protect the Company, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Company may charge for its expenses in replacing a Note.

Every replacement Note is an additional obligation of the Company and will be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

#### Section 2.09 *Outstanding Notes*.

The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Note effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, and those described in this <u>Section 2.09</u> as not outstanding. Except as set forth in <u>Section 2.10</u>, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Note; however, Notes held by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall not be deemed to be outstanding for purposes of <u>Section 3.07</u>.

If a Note is replaced pursuant to <u>Section 2.08</u>, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replacement Note is held by a "protected purchaser" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.01, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds, on a redemption date or maturity date, money sufficient to pay Notes payable on that date, then on and after that date such Notes will be deemed to be no longer outstanding and will cease to accrue interest.

## Section 2.10 Treasury Notes.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Notes owned by the Company or any Guarantor, or by any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company or any Guarantor, will be considered as though not outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee will be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Notes that the Trustee knows are so owned will be so disregarded.

## Section 2.11 Temporary Notes.

Until certificates representing Notes are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, will authenticate temporary Notes. Temporary Notes will be substantially in the form of certificated Notes but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Notes and as may be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Company will prepare and the Trustee will authenticate definitive Notes in exchange for temporary Notes.

Holders of temporary Notes will be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture.

## Section 2.12 Cancellation.

The Company at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent will forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee and no one else will cancel all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and will destroy canceled Notes (subject to the record retention requirement of the Exchange Act). Certification of the destruction of all canceled Notes will be delivered to the Company. The Company will promptly cancel all Notes acquired by it or any Affiliate pursuant to any payment or prepayment of Notes pursuant to this Indenture and no Notes may be issued in substitution or exchange for any such Notes.

### Section 2.13 Defaulted Interest.

If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, it will pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in <u>Section 4.01</u>. The Company will notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment. The Company will fix or cause to be fixed each such special record date and payment date; *provided* that no such special record date may be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. At least 15 days before the special record date, the Company (or, upon the written request of the Company, the Trustee in the name and at the

expense of the Company) will mail or cause to be mailed to Holders a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

# ARTICLE 3 REDEMPTION AND OFFERS TO PURCHASE NOTES

### Section 3.01 Notices to Trustee.

If the Company elects to redeem Notes pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of <u>Section 3.07</u>, it must furnish to the Trustee, at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, an Officer's Certificate setting forth:

- (1) the Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur;
- (2) the redemption date;
- (3) the series, or more than one series, if applicable, of Notes to be redeemed;
- (4) the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed;
- (5) the redemption price; and
- (6) the CUSIP number of the Notes to be redeemed.

# Section 3.02 Selection of Notes to Be Redeemed.

If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed at any time, or less than all of the Notes of a particular series are to be redeemed, the Trustee will select Notes for redemption *pro rata*, or by lot (*provided* that, in the case of Global Notes, the Depositary may select Global Notes for redemption pursuant to its Applicable Procedures) and, if applicable, with such adjustments that may be deemed appropriate by the Trustee so that only Notes in denominations of \$100,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof will be purchased unless otherwise required by law, Depositary requirements, or applicable stock exchange requirements; *provided* that if only Notes of a particular series are to be redeemed, such selection by the Trustee shall be limited to Notes of such series.

No Notes of \$100,000 or less can be redeemed in part. In the event of partial redemption, the particular Notes to be redeemed will be selected, unless otherwise provided herein, not less than 10 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption or purchase date by the Trustee from the outstanding Notes not previously called for redemption.

The Trustee will promptly notify the Company in writing of the Notes selected for redemption and, in the case of any Note selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed *provided* that, in the case of Global Notes, the Trustee shall have no obligation to so notify the Company. Notes and portions of Notes selected will be in amounts of \$100,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof; except that if all of the Notes of a Holder are to be redeemed, the entire outstanding amount of Notes held by such Holder, even if not in the amount of \$100,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000 thereof, shall be redeemed. Except



as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption also apply to portions of Notes called for redemption.

## Section 3.03 Notice of Redemption.

At least 10 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, the Company will send or cause to be sent a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be sent more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to Article 8 or 12.

The notice will identify the Notes to be redeemed and will state:

- (1) the redemption date;
- (2) the redemption price;

(3) if any Note is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Note to be redeemed and that, after the redemption date upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion will be issued in the name of the Holder upon cancellation of the original Note;

- (4) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (5) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;

(6) that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment, interest on Notes called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date;

(7) the paragraph of the Notes and/or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed; and

(8) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Notes.

At the Company's request, the Trustee will give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at its expense; *provided*, *however*, that the Company has delivered to the Trustee, at least 15 days prior to the redemption date (unless a shorter period is acceptable to the Trustee), an Officer's Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph.

# Section 3.04 Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is sent in accordance with Section 3.03, Notes called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the redemption date at the redemption price, other than as set forth in Section 3.07 with respect to Optional Redemptions.

# Section 3.05 Deposit of Redemption or Purchase Price.

At least one Business Day prior to the redemption date, the Company will deposit or will cause to be deposited with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on all Notes to be redeemed on that date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent will promptly return to the Company any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Company in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on all Notes to be redeemed.

If the Company complies with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of Notes called for redemption. If a Note is redeemed on or after an interest record date but on or prior to the related Payment Date, then any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note was registered at the close of business on such record date. If any Note called for redemption is not so paid upon surrender for redemption because of the failure of the Company to comply with the preceding paragraph, interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal, from the redemption or purchase date until such principal is paid, and to the extent lawful on any interest not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in <u>Section 4.01</u>.

# Section 3.06 Notes Redeemed in Part.

Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed in part, the Company will issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, the Trustee will authenticate for the Holder at the expense of the Company a new Note equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Note surrendered.

### Section 3.07 Optional Redemption.

At any time or from time to time prior to March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the Notes at a redemption price equal to the Optional Redemption Price (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on a payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

"Optional Redemption Price" with respect to any Notes to be redeemed, means an amount equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of such Notes; and
- (2) the Discounted Value of such Notes;

plus, in the case of both (1) and (2), accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes, if any, to the redemption date.

"Called Principal" means, with respect to any Note, the principal of such Note that is to be prepaid or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable, as the context requires.

"Discounted Value" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal



from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

*"Remaining Scheduled Payments"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, provided that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date.

*"Reinvestment Yield"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the yield(s) reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as "Page PX1" (or such other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities (*"Reported"*) having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there are no such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (a) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (b) interpolating linearly between the yields Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

If such yields are not Reported or the yields Reported as of such time are not ascertainable (including by way of interpolation), then *"Reinvestment Yield"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the U.S. Treasury constant maturity yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (or any comparable successor publication) for the U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there is no such U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to such Remaining Average Life, such implied yield to maturity will be determined by interpolating linearly between (1) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

*"Remaining Average Life"* shall mean, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years obtained by dividing (a) such Called Principal into (b) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (1) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (2) the number of years, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months calculated to two decimal places, that will elapse between

the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

"Settlement Date" means, with respect to the Called Principal of a Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be redeemed or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable.

The notice of redemption with respect to the foregoing redemption need not set forth the Optional Redemption Price but only the manner of calculation thereof. The Company will notify the Trustee of the Optional Redemption Price with respect to any redemption promptly after the calculation, and the Trustee shall not be responsible for such calculation.

At any time on or after March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the Initial Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Initial Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

## Section 3.08 Open Market Purchases; No Mandatory Redemption or Sinking Fund.

The Company may at any time and from time to time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise. The Company is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

### Section 3.09 Offer to Purchase by Application of Excess Proceeds or Excess Loss Proceeds.

In the event that, pursuant to <u>Sections 4.09</u>, <u>4.14</u> or <u>4.19</u>, the Company is required to commence an offer to all Holders to purchase Notes (an "Asset Sale Offer", an "Excess Loss Offer" or a "Project Document Termination Payment Offer," respectively), it will follow the procedures specified below.

The Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, shall be made to all Holders and all holders of other Indebtedness that is *pari passu* with the Notes containing provisions similar to those set forth in this Indenture with respect to offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets, loss proceeds or project document termination payments. The Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, with respect to all Holders will remain open for a period of at least 20 Business Days following its commencement and not more than 30 Business Days, except to the extent that a longer period is required by Applicable Law (the "Offer Period"). No later than three Business Days after the termination of the Offer Period (the "Purchase Date"), the Company will apply all Excess Proceeds, Excess Loss Proceeds or Project Document Termination Payments, as applicable (the "Offer Amount"), to the purchase of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness (on a pro rata basis, if applicable) or, if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes and other Indebtedness tendered in response to the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment



Offer, as applicable. Payment for any Notes so purchased will be made in the same manner as interest payments are made hereunder.

If the Purchase Date is on or after an interest record date and on or before the related Payment Date, any accrued and unpaid interest will be paid to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such record date, and no additional interest will be payable to Holders who tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable.

Upon the commencement of an Asset Sale Offer, Excess Loss Offer or Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, the Company will send, by first class mail, a notice to each of the Holders, with a copy to the Trustee. The notice will contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable. The notice, which will govern the terms of the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, will state:

(1) that the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, is being made pursuant to this <u>Section 3.09</u> and <u>Section 4.09</u>, <u>4.14</u> or <u>4.19</u>, as applicable, and the length of time the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, will remain open;

(2) the Offer Amount, the purchase price and the Purchase Date;

(3) that any Note not tendered or accepted for payment will continue to accrete or accrue interest;

(4) that, unless the Company defaults in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, will cease to accrete or accrue interest after the Purchase Date;

(5) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer, Excess Loss Offer or Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, may elect to have Notes purchased in integral multiples of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof only;

(6) that Holders electing to have Notes purchased pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer, Excess Loss Offer or Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, will be required to surrender the Note, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" attached to the Notes completed, or transfer by book-entry transfer, to the Company, a Depositary, if appointed by the Company, or a Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice at least three days before the Purchase Date;

(7) that Holders will be entitled to withdraw their election if the Company, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, receives, not later than the expiration of the Offer Period, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of the Note the Holder delivered for purchase

and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have such Note purchased;

(8) that, if the aggregate principal amount of Notes and other *pari passu* Indebtedness surrendered by Holders thereof, if applicable, exceeds the Offer Amount, the Notes, and such other *pari passu* Indebtedness, shall be purchased on a *pro rata* basis and the Trustee will select the Notes or portions thereof to be purchased by lot, on a *pro rata* basis or by any other method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate; provided that, in the case of Global Notes, the Depositary may select Global Notes for redemption pursuant to its Applicable Procedures (and, if applicable, with respect to the Notes, with such adjustments as may be deemed appropriate by the Trustee so that only Notes in denominations of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, will be purchased); and

(9) that Holders whose Notes were purchased only in part will be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered (or transferred by book-entry transfer).

On or before the Purchase Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful, accept for payment, on a *pro rata* basis to the extent necessary, the Offer Amount of Notes or portions thereof tendered pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, or if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered, and will deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officer's Certificate stating that such Notes or portions thereof were accepted for payment by the Company in accordance with the terms of this <u>Section 3.09</u>. The Company, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, will promptly (but in any case not later than five days after the Purchase Date) mail or deliver to each tendering Holder an amount equal to the purchase price of the Notes tendered by such Holder and accepted by the Company for purchase, and the Company will promptly issue a new Note, and the Trustee, upon written request from the Company, will authenticate and mail or deliver (or cause to be transferred by book entry) such new Note to such Holder, in a principal amount equal to any unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered. Any Note not so accepted shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Company to the Holder thereof. The Company will publicly announce the results of the Asset Sale Offer, the Excess Loss Offer or the Project Document Termination Payment Offer, as applicable, on the Purchase Date.

#### Section 3.10 Allocation of Partial Prepayments.

In the case of each partial prepayment of the Notes pursuant to <u>Section 3.09</u>, the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid shall be allocated among all of the Notes at the time outstanding in proportion, as nearly as practicable, to the respective unpaid principal amounts thereof not theretofore called for prepayment.

### ARTICLE 4 COVENANTS

### Section 4.01 Payment of Notes.

The Company will pay or cause to be paid the principal of, and interest on, the Notes on the dates and in the manner provided in the applicable Payment Schedule. Each Holder of a series of Notes will receive its *pro rata* share of such payments. Principal, premium, if any, and interest will be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Company or a Subsidiary thereof, holds as of 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date money deposited by the Company in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest then due.

The Company will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on any overdue principal balance of the Notes and any overdue interest thereon at the rate equal to 0.5% per annum in excess of the then applicable interest rate on the Notes to the extent lawful (without regard to any applicable grace period).

#### Section 4.02 Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Company will maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Company will give written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company fails to maintain any such required office or agency or fails to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; *provided, however*, that no such designation or rescission will in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York for such purposes. The Company will give written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

The Company hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee as one such office or agency of the Company in accordance with <u>Section 2.05</u>.



### Section 4.03 Information About the Company.

(a) The Company shall file with the Trustee (i) within 15 days after the Company files them with the SEC, copies of its annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) that the Company is required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and (ii) within 15 days after such documents become available, copies of each financial statement, report, notice of default, proxy statement or similar document sent by the Company or any Subsidiary to its creditors under any Senior Debt (excluding information sent to such creditors in the ordinary course of administration of such Senior Debt).

(b) So long as any Notes are outstanding, the Company will furnish to the Trustee and also to the Holders and Beneficial Owners of the Notes and to securities analysts and prospective investors in the Notes, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act (or any successor provision thereto) ("*Rule 144A Information*").

(c) So long as any of the Notes are outstanding, in addition to the requirement to furnish Rule 144A Information as provided in the preceding clause (b), the Company shall furnish or cause to be furnished to Holders and (upon the request thereof delivered to the Company) to Holders of an interest in any Global Note:

(1) annual audited consolidated financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with GAAP (together with notes thereto and a report thereon by an independent accountant of established national reputation), such statements to be so furnished on the date that is the later of (i) 105 days after the end of the Fiscal Year covered thereby and (ii) the date on such financial statements are required to be delivered under any Senior Debt (or the date on which such financial statements are delivered under any Senior Debt, if such delivery occurs earlier than such required delivery date);

(2) unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company for each of the first three Fiscal Quarters of each Fiscal Year of the Company and the corresponding quarter and year-to-year period of the prior year prepared in all material respects on a basis consistent with the annual financial statements furnished pursuant to clause (1) of this clause (c), such statements to be so furnished on the date that is the earlier of (i) 60 days after the end of each such quarter and (ii) the date on such financial statements are required to be delivered under any Senior Debt (or the date on which such financial statements are delivered under any Senior Debt, if such delivery occurs earlier than such required delivery date);

(3) copies of any notice to the Company or any Subsidiary from any Government Authority relating to any order, ruling, statute or other law or regulation that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, such copies to be furnished promptly, and in any event within 30 days of receipt thereof;

(4) notification of resignation or replacement of the Company's auditors and any further information as the Holders may request, such notification to be furnished within 10 days following such resignation or replacement;

(5) such other data and information relating to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (including actual copies of the Company's Form 10-Q and Form 10-K) or relating to the ability of the Company to perform its obligations hereunder and under the Notes as from time to time may be reasonably requested by any such Holder, such other data or information to be furnished with reasonable promptness; and

(d) Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute actual or constructive knowledge or notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any reports, Officer's Certificates or other information required to be filed, delivered or furnished pursuant to this Section 4.03 shall be deemed to be so filed, delivered or furnished:

(1) with respect to the financial statements furnished pursuant to clauses (1) and (2) of Section 4.03(c), if such financial statements are (i) delivered to each Holder by e-mail at the e-mail address of the Holder set forth in the Initial Note Purchase Agreement, in the purchase agreement for any Additional Notes or as communicated from time to time in a separate writing delivered to the Company, (ii) filed electronically with the SEC through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (or any successor system), or (iii) are timely posted by or on behalf of the Company on IntraLinks or on any other similar website to which each Holder has free access;

(2) with respect to the Officer's Certificate delivered pursuant to Sections 4.03(f) and 4.04, if such Officer's Certificate is (i) delivered to each Holder by e-mail at the e-mail address of the Holder set forth in the Initial Note Purchase Agreement, in the purchase agreement for any Additional Notes or as communicated from time to time in a separate writing delivered to the Company, (ii) made available on the Company's home page on the internet at such internet address as will be provided to Holders, or (iii) posted by or on behalf of the Company on IntraLinks or on any other similar website to which each Holder has free access; and

(3) with respect to the reports and documents filed pursuant to Section 4.03(a), if such reports or documents are (i) delivered to each Holder by e-mail at the e-mail address of the Holder set forth in the Initial Note Purchase Agreement, the purchase agreement for any Additional Note or as communicated from time to time in a separate writing delivered to the Company, or (ii) timely filed electronically with the SEC through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (or any successor system) and made available on the Company's home page on the internet at such internet address as will be provided to Holders, or on IntraLinks or any other similar website to which each Holder has free access.

(f) Each set of financial statements delivered to a Holder of a Note pursuant to clauses(c)(1) and c(c)(2) of this Section 4.03 shall be accompanied by an Officer's Certificate setting forth a list of all Subsidiaries that are Guarantors and certifying that each Subsidiary that is required to be a Guarantor pursuant to Section 11.01 is a Guarantor, in each case, as of the date of such Officer's Certificate.

(g) The Company shall permit each Holder:

(1) No Default – if no Default or Event of Default then exists, at the expense of such Holder and upon reasonable prior notice to the Company, to visit the principal executive office of the Company, to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and its Subsidiaries with the Company's officers, and (with the consent of the Company, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld) its independent public accountants, and (with the consent of the Company, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld) to visit the other offices and properties of the Company and each Subsidiary, all at such reasonable times and as requested in writing; provided, that under

no circumstances shall such visit occur more than twice a year, and any such visit shall be subject to such Holder entering into a confidentiality agreement with the Company prior to any such visit; and

(2) *Default* — if a Default or Event of Default then exists, at the expense of the Company to visit and inspect any of the offices or properties of the Company or any Subsidiary, to examine all their respective books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss their respective affairs, finances and accounts with their respective officers and independent public accountants (and by this provision the Company authorizes said accountants to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and its Subsidiaries), all at such times and as often as may be requested; provided, that any such visit shall be subject to such Holder entering into a confidentiality agreement with the Company prior to any such visit.

## Section 4.04 Compliance Certificates

(a) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, an Officer's Certificate stating that to the signing Officer's knowledge no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (or, if a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he or she has knowledge and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto).

(b) So long as any of the Notes are outstanding, the Company will deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon any Officer becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officer's Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

### Section 4.05 Taxes.

Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (or, for the purposes of this Section 4.05, if such entity is a disregarded entity for U.S. income tax purposes, its direct owner) shall (a) file or cause to be filed all tax returns required to be filed by it, and (b) pay and discharge, before the same shall become delinquent, after giving effect to any applicable extensions, all taxes imposed on it or its property (including interest and penalties) unless such taxes are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings, appropriate reserves are maintained with respect thereto and such proceedings, if adversely determined, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

## Section 4.06 Restricted Payments.

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make or agree to make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payments unless on the Restricted Payment Date each of the following conditions has been satisfied:



(a) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing as of the Restricted Payment Date or would occur as a result of the Restricted Payment;

(b) on and as of the applicable Calculation Date with respect to such Restricted Payment Date, (i) the Debt Service Coverage Ratio for the Calculation Period ended on the applicable Calculation Date is at least 1.25 to 1.0, and (ii) the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio commencing on the first day after such Calculation Date is at least 1.25 to 1.0 for the upcoming twelve month period, *provided* that the Company may, at its option, exclude any Debt Service that (x) was pre-funded by the incurrence of Indebtedness, one of the use of proceeds of which was expressly for this purpose or (y) will be funded as part of scheduled draws pursuant to the express terms of Indebtedness to be incurred during such upcoming twelve month period; and *provided, further* that, (A) such Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio shall not be required during the final three quarters prior to the last scheduled maturity of the final principal amount of the Notes and (B) if the Company shall have excluded each month in the relevant Calculation Period from the calculation of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio pursuant to the definition of Debt Service Coverage Ratio due to a Force Majeure Event, only subclause (ii) of this clause (c) shall apply;

(c) each Debt Service Reserve Account and Additional Debt Service Reserve Account is funded to its then required funding level;

(d) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company (i) to the effect that all conditions for a Restricted Payment on the Restricted Payment Date have been satisfied, and (ii) setting forth in reasonable detail the calculations for computing each of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio (including, if applicable, identifying any months in which the Cash Flow Available for Debt Service and the aggregate amount required to service the Company's Debt Service has been excluded in respect of a Force Majeure Event) and the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio for the relevant periods and stating that such calculations were prepared in good faith and were based on reasonable assumptions; and

(e) if the Company has been subject to a Force Majeure Event for greater than twelve consecutive months and has relied on the second proviso in the definition of Debt Service Coverage Ratio to make Restricted Payments during such twelve-month period, at least three consecutive months shall have elapsed without any Force Majeure Event before the Company may make Restricted Payments.

Subject to the Accounts Agreement, the Company may make Restricted Payments not more frequently than once per calendar month.

## Section 4.07 Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to:

(1) (A) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, or (B) pay any indebtedness owed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

- (2) make loans or advances to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; or
- (3) sell, lease or transfer any of its properties or assets to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

(b) The restrictions in <u>Section 4.07(a)</u> will not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

(1) agreements or instruments governing existing indebtedness as in effect on the Notes Issue Date and any amendments, restatements, modifications, increases, renewals, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings of those agreements or refinancings are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend and other payment restrictions than those contained in those agreements or instruments on the Notes Issue Date;

- (2) the Common Terms Agreement, this Indenture, the Notes, the Note Guarantees and the Security Documents;
- (3) Applicable Law;
- (4) customary non-assignment provisions in contracts and licenses entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(5) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business and Capital Lease Obligations that impose restrictions on the property purchased or leased of the nature described in clause (3) of <u>Section 4.07(a)</u>;

(6) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of a Restricted Subsidiary that restricts distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary pending the sale or other disposition;

(7) Permitted Indebtedness, including Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness; *provided* that the restrictions contained in the agreements governing such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, than those contained in the agreements governing the Indebtedness being refinanced;

(8) Liens permitted to be incurred under the provisions of <u>Section 4.10</u> that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of the assets subject to such Liens;

(9) provisions limiting the disposition or distribution of assets or property in joint venture agreements, asset sale agreements, sale-leaseback agreements, stock sale agreements, security agreements, mortgages, purchase money agreements and other similar agreements or instruments entered into with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company, which limitation is applicable only to the assets that are the subject of such agreements;

(10) Permitted Hedging Agreements; and

(11) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business.

### Section 4.08 Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock.

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, permit, suffer to exist or otherwise be or become liable with respect to, contingently or otherwise (collectively, "*incur*"), any Indebtedness and the Company will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to issue preferred stock; *provided, however*, that the Company and any Guarantor may incur Indebtedness or directly or indirectly create or incur or otherwise be or become liable with respect to any Guarantee if any of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) with respect to an incurrence of Indebtedness that is (1) Expansion Debt or (2) Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to renew, refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge any Indebtedness (other than intercompany Indebtedness) that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (a), (b) or (c) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that the amount of all Senior Debt (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of this Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date) outstanding after giving effect to the incurrence of such Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds therefrom, is capable of being amortized to a zero balance by the termination date of the last to terminate of the Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements such that the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio after the last Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date with respect to any Trains then in construction (or if the In-Service Date has occurred with respect to all Trains, the date of incurrence of the Indebtedness) through the terms of such Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements, would be at least 1.5 to 1.0; provided that (i) the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio shall be calculated (x) solely with respect to Contracted Cash Flow; and (y) using an interest rate equal to the weighted average interest rate of all such Senior Debt outstanding after giving effect to the incurrence of the Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds therefrom and (ii) all of the Indebtedness required or anticipated to be incurred in connection with the construction of each of Train One and Train Two, Train Three and Train Four and Train Five has either been (x) fully funded or (y) no longer has any conditions precedent to funding that have not been satisfied or waived: or

(b) (1) the Indebtedness to be incurred has received at least two Investment Grade Ratings and (2) the Company shall have received (A) letters from any two Acceptable Rating Agencies (or if only one Acceptable Rating Agency is then rating the Notes, the Company shall have received a letter from that Acceptable Rating Agency) to the effect that the Acceptable Rating Agency has considered the contemplated incurrence, and that, if the contemplated incurrence is consummated, such Acceptable Rating Agency would

reaffirm the Investment Grade Issue Rating of the Notes as of the date of such incurrence and (B) letters from all other Acceptable Rating Agencies then rating the Notes, if any, to the effect that the Acceptable Rating Agency has considered the contemplated incurrence, and that, if the contemplated incurrence is consummated, such Acceptable Rating Agency would reaffirm its then current rating of the Notes as of the date of such incurrence; or

(c) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that the amount of all Senior Debt (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (i), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date) outstanding after giving effect to the incurrence of the Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds therefrom (A) would have resulted in a Debt Service Coverage Ratio of at least 1.5 to 1.0 for the most recently ended four Fiscal Quarters and (B) is capable of being amortized to a zero balance by the termination date of the last to terminate of the Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements such that after the last Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date with respect to any Trains then in construction (or if the In-Service Date has occurred with respect to all Trains, the date of incurrence of the Indebtedness) through the terms of such Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements, the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio would be at least 1.5 to 1.0 for each Fiscal Year during such period; provided that (i) each of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio and the Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio shall be calculated (x) solely with respect to Contracted Cash Flow; and (y) using an interest rate equal to the weighted average interest rate of all such Senior Debt outstanding after giving effect to the incurrence of the Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds therefrom and (ii) all of the Indebtedness required or anticipated to be incurred in connection with the construction of each of Train One and Train Two, Train Three and Train Four and Train Five has either been (x) fully funded or (y) no longer has any conditions precedent to funding that have not been satisfied or waived:

and the Company and any Guarantor may incur any of the following items of Indebtedness:

(d) Working Capital Debt of the Company or a Guarantor in an amount not to exceed the sum of (i) \$200,000,000 and (ii) an amount required to be expended to purchase Gas to comply with the obligations of the Company under the Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements;

(e) purchase money Indebtedness or Capital Lease Obligations of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the extent incurred in the ordinary course of business to finance the acquisition or licensing of intellectual property or items of equipment; provided, that (i) if such obligations are secured, they are secured only by Liens upon the equipment or intellectual property being financed and (ii) the aggregate principal amount and the capitalized portion of such obligations do not at any time exceed \$100,000,000 in the aggregate;

(f) other unsecured Indebtedness for borrowed money subordinated to the Obligations pursuant to the form of subordination agreement attached to this Indenture (or otherwise pursuant to an instrument in writing satisfactory in form and substance to the Required Secured Parties (other than the Holders)); provided, that such instrument shall include that: (i) the maturity of such subordinated debt shall be no shorter than the maturity of the latest maturing tranche of Secured Debt; (ii) such subordinated debt shall not be amortized; (iii) no interest payments shall be made under such subordinated debt except from monies held in the Distribution Account and that are permitted to be distributed pursuant to the Accounts Agreement; and (iv) such subordinated debt shall not impose covenants on the Company;

(g) trade or other similar Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company incurred in the ordinary course of business, which is (i) not more than 90 days past due, or (ii) being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings;

(h) contingent liabilities of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company incurred in the ordinary course of business, including the acquisition or sale of goods, services, supplies or merchandise in the normal course of business, the endorsement of negotiable instruments received in the normal course of business and indemnities provided under any of the Transaction Documents;

(i) any obligations of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company under Permitted Hedging Agreements;

(j) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course or other cash management services in the ordinary course of business;

(k) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, obligations of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in respect of performance bonds, bid bonds, appeal bonds, surety bonds, indemnification obligations, obligations to pay insurance premiums, take-orpay or take-or-deliver obligations contained in supply agreements, cash deposits incurred in connection with natural gas purchases and similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(1) Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in respect of any bankers' acceptance, letter of credit, warehouse receipt or similar facilities entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(m) Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in respect of netting services, overdraft protections and otherwise in connection with deposit accounts;

(n) Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in an amount not to exceed \$250,000,000 to finance the restoration of the Project following an Event of Loss;

(o) Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company consisting of the financing of insurance premiums in customary amounts consistent with the operations and business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(p) the guarantee by the Company or any of the Guarantors of Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the extent that the guaranteed Indebtedness was permitted to be incurred by another clause of this <u>Section 4.08</u>; provided that if the Indebtedness being guaranteed is subordinated to or pari passu with the Notes, then the Guarantee must be subordinated or pari passu, as applicable, to the same extent as the Indebtedness guaranteed;

(q) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of intercompany Indebtedness between or among the Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided, however, that:

(1) if the Company or any Guarantor is the obligor on such Indebtedness and the payee is not the Company or a Guarantor, such Indebtedness must be unsecured and expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all Obligations then due with respect to the Notes, in the case of the Company, or the Note Guarantee, in the case of a Guarantor; and

(2) (A) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company and (B) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person that is not either the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, will be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, that was not permitted by this clause (q);

(r) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount (or accreted value, as applicable) at any time outstanding, including all Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to renew, refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this clause (r), not to exceed \$250,000,000; and

(s) Indebtedness pursuant to that certain Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 22, 2021.

For purposes of determining compliance with this <u>Section 4.08</u>, in the event that an item of Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Indebtedness pursuant to clauses (a) through (r) of this <u>Section 4.08</u>, the Company will be permitted to classify or divide such item of Indebtedness on the date of its incurrence, or later reclassify or redivide all or a portion of such item of Indebtedness, in any manner that complies with this <u>Section 4.08</u>. The accrual of interest, the accretion or amortization of original issue discount, the payment of

interest on any Indebtedness in the form of additional Indebtedness with the same terms, the reclassification of preferred stock as Indebtedness due to a change in accounting principles will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness for purposes of this <u>Section 4.08</u>; *provided*, in each such case, that the amount of any such accrual, accretion or payment is included in Debt Service of the Company as accrued. Notwithstanding any other provision of this <u>Section 4.08</u>, the maximum amount of Indebtedness that the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may incur pursuant to this <u>Section 4.08</u> shall not be deemed to be exceeded solely as a result of fluctuations in exchange rates or currency values.

The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date will be:

- (1) the accreted value of the Indebtedness, in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount;
- (2) in respect of Indebtedness of another Person secured by a Lien on the assets of the specified Person, the least of:
  - (A) the Fair Market Value of such asset at the date of determination;
  - (B) the amount of the Indebtedness of the other Person; and
  - (C) the principal amount of the Indebtedness, in the case of any other Indebtedness.

Section 4.09 Asset Sales.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate an Asset Sale unless:

(1) the Company (or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) receives consideration at the time of the Asset Sale equal to the greater of (A) the Fair Market Value of the assets or Equity Interests issued or sold or otherwise disposed of and (B) an amount equal to the invested cost of the assets sold or otherwise disposed of, less depreciation; and

(2) at least 90% of the consideration therefor received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash, Cash Equivalents or Replacement Assets or a combination thereof. For purposes of this provision, each of the following will be deemed to be cash:

(A) any liabilities, as shown on the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent consolidated balance sheet (or as would be shown on the Company's consolidated balance sheet as of the date of such Asset Sale) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Notes or any Note Guarantee) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets pursuant to a written novation agreement that releases the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from further liability therefor; and (B) any securities, notes or other obligations received by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash or Cash Equivalents within 90 days after such Asset Sale, to the extent of the cash or Cash Equivalents received in that conversion.

(b) Within 360 days after the receipt of any Net Cash Proceeds from an Asset Sale, the Company (or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) may apply an amount equal to such Net Cash Proceeds:

(1) to repay Senior Debt in accordance with the Common Terms Agreement and this Indenture; or

(2) to make any capital expenditure or to purchase Replacement Assets (or enter into a binding agreement to make such capital expenditure or to purchase such Replacement Assets); *provided* that (A) such capital expenditure or purchase is consummated within the later of (i) 360 days after the receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds from the related Asset Sale and (ii) 180 days after the date of such binding agreement and (B) if such capital expenditure or purchase is not consummated within the period set forth in subclause (A), the amount not so applied will be deemed to be Excess Proceeds.

(c) Pending the final application of any Net Cash Proceeds, the Company may reduce revolving credit borrowings or otherwise invest the Net Cash Proceeds in any manner that is not prohibited by this Indenture.

(d) An amount equal to any Net Cash Proceeds from Asset Sales that are not applied or invested as provided in the preceding clauses of this <u>Section 4.09</u> will constitute "*Excess Proceeds*." If on any date, the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$100,000,000, then within ten Business Days after such date, the Company will make an Asset Sale Offer in accordance with <u>Section 3.09</u>. The offer price in any Asset Sale Offer will be equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of purchase and will be payable in cash. If any Excess Proceeds remain unapplied after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may use those Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds will be reset at zero.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the sale, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, will be governed by the provisions of <u>Section 4.13</u> and/or the provisions of <u>Section 5.01</u> and not by the provisions of this <u>Section 4.09</u>.

(f) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with each repurchase of Notes pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.09</u> would constitute a violation of any such laws or regulations, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed

to have breached its obligations under Section 3.09 or this Section 4.09 by virtue of such compliance.

## Section 4.10 Liens.

The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create, assume, incur, permit or suffer to exist any Lien upon the Collateral, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, except for the Permitted Liens.

### Section 4.11 Business Activities.

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, engage in any business or activities other than the Permitted Businesses, except to such extent as would not be material to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

### Section 4.12 Maintenance of Existence.

Subject to the rights of the Company under <u>Section 5.01</u>, the Company shall do all things necessary to maintain: (a) its corporate, limited liability company or partnership, as applicable, existence in its jurisdiction of organization; *provided*, that the foregoing shall not prohibit conversion into another form of entity or continuation in another jurisdiction and (b) the power and authority (corporate and otherwise) necessary under the Applicable Law to own its properties and to carry on the business of the Project. Each of the Company and the Guarantors shall not dissolve, liquidate, and shall not take any action to amend or modify its corporate constituent or governing documents where such amendment would be adverse in any material respect to the Holders.

### Section 4.13 Offer to Repurchase Upon Change of Control.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company will make an offer (a "*Change of Control Offer*") of payment (a "*Change of Control Payment*") to each Holder to repurchase all (equal to \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to not less than 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of repurchase (the "*Change of Control Payment Date*," which date will be no earlier than the date of such Change of Control). No later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and stating:

(1) that the Change of Control Offer is being made pursuant to this <u>Section 4.13</u> and that all Notes tendered will be accepted for payment;

(2) the purchase price and the purchase date, which shall be no earlier than 10 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed;



(3) that any Note not tendered will continue to accrete or accrue interest;

(4) that, unless the Company defaults in the payment of the Change of Control Payment, all Notes accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer will cease to accrete or accrue interest after the Change of Control Payment Date;

(5) that Holders electing to have any Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender the Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" attached to the Notes completed, or transfer by book-entry transfer, to the Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date;

(6) that Holders will be entitled to withdraw their election if the Paying Agent receives, not later than the close of business on the second Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of Notes delivered for purchase, and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have the Notes purchased; and

(7) that Holders whose Notes are being purchased only in part will be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, which unpurchased portion must be equal to \$100,000 in principal amount or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with this <u>Section 4.13</u>, or compliance with this <u>Section 4.13</u> would constitute a violation of any such laws or regulations, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this <u>Section 4.13</u> by virtue of such compliance.

(b) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

(1) accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;

(2) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and

(3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officer's Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions of Notes being purchased by the Company.

The Paying Agent will promptly mail (but in any case not later than five days after the Change of Control Payment Date) to each Holder of Notes properly tendered the Change of Control Payment for such Notes, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any

unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any; *provided* that each such new Note will be in a principal amount of \$100,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

(c) The Company will publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

(d) If Holders of not less than 95% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes validly tender and do not withdraw such Notes in a Change of Control Offer and the Company, or any third party making a Change of Control Offer in lieu of the Company as described below, purchases all of the Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, the Company will have the right, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, given not more than 30 days following such purchase pursuant to the Change of Control Offer described above, to redeem all Notes that remain outstanding following such purchase at a redemption price in cash equal to the applicable Change of Control Payment plus, to the extent not included in the Change of Control Payment, accrued and unpaid interest thereon, to the date of redemption.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 4.13</u>, the Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if (1) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this <u>Section 4.13</u> and purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under the Change of Control Offer, or (2) notice of redemption has been given pursuant to <u>Section 3.03</u> with respect to a redemption of Notes pursuant to <u>Section 3.07</u>, unless and until there is a default in payment of the applicable redemption price.

# Section 4.14 Events of Loss

(a) After any Event of Loss, the Company may apply the Net Loss Proceeds from the Event of Loss to the rebuilding, repair, replacement or construction of improvements to the Project, with no obligation to make any purchase of any Notes, *provided*, that with respect to any Event of Loss that results in Net Loss Proceeds equal to or greater than \$100,000,000:

(1) the Company delivers to the Trustee within 120 days of such Event of Loss a written opinion from a reputable contractor that the Project can be rebuilt, repaired, replaced or constructed and operating within 540 days following such Event of Loss; and

(2) the Company delivers to the Trustee within 120 days of such Event of Loss a certificate from an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that the applicable entity has available from Net Loss Proceeds, cash on hand, binding equity commitments with respect to funds, anticipated insurance proceeds and/or available borrowings under Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 4.08</u> to complete the rebuilding, repair, replacement or construction described in clause (1) above and to pay debt service on its Indebtedness during the repair or restoration period.

(b) Any Net Loss Proceeds that are not reinvested (or committed for reinvestment by the Company) within 540 days following an Event of Loss will be deemed "*Excess Loss Proceeds*." Within 15 days following the date on which the aggregate amount of Excess Loss Proceeds exceeds \$100,000,000, the Company will make an Excess Loss Offer in accordance

with <u>Section 3.09</u>. The offer price in any Excess Loss Offer will be equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of purchase and will be payable in cash. If any Excess Loss Proceeds remain after consummation of an Excess Loss Offer, the Company may use those Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. Upon completion of each Excess Loss Offer, the amount of Excess Loss Proceeds will be reset at zero.

(c) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with each repurchase of Notes pursuant to an Excess Loss Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.14</u>, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.14</u> by virtue of such conflict.

(d) If the Trustee, on behalf of the Holders, receives any excess Insurance Proceeds, Condemnation Proceeds or Performance Liquidated Damages applied to the prepayment of Secured Debt and other Obligations as provided in the Common Terms Agreement and this Indenture does not require the Company to make an Excess Loss Offer pursuant to <u>Section 3.09</u> and this <u>Section 4.14</u>, the Company shall instruct the Trustee to deposit such proceeds in the Construction Account, the Revenue Account or the Operating Account, as applicable, and the Trustee shall be required to make such deposit.

### Section 4.15 Access.

Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall grant the Common Security Trustee or its designee from time to time, including during the pendency of a Default or an Event of Default, upon reasonable prior written notice but no more than twice per calendar year (unless an Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing) reasonable access to all of its books and records and the physical facilities of the Project, <u>provided</u> that all such inspections are conducted during normal business hours in a manner that does not disrupt the operation of the Project. So long as a Default or any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the reasonable fees and documented expenses of such persons shall be for the account of the Company.

#### Section 4.16 Insurance.

Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries will keep the Project property of an insurable nature and of a character usually insured, insured with financially sound insurers in such form and amounts as is necessary to insure the maximum probable loss for the Project. The Company will cause with limited exceptions, each insurance policy to name the Common Security Trustee on behalf of the Secured Parties and the Secured Parties as loss payees as their interest may appear.

## Section 4.17 Compliance with Law.

Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall (a) comply with all Applicable Law (including environmental, health and safety and port laws), except where such failure to comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (b) notify the



Trustee promptly following the initiation of any proceedings or material disputes with any Government Authority or other parties, which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, relating to compliance or noncompliance with any such law, rule, regulation or order.

### Section 4.18 Use of Proceeds of Secured Debt.

The Company will use the proceeds of the Secured Debt solely for purposes permitted in the applicable Secured Debt Instruments.

### Section 4.19 Project Document Termination Payments.

(a) Within 15 days following the date on which the aggregate amount of Project Document Termination Payments received by the Company exceeds \$100,000,000, the Company will make a Project Document Termination Payment Offer in accordance with Section 3.09. The offer price in any Project Document Termination Payment Offer will be equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of purchase and will be payable in cash. If any Project Document Termination Payments remain after consummation of an Project Document Termination Payment Offer, the Company may use those Project Document Termination Payments for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. Upon completion of each Project Document Termination Payment, the amount of Project Document Termination Payments for the purposes of this paragraph will be reset at zero.

(b) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with each repurchase of Notes pursuant to a Project Document Termination Payment Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.19</u>, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under <u>Section 3.09</u> or this <u>Section 4.19</u> by virtue of such conflict.

(c) If the Trustee, on behalf of the Holders, receives any Project Document Termination Payments applied to the prepayment of Secured Debt and other Obligations as provided in the Common Terms Agreement and this Indenture does not require the Company to make a Project Document Termination Payment Offer pursuant to Section 3.09 and this Section 4.19, the Company shall instruct the Trustee to deposit such proceeds in the Construction Account, the Revenue Account or the Operating Account, as applicable, and the Trustee shall make such deposit.

# Section 4.20 LNG Sales Contracts.

The Company will not enter into any LNG sales contracts except for (a) the Train One and Train Two LNG Sales Agreements, the Train Three and Train Four LNG Sales Agreements and the Train Five LNG Sales Agreement, (b) the CMI LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, (c) LNG sales contracts with counterparties who at the time of execution of the contract (1) have an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency, or who provide a guaranty from an affiliate with at least one of such ratings or (2) have a direct or indirect parent with an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency and either the counterparty or an affiliate of such counterparty who is providing a guaranty has a tangible net

worth in excess of \$15,000,000,000, (d) LNG sales contracts with a term of less than five years and greater than one year with counterparties who do not at the time of execution of the contract have an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency to the extent the counterparty provides a letter of credit from a financial institution rated at least A- by S&P or A3 by Moody's (or, if any of such entities ceases to provide such ratings, the equivalent credit rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency) with respect to its estimated obligations under the contract for a period of 60 days, (e) LNG sales contracts with a term of one year or less, (f) LNG sales contracts with counterparties who prepay (in cash) for their LNG purchase obligations under such contracts, or (g) LNG sales contracts otherwise approved by the Required Secured Parties; *provided*, that in the case of clauses (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) above, performance under such contracts shall not adversely affect the ability of the Company to meet its obligations under any contract listed in clause (a) above.

# Section 4.21 Project Documents.

(a) Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall comply in all material respects with its payment and other material obligations under the Material Project Documents and Fundamental Government Approvals, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) The Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries shall notify the Trustee (1) when entering into or terminating any Material Project Documents and provide a copy of any such contract to the Trustee and (2) promptly upon obtaining knowledge thereof, of any material adverse change in the status of any Fundamental Government Approval.

(c) Each of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not agree to any material amendment or termination of any Material Project Document to which it is or becomes a party unless (1) a copy of such amendment or termination has been delivered to the Trustee at least 5 days in advance of the effective date thereof along with a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company certifying that the proposed amendment or termination could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (2) the Company has obtained the consent of a majority of the Holders to such amendment or termination.

### Section 4.22 Project Construction; Maintenance of Properties.

The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to perform, or cause to be performed, all work and services required or appropriate in connection with the design, engineering, construction, testing and commencement of operations of the Project.

### Section 4.23 Maintenance of Liens.

(a) The Company will grant a security interest to the Common Security Trustee in the Company's interest in all Project assets and Project Documents acquired or entered into, as applicable, from time to time (except to the extent expressly permitted to be excluded from the Liens created by the Security Documents pursuant to the terms thereof) and shall take, or cause to be taken, all action reasonably required by the Common Security Trustee to maintain and preserve the Liens created by the Security Documents to which it is a party and the priority of such Liens.

(b) The Company will from time to time execute or cause to be executed any and all further instruments (including financing statements, continuation statements and similar statements with respect to any Security Document) reasonably requested by the Common Security Trustee for such purposes.

(c) The Company will preserve and maintain good, legal and valid title to, or rights in, the Collateral free and clear of Liens other than Permitted Liens.

(d) The Company will promptly discharge at the Company's cost and expense, any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) on the Collateral.

### Section 4.24 Credit Rating Agencies.

The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Notes to be rated by at least two Recognized Credit Rating Agencies. If any Recognized Credit Rating Agency ceases to be a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" registered with the SEC or ceases to be in the business of rating securities of the type and nature of the Notes, the Company may replace the rating received from it with a rating from any other Acceptable Rating Agency.

### Section 4.25 Additional Note Guarantees.

If the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries acquires or creates another Domestic Subsidiary, then such Domestic Subsidiary will become a Guarantor and execute a supplemental indenture in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u> (together with a corresponding Notation of Guarantee in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit D</u>) and deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel within 15 Business Days of the date on which such Domestic Subsidiary is acquired or created; *provided* that any Domestic Restricted Subsidiary that constitutes an Immaterial Subsidiary need not become a Guarantor until such time as it ceases to be an Immaterial Subsidiary.

#### Section 4.26 Separateness.

The Company shall comply at all times with the separateness provisions set forth on Schedule 6.1 to the Common Terms Agreement.

### Section 4.27 Payments for Consent.

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, pay or cause to be paid any consideration to or for the benefit of any Holder, in its capacity as a Holder, for or as an inducement to any consent, waiver or amendment of any of the terms or provisions of this Indenture or the Notes unless such consideration is offered to be paid and is paid to all Holders that consent, waive or agree to amend in the time frame set forth in the solicitation documents relating to such consent, waiver or agreement.

# Section 4.28 Books and Records.

The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, maintain proper books of record and account in conformity with GAAP and all applicable requirements of any Government Authority having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Company or such

Subsidiary, as the case may be. The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, keep books, records and accounts which, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Company and its Subsidiaries have devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that their respective books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets and the Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, continue to maintain such system.

#### Section 4.29 Economic Sanctions, Etc.

The Company will not, and will not permit any Controlled Entity to (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

#### Section 4.30 Changes in Covenants when Notes No Longer Rated Investment Grade.

(a) If, on any date, Parent (or any successor entity thereto) no longer has a rating from all Acceptable Rating Agencies that rate both Parent (or any successor entity thereto) and the Company that is equivalent to or better than the Company's rating from all Acceptable Rating Agencies that rate Parent (or any successor entity thereto) and the Company, then on such date (the "*Covenant Change Date*"):

(i) the covenant set forth below shall come into force and effect:

#### "Section 4.31 Transactions with Affiliates.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, enter into any transaction that is otherwise permitted hereunder with or for the benefit of an Affiliate (including guarantees and assumptions of obligations of an Affiliate) (each, an "*Affiliate Transaction*") involving aggregate payments or consideration with respect to a single transaction or a series of related transactions, in excess of \$25,000,000, except:

(1) to the extent required by Applicable Law;

(2) to the extent required or contemplated by the Material Project Documents or any other Project Document in existence on the Notes Issue Date;

(3) upon terms no less favorable to the Company than would be obtained in a comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate, or, if no comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate is available, then on terms that are determined by the Board of Directors of the Company to be fair in light of all factors considered by said Board of Directors to be pertinent to the Company;

(4) for any Project processing, facilities sharing, use or similar agreement with an Affiliate of the Company; *provided*, if applicable for the recovery by the Company, that the terms of such agreement provide for the recovery of at least the incremental Operation and Maintenance Expenses associated with operations pursuant to such agreement and the Company has entered into the required Security Documents; and

(5) Subordinated Indebtedness between or among the Company, any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and/or any of their Affiliates.

Prior to entering into any agreement with an Affiliate involving aggregate consideration in excess of 50,000,000, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company as to the satisfaction of the applicable condition set forth in clauses (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this Section.

(b) The following items will not be deemed to be Affiliate Transactions and, therefore, will not be subject to the provisions of clause (a) of this Section:

(1) any employment agreement, employee benefit plan, officer or director indemnification agreement or any similar arrangement entered into by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and payments pursuant thereto;

(2) transactions between or among the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(3) transactions with a Person (other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary of the Company) that is an Affiliate of the Company solely because the Company owns, directly or through a Restricted Subsidiary, an Equity Interest in, or controls, such Person;

- (4) payment of reasonable directors' fees to Persons who are not otherwise Affiliates of the Company;
- (5) any issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company to Affiliates of the Company;
- (6) any (A) Permitted Investments or (B) Restricted Payments that do not violate Section 4.06;
- (7) Permitted Payments to Parent;

(8) any contracts, agreements or understandings existing as of the Notes Issue Date and any amendments to or replacements of such contracts, agreements or understandings so long as any such amendment or replacement is not more disadvantageous to the Company or to the Holders in any material respect than the original agreement as in effect on the Notes Issue Date; and

(9) subject to <u>Section 4.08(a)(1)</u>, any assignment, novation or transfer of any Train Six LNG Sales Agreement or the CMI LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement by the Company to an Affiliate of the Company and any related agreements; *provided, however*,

that if the Company incurs Expansion Debt in respect of Train Five or Train Six pursuant, as applicable, to clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, any such assignment, novation or transfer of any Train Five LNG Sales Agreement or any Train Six LNG Sales Agreement, as applicable, and any related agreements shall constitute an Affiliate Transaction unless such assignment, novation or transfer qualifies under any of the other listed exceptions in this section."

(ii) Clause (b) of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary" will be replaced with the following:

"(b) except as permitted by <u>Section 4.31</u>, is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company"

No Default, Event of Default or breach of any kind shall be deemed to exist under this Indenture or the Notes with respect to the covenant set forth in <u>Section 4.31(a)</u> and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries shall bear any liability for, any actions taken or events occurring prior to the Covenant Change Date, regardless of whether such actions or events would have been permitted if the covenant were in effect prior to such date.

- (b) If, on any date following a Covenant Change Date, the following conditions are satisfied:
- (1) the Notes receive at least two Investment Grade Issue Ratings;
- (2) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and

(3) Parent (or any successor entity thereto) has a rating from all Acceptable Rating Agencies that rate both Parent (or any successor entity thereto) and the Company that is equivalent to or better than the Company's rating from all Acceptable Rating Agencies that rate Parent (or any successor entity thereto) and the Company,

then the covenant set forth in <u>Section 4.31(a)</u> will no longer be applicable to the Notes and clause (b) of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary" will revert to the initial definition included in this Indenture, beginning on such date and continuing until any subsequent Covenant Change Date.

(c) In the event that subsequent to a Covenant Change Date the Company satisfies the conditions set forth in clauses (1), (2) and (3) of Section 4.30(b), the Company will provide written notice of such event to the Trustee.

## ARTICLE 5 SUCCESSORS

Section 5.01 Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets.

The Company will not, directly or indirectly, consolidate, amalgamate or merge with or into another Person (regardless of whether the Company is the surviving entity), convert into another form of entity or continue in another jurisdiction; or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another Person, unless:

(a) either:

(1) the Company is the surviving entity; or

(2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation, amalgamation or merger or resulting from such conversion (if other than the Company) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made is a corporation, limited liability company or partnership organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(b) the Person formed by or surviving any such conversion, consolidation, amalgamation, or merger (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made assumes all the obligations of the Company under the Notes, this Indenture and the Security Documents, pursuant to a supplemental indenture and appropriate Security Documents;

(c) immediately after such transaction or transactions, no Default or Event of Default exists;

(d) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate from an Authorized Officer of the Company and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation or merger, or sale or disposition and such supplemental indenture, Security Documents and registration rights agreement, if any, comply with this Indenture and that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to such transaction have been complied with; and

(e) either (i) the Company shall have received letters from all Acceptable Rating Agencies then rating the Notes (or if only one Acceptable Rating Agency is then rating the Notes, the Company shall have received a letter from that Acceptable Rating Agency) to the effect that the Acceptable Rating Agency has considered the contemplated transaction or transactions, and that, if the contemplated transaction or transactions are consummated, such Acceptable Rating Agency would reaffirm the then current rating of the Notes as of the date of such transaction or transactions or (ii) the transaction or transactions have been consented to by Secured Debt Holders holding greater than 50% of the aggregate principal amount of Secured Debt then outstanding.

Upon any consolidation, amalgamation or merger, or any transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company in accordance with this <u>Section 5.01</u>, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or amalgamation or into which the Company merged or to which such transfer is made will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture and the Notes with the same effect as if such

successor Person had been named as the Company in this Indenture and the Notes, and thereafter the predecessor Person will have no continuing obligations under the Indenture, the Notes and the Security Documents (and such change shall not in any way constitute or be deemed to constitute a novation, discharge, rescission, extinguishment or substitution of the existing Indebtedness and any Indebtedness so effected shall continue to be the same obligation and not a new obligation).

In addition, the Company will not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of the properties and assets of it and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to any other Person. This <u>Section 5.01</u> will not apply to any sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, lease or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and the Guarantors.

Clause (c) of this <u>Section 5.01</u> will not apply to any merger or consolidation of the Company with or into an Affiliate solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Company in another jurisdiction.

#### Section 5.02 Successor Corporation Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company in a transaction that is subject to, and that complies with the provisions of, <u>Section 5.01</u>, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Company is merged or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for (so that from and after the date of such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition, the provisions of this Indenture referring to the "Company" shall refer instead to the successor Person and not to the Company), and may exercise every right and power of the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company herein; *provided, however*, that the predecessor Company shall not be relieved from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes except in the case of a sale of all of the Company's assets in a transaction that is subject to, and that complies with the provisions of, <u>Section 5.01</u>.

#### ARTICLE 6 DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.01 Events of Default.

## Each of the following is an "Event of Default:"

(1) any "Event of Default" specified in Section 9.1 of the Common Terms Agreement; *provided, however*, that:(A) except with respect to any default in the payment when due of any principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes, any default described in clause (i) of such Section 9.1 shall not constitute an "Event of Default" for purposes of the Notes unless such default in the payment when due of any principal of any Secured Debt is in a principal amount in excess of \$100,000,000, (B) any default described in clause (ii) of such Section 9.1 shall not constitute an "Event of Default" for purposes of the Notes unless such default in the payment when due of any interest on any Secured Debt or any fee or any other amount or Obligation payable by the Company under the

Common Terms Agreement, any Secured Debt Instrument or any other Financing Documents continues unremedied for a period of 30 days after the occurrence of such default, (C) any waiver of any default in the payment when due of any principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes shall not be effective, and will not be a waiver with respect to the Notes, unless such waiver is approved by greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (D) no amendment or other modification to such Section 9.1 that results in (i) any default in the payment when due of any principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes or being an "Event of Default" under such Section 9.1, (ii) an extension of the cure period with respect to the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes or (iii) an extension of the cure period with respect to the payment of interest on the Notes to a period that is greater than thirty (30) days, shall be effective with respect to the Notes unless such amendment or other modification is approved by greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding;

(2) default with respect to any Indebtedness of the Company that is in excess of \$100,000,000 in the aggregate (other than any amount due in respect of Additional Secured Debt or Secured Bank Debt) and continued beyond any applicable grace period, the effect of which has been to cause the entire amount of such Indebtedness under this clause (2) to become due (whether by redemption, purchase, offer to purchase or otherwise) and such Indebtedness under this clause (2) remains unpaid or the acceleration of its stated maturity unrescinded;

(3) failure by the Company to comply with its obligations described under <u>Section 5.01</u> or to consummate a purchase of Notes when required pursuant to <u>Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14</u> or <u>4.19</u>;

(4) failure by the Company for 30 days to comply with the provisions of Section 4.07, 4.08 or 4.10;

(5) failure by the Company for 60 days after notice from the Trustee or the Holders of at least  $33\frac{1}{3}$  in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes to comply with any of the other agreements in this Indenture or the Common Terms Agreement, to the extent applicable to the Notes, the Security Documents or the Notes unless covered by another Event of Default;

(6) (a) any Default Contract or the Consent related to such Default Contract shall at any time for any reason terminate (in each case, except in connection with its expiration in accordance with its terms in the ordinary course (and not related to any default or early termination right thereunder)) or (b) any other Material Project Document or the Consent related to such Material Project Document shall terminate (in each case, except in connection with its expiration in accordance with its terms in the ordinary course (and not related to any default or early termination right thereunder)) and any such event under this clause (b) could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; *provided, however*, that no Event of Default shall have occurred pursuant to this clause (6) if, in the case of the occurrence of any of the events set forth in clause (a) or (b) above with respect to any Material Project Document or related Consent:

(A) the Company notifies the Common Security Trustee that it intends to replace such Material Project Document (i) and related Consent, (B) the Company diligently pursues such replacement, (C) the applicable Material Project Document is replaced within 360 days (except the Sabine Liquefaction TUA, which shall be replaced within 180 days) with a replacement Material Project Document, (D) (I) in the case of any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the then existing least favorable FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, (II) in the case of the Sabine Liquefaction TUA, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the Sabine Liquefaction TUA, (III) in the case of the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract and the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract and the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, respectively, and (IV) in the case of any EPC Contract related to Train One and Train Two, Train Three and Train Four, Train Five or Train Six, the counterparty to such replacement Material Project Document is an internationally recognized contractor and the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of the Independent Engineer, certifying that such counterparty is capable of completing the applicable Project Phase, and (E) in the case of any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, the counterparty to any such replacement Material Project Document (x) has an Investment Grade Rating from at least two Acceptable Rating Agencies, or provides a guaranty from an Affiliate that has at least two of such ratings or (y) has a direct or indirect parent with an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency and either the counterparty or an Affiliate of such counterparty who is providing a guaranty has a tangible net worth in excess of \$15,000,000; provided that, clauses (D) and (E) shall not apply if such replacement Material Project Document is reasonably acceptable to (x) if the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is equal to or greater than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, the Required Secured Parties, or (y) if the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is less than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, Holders of greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes; or

(ii) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company and the certification set forth therein is confirmed by the Independent Engineer, certifying that (A) the present value of (x) the projected cash flows to be received by the Company pursuant to the Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements, minus (y) the projected expenses that could reasonably be expected to be incurred by the Company throughout the term of such Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements is greater than (B) the sum of the outstanding principal amount of Senior Debt (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date)

outstanding; *provided*, that in calculating the present value of such cash flows, the discount rate shall be the weighted average interest rate of all the Indebtedness referred to in clause (B) and the discount period shall commence on the date of the occurrence of the applicable event set forth in clause (a) or (b) above with respect to the applicable Material Project Document (and, with respect to any Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement relating to a Train for which the In-Service Date has not occurred as of such date, the cash flows to be received pursuant to the associated Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements shall be deemed to commence on the Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date for such Train);

(7) any event that would constitute an "Event of Default" under Section 9.7 of the Common Terms Agreement shall occur with respect to the Company; *provided, however*, that (a) any waiver of any such "Event of Default" shall not be effective, and will not be a waiver, with respect to the Notes, unless such waiver is approved by greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (b) no amendment or other modification to such Section 9.7 that results in the occurrence of a Bankruptcy with respect to the Company not being an "Event of Default" under such Section 9.7 shall be effective with respect to the Notes unless such amendment or other modification is approved by greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding;

(8) a Bankruptcy shall occur with respect to (a) any party to one or more Default LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements (other than the Company) (and such party has failed to meet its contractual obligations under the applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement for 180 consecutive days) or (b) (i) prior to the later of Final Completion and "final completion" or similar concept in the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract and (ii) after the Company incurs Expansion Debt in respect of Train Three and Train Four pursuant to clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, the EPC Contractor or Bechtel Global Energy, Inc., unless:

(i) (A) the Company notifies the Common Security Trustee that it intends to enter into a replacement Material Project Document in lieu of the Material Project Document to which any of the affected Persons is party, (B) the Company diligently pursues such replacement, (C) the applicable Material Project Document is replaced not later than 180 days following the expiration of such 180 consecutive day period (except the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract, the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, which shall be replaced within 360 days) (D) (I) in the case of any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the then existing least favorable FOB Sale and Purchase Agreement, (II) in the case of the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract and the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, such replacement Material Project Document is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Company than the Train One and Train Two EPC Contract and the Train Three and Train Four EPC Contract, such replacement Material Project Contract related to Train One and Train Two, Train Three and Train Four, Train Five or Train Six, the counterparty to such replacement Material Project Document is an internationally recognized

contractor and the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of the Independent Engineer, certifying that such counterparty is capable of completing the applicable Project Phase and (E) in the case of any Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, the counterparty to any such replacement Material Project Document (x) has an Investment Grade Rating from at least two Acceptable Rating Agencies, or provides a guaranty from an Affiliate that has at least two of such ratings or (y) has a direct or indirect parent with an Investment Grade Rating from at least one Acceptable Rating Agency and either the counterparty or an Affiliate of such counterparty who is providing a guaranty has a tangible net worth in excess of \$15,000,000,000; provided that, clauses (D) and (E) shall not apply if such replacement Material Project Document is reasonably acceptable to (x) if the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is equal to or greater than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, the Required Secured Parties, or (y) if the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is less than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, Holders of greater than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes; or

(ii) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company and the certification set forth therein is confirmed by the Independent Engineer, certifying that (A) the present value of (x) the projected cash flows to be received by the Company pursuant to the Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements, minus (y) the projected expenses that could reasonably be expected to be incurred by the Company throughout the term of such Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements is greater than (B) the sum of the outstanding principal amount of Senior Debt (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date) outstanding; *provided*, that in calculating the present value of such cash flows, the discount rate shall be the weighted average interest rate of all the Indebtedness referred to in clause (B) and the discount period shall commence on the date such Bankruptcy occurs (and, with respect to any Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement relating to a Train for which the In-Service Date has not occurred as of such date, the cash flows to be received pursuant to the associated Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements shall be deemed to commence on the Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date for such Train);

(9) A final judgment or order, or series of judgments or orders, for the payment of money in excess of \$150,000,000 in the aggregate (net of insurance proceeds which are reasonably expected to be paid), in either case shall be rendered against any Loan Party, in each case, by one or more Government Authorities, arbitral tribunals or other bodies having jurisdiction over any such entity and the same shall not be discharged (or provision shall not be made for such discharge), dismissed or stayed, within 90 days from the date of entry of such judgment or order or judgments or orders;

(10) the Common Terms Agreement or any other Financing Document or any material provision of any Financing Document, (A) is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or unenforceable, (B) should otherwise cease to be valid and binding or in full force and effect or shall be materially Impaired (in each case, except in connection with its expiration in accordance with its terms in the ordinary course (and not related to any default hereunder)) or (C) is (including the enforceability thereof) expressly terminated, contested or repudiated by any Loan Party, the Pledgor, the Parent, any Affiliate of any of them;

(11) the Liens in favor of the Secured Parties under the Security Documents shall at any time cease to constitute valid and perfected Liens granting a first priority security interest in any material portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens);

(12) an Event of Abandonment occurs or is deemed to have occurred; or

(13) any representation or warranty made in writing by or on behalf of the Company or by any officer of the Company in the Note Purchase Agreement thereby proves to have been false or incorrect in any material respect on the date as of which made; or

(14) any Fundamental Government Approval related to the Company or the Project shall be Impaired and such Impairment could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, unless:

(A) (i) the Company provides to the Trustee a remediation plan (which sets forth the proposed steps to be taken to cure such Impairment) no later than 20 Business Days following the date that the Company has knowledge of the occurrence of such Impairment, (ii) the Company pursues the implementation of such remediation plan, and (iii) such Impairment is cured no later than 360 days following the occurrence thereof; or

(B) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company and the certification set forth therein is confirmed by the Independent Engineer, certifying that (i) the present value of (x) the projected cash flows to be received by the Company pursuant to the Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements, minus (y) the projected expenses that could reasonably be expected to be incurred by the Company throughout the term of such Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements is greater than (ii) the sum of the outstanding principal amount of Senior Debt (excluding Working Capital Debt, all Indebtedness or Guarantees incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of

<u>Section 4.08</u>, and all Indebtedness or Guarantees that would have been permitted to be incurred pursuant to clauses (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) of Section 4.08 of the 2013 Indenture prior to the Investment Grade Date) outstanding, in each case after giving effect to such Impairment; *provided*, that in calculating the present value of such cash flows, the discount rate shall be the weighted average interest rate of all the Indebtedness referred to in clause (ii) and the discount period shall commence on the date of the occurrence of the applicable Impairment event with respect to the applicable Fundamental Government Approval (and, with respect to any Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement relating to a Train for which the In-Service Date has not occurred as of such date, the cash flows to be received pursuant to the associated Applicable Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements shall be deemed to commence on the Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date for such Train).

# Section 6.02 Acceleration.

In the case of an Event of Default specified in clause (7) of Section 6.01, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice (subject to Applicable Law). If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least  $33\frac{1}{3}$  in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately, by notice in writing to the Company, specifying the Event of Default. Upon any such declaration, the Notes shall become due and payable immediately.

Upon any Notes becoming due and payable under this <u>Section 6.02</u>, whether automatically or by declaration, such Notes will forthwith mature and the Optional Redemption Price determined with respect to such principal amount shall be immediately due and payable, in each and every case without presentment, demand, protest or further notice, all of which are hereby waived.

#### Section 6.03 Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal and premium, if any, and interest on the Notes or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Notes or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Notes or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of a Note in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

# Section 6.04 Waiver of Past Defaults.

Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive an existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, or interest on, the Notes (including in connection with an offer to purchase); *provided, however*, that the Holders of a

majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration. Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

#### Section 6.05 Control by Majority.

Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on it. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture that the Trustee determines may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders of Notes or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability.

#### Section 6.06 *Limitation on Suits.*

A Holder may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes only if:

(1) such Holder has previously given the Trustee written notice that an Event of Default is continuing;

(2) Holders of at least  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;

(3) such Holder or Holders have offered the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against any loss, liability or expense;

(4) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity; and

(5) Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes have not given the Trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

A Holder of a Note may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of a Note or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of a Note.

#### Section 6.07 Rights of Holders of Notes to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Note to receive payment of principal and premium, if any, and interest on the Note, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Note (including in connection with an offer to purchase), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder; *provided* that a Holder shall not have the right to institute any such suit for the enforcement of payment if and to the extent that the institution or prosecution thereof or the entry of judgment therein would, under Applicable Law, result in the surrender, impairment, waiver or loss of the Lien of this Indenture upon any property subject to such Lien.



# Section 6.08 Collection Suit by Trustee.

If an Event of Default specified in <u>Section 6.01(1)</u> with respect to the Notes occurs and is continuing, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount of principal and premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on, the Notes and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

#### Section 6.09 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company (or any other obligor upon the Notes), its creditors or its property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee is agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee is agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee is agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee is agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee is agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee any escurities and other properties that the Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

#### Section 6.10 *Priorities*.

If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this <u>Article 6</u>, or, after an Event of Default, any money or other property distributable in respect of the Company's obligations under this Indenture, it shall pay out the money in the following order:



*First*: to the Trustee (including any predecessor trustee), its agents and attorneys for amounts due under <u>Section 7.07</u>, including payment of all compensation, expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

*Second*: to Holders of Notes for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for principal and premium, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for principal and premium, if any, and interest, respectively; and

Third: to the Company or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Notes pursuant to this Section 6.10.

## Section 6.11 Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Note pursuant to Section 6.07, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes.

#### ARTICLE 7 TRUSTEE

# Section 7.01 Duties of Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee will exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:

(1) the duties of the Trustee will be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(2) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee will

examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts, statements, opinions or conclusions stated therein).

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(1) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraphs (b) and (e) of this <u>Section 7.01</u>;

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

(3) the Trustee will not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to <u>Section 6.05</u>.

(d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to this Section 7.01.

(e) No provision of this Indenture will require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights and powers under this Indenture at the request of any Holders, unless such Holder has offered to the Trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

(f) The Trustee will not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

# Section 7.02 Rights of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both; *provided* that an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel will not be required if the Indenture requires the Company to deliver a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company in connection with such act or refrain from acting. The

Trustee will not be liable for any action it takes, suffers or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officer's Certificate, Opinion of Counsel or a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company. The Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel will be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and will not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.

(d) The Trustee will not be liable for any action it takes, suffers or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.

(e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Company will be sufficient if signed by an Authorized Officer of the Company.

(f) The Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity or security satisfactory to the Trustee against the losses, liabilities and expenses that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless written notice of such Default or Event of Default is received by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Notes and this Indenture.

(h) The Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Indenture arising out of or caused, directly or indirectly, by circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God; earthquakes; fire; flood; terrorism; wars and other military disturbances; sabotage; epidemics; riots; interruptions; loss or malfunctions of utilities, computer (hardware or software) or communication services; accidents; labor disputes; acts of civil or military authority and governmental action.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder (and under the other Financing Documents to which it is a party) and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder or thereunder.

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

(k) The Trustee may request that the Company deliver a certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an

Officer's Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.

(1) Anything in this Indenture notwithstanding, in no event shall the Trustee be liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential or other similar loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to loss of profit), even if the Trustee has been advised as to the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

## Section 7.03 Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Company or any Affiliate of the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to <u>Section 7.10</u>.

## Section 7.04 Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee will not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Notes or any money paid to the Company or upon the Company's direction under any provision of this Indenture, it will not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it will not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Notes or any other document in connection with the sale of the Notes or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.

The Trustee will not be responsible for the existence, genuineness or value of any of the Collateral, for the validity, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Liens in any of the Collateral, whether impaired by operation of law or by reason of any action or omission to act on its part hereunder, except to the extent such action or omission constitutes gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on the part of the Trustee, for the validity or sufficiency of the Collateral or any agreement or assignment contained therein, for the validity of the title of the Company or the Pledgor to the Collateral, for insuring the Collateral or for the payment of taxes, charges, assessments or Liens upon the Collateral or otherwise as to the maintenance of the Collateral. The Trustee hereby disclaims any representation or warranty to the present and future holders of the Secured Obligations concerning the perfection of the Liens granted hereunder or in the value of any of the Collateral. For purposes of the two preceding sentences, the terms "Collateral," "Liens," "Pledgor" and "Secured Obligations" shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Collateral Trust Agreement.

# Section 7.05 Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has received notice of such Default or Event of Default at its Corporate Trust Office, the Trustee will mail to Holders of Notes a notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders.

# Section 7.06 [Reserved.]

# Section 7.07 Compensation and Indemnity.

(a) The Company will pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder. The Trustee's compensation will not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company will reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses will include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel and of all Persons not regularly in its employ.

(b) The Company and the Guarantors will indemnify each of the Trustee or any predecessor trustee and their officers, agents, directors and employees for, and to hold them harmless against, any and all loss, damage, claims, liability or expense, including taxes (other than taxes based upon, measured by or determined by the income of the Trustee), incurred by it arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties under this Indenture and the Financing Documents, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Company and the Guarantors (including this Section 7.07) and defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Company, the Guarantors, any Holder or any other Person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder or thereunder, except to the extent any such loss, liability or expense may be attributable to its gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Trustee will notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company will not relieve the Company or any of the Guarantors of their obligations hereunder. The Company or such Guarantor will defend the claim and the Trustee will cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company will pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. Neither the Company nor any Guarantor need pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

(c) The obligations of the Company and the Guarantors under this <u>Section 7.07</u> will survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the termination for any reason of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee.

(d) To secure the Company's and the Guarantors' payment obligations in this <u>Section 7.07</u>, the Trustee will have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Notes. Such Lien will survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the termination for any reason of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee.

(e) When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in <u>Section 6.01(7)</u> occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

(f) "Trustee" for purposes of this Section shall include any predecessor Trustee; *provided, however*, that the negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of any Trustee hereunder shall not affect the rights of any other Trustee hereunder.

Section 7.08 Replacement of Trustee.

(a) A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee will become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this <u>Section 7.08</u>.

(b) The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Company in writing. The Company may remove the Trustee if:

(1) the Trustee fails to comply with <u>Section 7.10</u>;

(2) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;

- (3) a custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (4) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

(c) If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company will promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

(d) If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Company, or the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(e) If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder who has been a Holder for at least six months, fails to comply with <u>Section</u> <u>7.10</u>, such Holder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(f) A successor Trustee will deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee will become effective, and the successor Trustee will have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee will mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee will promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee; *provided* all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Company's obligations under Section 7.07 will continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

## Section 7.09 Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another Person, the successor Person without any further act will be the successor Trustee. In case any Notes shall have been authenticated but not delivered by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Notes so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee had itself authenticated such Notes.

# Section 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification.

There will at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a Person organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$100,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

# Section 7.11 Authorization to Enter Into Accession Agreement.

The Trustee is hereby authorized to exercise all the rights and perform all the obligations of a Secured Debt Holder Group Representative set out in the Accession Documents (as defined in the Accession Agreement), including, without limitation, making, on behalf of the Holders, the agreements expressed to be made by Secured Debt Holders under the Financing Documents.

## Section 7.12 Trustee Protective Provisions.

Without duplication of any amounts the Trustee is entitled to recover under any indemnification provisions in the Financing Documents, the rights, privileges, protections, indemnities, immunities and benefits provided to the Trustee in this Indenture are in addition to, and are not intended to be in conflict with or limited by, any such provisions in the Financing Documents.

# Section 7.13 Tax Withholding.

The Trustee shall be entitled to deduct FATCA Withholding Tax from any payment hereunder, and shall have no obligation to gross-up any payment hereunder or to pay any additional amount as a result of such FATCA Withholding Tax deduction.

# ARTICLE 8

# LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

## Section 8.01 Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Company may at any time, at the option of its Board of Directors evidenced by a resolution set forth in an Officer's Certificate, elect to have either Section 8.02 or 8.03 be applied to all outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article  $\underline{8}$ .

Section 8.02 Legal Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Company's exercise under <u>Section 8.01</u> of the option applicable to this <u>Section 8.02</u>, the Company and each of the Guarantors will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in <u>Section 8.04</u>, be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to all outstanding Notes (including the Note Guarantees) on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "*Legal Defeasance*"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Company and the Guarantors will be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes (including the Note Guarantees), which will thereafter be deemed to be "*outstanding*" only for the purposes of <u>Section 8.05</u> and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in clauses (1) and (2) below, and to have satisfied all their other obligations under such Notes, the Note Guarantees and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which will survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

(1) the rights of Holders of outstanding Notes to receive payments in respect of the principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on, such Notes when such payments are due from the trust referred to in <u>Section 8.04</u>;

(2) the Company's obligations with respect to such Notes under <u>Article 2</u> and <u>Section 4.02</u>;

(3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and the Company's and the Guarantors' obligations in connection therewith; and

(4) this <u>Article 8</u>.

Subject to compliance with this <u>Article 8</u>, the Company may exercise its option under this <u>Section 8.02</u> notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under <u>Section 8.03</u>.

# Section 8.03 Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Company's exercise under <u>Section 8.01</u> of the option applicable to this <u>Section 8.03</u>, the Company and each of the Guarantors will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in <u>Section 8.04</u>, be released from each of their obligations under the covenants contained in <u>Sections 4.06</u> through <u>4.30</u> (and <u>Section 4.31</u> if a Covenant Change Date has occurred) with respect to the outstanding Notes on and after the date the conditions set forth in <u>Section 8.04</u> are satisfied (hereinafter, "*Covenant Defeasance*"), and the Notes will thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but will continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes will not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes).

For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes and Note Guarantees, the Company and the Guarantors may omit to comply with and will have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply will not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under <u>Section 6.01</u>, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes and

Note Guarantees will be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under <u>Section 8.01</u> of the option applicable to this <u>Section 8.03</u>, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in <u>Section 8.04</u>, <u>Sections 6.01(3)</u> through <u>6.01(5)</u> will not constitute Events of Default.

Section 8.04 Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance under either Section 8.02 or 8.03:

(1) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders, cash in U.S. dollars, noncallable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm, or firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the outstanding Notes on the stated date for payment thereof or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to such stated date for payment or to a particular redemption date;

(2) in the case of an election under <u>Section 8.02</u>, the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that:

- (A) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling; or
- (B) since the Issue Date, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law,

in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

(3) in the case of an election under <u>Section 8.03</u>, the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;

(4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit) and the deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other instrument to which the Company or any Guarantor is a party or by which the Company or any Guarantor is bound;

(5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is bound;

(6) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of Notes over the other creditors of the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of the Company or others;

(7) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent set forth in clauses (1) through (6) of this Section 8.04 have been complied with; and

(8) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel (which opinion of counsel may be subject to customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions), stating that all conditions precedent set forth in clauses (2), (3) and (5) of this Section 8.04 have been complied with; provided that the Opinion of Counsel with respect to clause (5) of this Section 8.04 may be to the knowledge of such counsel.

#### Section 8.05 Deposited Money and Government Securities to be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to <u>Section 8.06</u>, all money and non-callable Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this <u>Section 8.05</u>, the "*Trustee*") pursuant to <u>Section 8.04</u> in respect of the outstanding Notes will be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Notes of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Company will pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or noncallable Government Securities deposited pursuant to <u>Section 8.04</u> or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the outstanding Notes.

Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Article 8</u> to the contrary, the Trustee will deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon the request of the Company any money or non-callable Government Securities held by it as provided in <u>Section 8.04</u> which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under <u>Section 8.04(1)</u>), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

Section 8.06 Repayment to Company.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on its request or (if then held by the Company) will be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note will thereafter be permitted to look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, will thereupon cease; *provided, however*, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which will not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

#### Section 8.07 Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any U.S. dollars or non-callable Government Securities in accordance with <u>Section</u> 8.02 or 8.03, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or Government Authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Company's and the Guarantors' obligations under this Indenture and the Notes and the Note Guarantees will be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u> or <u>8.03</u> until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with <u>Section 8.02</u> or <u>8.03</u>, as the case may be; *provided, however*, that, if the Company makes any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company will be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

## ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

#### Section 9.01 Without Consent of Holders of Notes.

Notwithstanding Section 9.02, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Notes and this Indenture or the Note Guarantees without the consent of any Holder of Notes:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- (2) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;

(3) to provide for the assumption of the Company's or a Guarantor's obligations to the Holders and Note Guarantees by a successor to the Company or such Guarantor pursuant to <u>Article 5</u> or <u>Article 10</u>;

(4) to effect the release of a Guarantor from its Note Guarantee and the termination of such Note Guarantee, all in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture governing such release and termination;

(5) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders or that does not adversely affect the legal rights hereunder of any Holder;

(6) provide for the issuance of Additional Notes in accordance with the limitations set forth in this Indenture as of the Issue Date;

- (7) to add any Note Guarantee; or
- (8) to provide for a successor Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in <u>Section 7.02</u>, the Trustee will join with the Company and the Guarantors in the execution of any amended or supplemental indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee will not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

## Section 9.02 With Consent of Holders of Notes.

Except as provided below in this <u>Section 9.02</u>, the Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture (including <u>Section 3.09</u>, <u>4.09</u>, <u>4.13</u>, <u>4.14</u> and <u>4.19</u>) and the Notes and the Note Guarantees with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes (including, without limitation, Additional Notes, if any) voting as a single class, or if such amendment or supplement applies to less than all series of Notes, all series affected by such amendment or supplement, of each series affected by such amendment or supplement (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Notes), and, subject to <u>Sections 6.04</u> and <u>6.07</u>, any existing Default or Event of Default (other than a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, the Notes, except a payment default resulting from an acceleration that has been rescinded) or compliance with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes or the Note Guarantees may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes (including, without limitation, Additional Notes, if any) voting as a single class (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Notes). <u>Section 2.09</u> shall determine which Notes are considered to be "outstanding" for purposes of this <u>Section 9.02</u>.

Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders of Notes as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in <u>Section 7.02</u>, the Trustee will join with the Company and the Guarantors in the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture unless such amended or supplemental indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the

Trustee may in its discretion, but will not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture.

It is not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Notes under this <u>Section 9.02</u> to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, supplement or waiver, but it is sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this <u>Section 9.02</u> becomes effective, the Company will mail to the Holders of Notes affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Company to mail such notice, or any defect therein, will not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental indenture or waiver. Subject to <u>Sections 6.04</u> and <u>6.07</u>, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding voting as a single class may waive compliance in a particular instance by the Company with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes or the Note Guarantees. However, without the consent of each Holder of each series of Notes affected, an amendment, supplement or waiver under this <u>Section 9.02</u> may not (with respect to any Notes held by a non-consenting Holder):

(1) reduce the principal amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

(2) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any Note or alter or waive any of the provisions with respect to the redemption of the Notes; *provided, however*, that any purchase or repurchase of Notes, including pursuant to <u>Sections 4.09</u>, <u>4.13</u>, <u>4.14</u> or <u>4.19</u> shall not be deemed a redemption of the Notes;

(3) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest, including default interest, on any Note;

(4) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on the Notes (except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);

(5) make any Note payable in money other than that stated in the Notes;

(6) make any change in the provisions of this Indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders of Notes to receive payments of principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on the Notes;

(7) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Note; *provided, however*, that any purchase or repurchase of Notes, including pursuant to <u>Sections 4.09, 4.13, 4.14</u> or <u>4.19</u>, shall not be deemed a redemption of the Notes;

(8) release any Guarantor from any of its obligations under its Note Guarantee or this Indenture, except in accordance with the terms of this Indenture; or

(9) make any change in the preceding amendment and waiver provisions.

#### Section 9.03 Decisions under Other Financing Documents.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture or the Intercreditor Agreement to the contrary, the Trustee shall be required, without the requirement of any vote or consent by the Holders of Notes and without seeking noteholder vote, consent or direction with respect to any of the clauses set forth below to vote as follows:

(1) for any Covered Action that is or includes any Fundamental Decision, if at the time no Secured Bank Debt is outstanding and such Covered Action causes the provisions of the Financing Documents that are being amended to be no less restrictive on the Company than the covenants in this Indenture, the Trustee shall vote in favor of such Covered Action;

(2) for any Covered Action while the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is less than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders to the extent that any such Covered Action causes the provisions of the Financing Documents that are being amended to be no less restrictive on the Company than this Indenture, as set forth in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company;

(3) for any Covered Action that Modifies the provisions governing Expansion Debt in the Common Terms Agreement, (A) if at the time both Aggregate Secured Bank Debt and Aggregate Other Secured Debt is outstanding, the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders to the extent that any such Covered Action causes the provisions of the Financing Documents that are being amended to be no less restrictive on the Company than this Indenture, as set forth in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company or (B) if at the time no Secured Bank Debt is outstanding and such Covered Action causes the provisions of the Financing Documents that are being amended to be no less restrictive on the Company that the covenants in this Indenture, the Trustee shall vote in favor of such Covered Action;

(4) the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as (A) item (a), (b), (c), (d), (k), (m) or (n) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement and (B) item (l) on such Schedule (to the extent of the phrase thereof which reads "any Modification in any material respect of any Security Document"), if the Modification contemplated by such Unanimous Decision Modification is not materially adverse to the Holders, or in the case of item (k) above is more restrictive on the Company, in each case as set forth in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company, upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely and will be fully protected in so relying, unless in any such case, such Unanimous Decision only applies to the Notes;

(5) the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as item (g), (h) or (n) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement if the Modification contemplated by such Unanimous Decision does not result in the Notes receiving payments that are less than *pari passu* with the Secured Bank Debt (other than due to timing differences in when payments are due on the Notes in accordance with their terms) and does not result in a material adverse change (when considered together with all other Modifications to any particular item

specified in this clause (5)), in each case, as set forth in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely and will be fully protected in so relying, in (A) the priority within clauses (i) through (viii) of the waterfall of payments under Section 5.03 of the Accounts Agreement of any payment of principal, interest or other amounts payable (whether by prepayment or otherwise) under the Notes or (B) the funding of the Senior Secured Notes Debt Service Reserve Account;

(6) the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as item (i) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement (to the extent it affects actions in respect of any Unanimous Decision set forth as item (e) or (f) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement) if the Modification contemplated by such Unanimous Decision results in a Covered Action otherwise permitted by this <u>Section 9.03</u>;

(7) if there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, the Trustee shall vote in favor of any Covered Action with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as item (k) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement, if the Covered Action is either more restrictive on the Company than this Indenture or is not applicable, in each case as set forth in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely and will be fully protected in so relying;

(8) the Trustee shall vote in conformity with the Secured Bank Debt Holders with respect to any modification of the mandatory prepayment provisions of the Common Terms Agreement that permits a Secured Debt Instrument to provide a higher mandatory prepayment threshold than the applicable threshold in the Common Terms Agreement, including to conform the Common Terms Agreement to the mandatory prepayment thresholds set forth in this Indenture;

(9) notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event any Export Credit Agency provides or guarantees debt financing for the Company, the Trustee shall consent to any of the following which are approved by the Secured Bank Debt Holders (A) any amendments or other modifications to the Intercreditor Agreement or (ii) any amendments or other modifications to the Common Terms Agreement or the Accounts Agreement to provide (i) for a mandatory prepayment of the Indebtedness guaranteed by such Export Credit Agency if the guaranty (or similar financial accommodation) is terminated or (ii) for mandatory prepayment of the Indebtedness issued to or guaranteed by such Export Credit Agency if a Facility LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement with a counterparty from the country of origin of such Export Credit Agency, is terminated and in each case, that the Company indicates in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company to the Trustee, upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely and will be fully protected in so relying, are required to induce such Export Credit Agency to make or guarantee such debt financing to the Company; and

(10) notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any Export Credit Agency provides or guarantees debt financing for the Company, the Trustee shall consent to any of the following which are approved by the Secured Bank Debt Holders: (A) any amendments to the Intercreditor Agreement or (B) any amendments to the Common Terms Agreement to provide that (i) if the Aggregate Secured Bank Debt then outstanding is less than 25% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding and the consent of the Majority Secured Debt Participants is required for any Majority Decision (as described above Section 4.1(iv) of the Intercreditor Agreement) and (ii) the Secured Debt held by any Export Credit Agency is at least 12% of the total Secured Debt then outstanding, the consent of such Export Credit Agency (or the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative of such Export Credit Agency) shall be required; *provided*, however, that the Company indicates in a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company to the Trustee, upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely and will be fully protected in so relying, that such amendments are required to induce such Export Credit Agency to make or guarantee such debt financing to the Company.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Indenture or the Intercreditor Agreement to the contrary, if there is no Secured Bank Debt outstanding, the Trustee shall vote at the direction of a majority of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Notes with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as (A) item (a), (b), (c), (d), (k), (m) or (n) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement and (B) item (l) on such Schedule (to the extent of the phrase thereof which reads "any Modification in any material respect of any Security Document").

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of the Indenture or the Intercreditor Agreement to the contrary, to the extent that a vote of the Holders of Notes is required in respect of any Covered Action with respect to any Unanimous Decision set forth as item (e), (g), (h) or (j) on Schedule 1 to the Intercreditor Agreement, the Trustee will act at the direction of the Holders of at least 75% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by such Covered Action, including the Notes and any Additional Notes.

(d) Upon receipt of a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company and without the requirement of any vote or consent by the Holders of Notes, the Trustee shall consent to any Administrative Decisions pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement.

(e) Prior to voting in accordance with this Section 9.03, the Trustee shall have received a certificate from an Authorized Officer of the Company, which certificate shall set forth (1) the vote or consent the Trustee is directed to make as required by this Section 9.03 in connection with any vote required by the Trustee as Secured Debt Holder Group Representative under the Intercreditor Agreement or any other Financing Document and (2) the relevant subsection of this Section 9.03 pursuant to which such vote is required.

# Section 9.04 Revocation and Effect of Consents.

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Note is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Note and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder of a Note or subsequent Holder of a Note may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective. An

amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

#### Section 9.05 Notation on or Exchange of Notes.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for all Notes may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Note will not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

## Section 9.06 Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc.

The Trustee will sign any amended or supplemental indenture authorized pursuant to this <u>Article 9</u> if the amendment or supplemental does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. The Company may not sign an amended or supplemental indenture until the Board of Directors of the General Partner approves it. In executing any amended or supplemental indenture, the Trustee will be entitled to receive and (subject to <u>Section 7.01</u>) will be fully protected in relying upon an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture.

# ARTICLE 10 COLLATERAL AND SECURITY

# Section 10.01 Security.

(a) The payment of the Notes, when due, and the performance of all other Secured Debt are secured equally and ratably by liens upon the Company's rights in the Collateral. The payment of the guarantees of each Guarantor and all other obligations of such Guarantor, when due, and the performance of all other obligations of such Guarantor with respect to Secured Debt under the Secured Debt Documents are secured equally and ratably by liens upon such Guarantor's rights in the Collateral.

(b) The Company shall, and shall cause each of the Guarantors to, do or cause to be done all acts and things which may be required, or which the Common Security Trustee from time to time may reasonably request, to assure and confirm that the Common Security Trustee holds, for the benefit of the Holders and the other Secured Debt, duly created, enforceable and perfected Liens upon the Collateral as contemplated by this Indenture and the Security Documents, so as to render the same available for the security and benefit of this Indenture and of the Notes and Note Guarantees, according to the intent and purposes hereof expressed subject in each case to any express provisions of any Security Documents.

Section 10.02 Security Documents.

(a) The Notes, upon issuance, will be Secured Debt for purposes of the Common Terms Agreement and the Security Documents. The Trustee shall be the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative for the Notes. The Holders shall be Senior Debt Holders.

(b) Upon the execution and delivery of the Secured Debt Holder Group Representative Accession Agreement – Secured Debt Instrument (which document shall be substantially in the form attached as Schedule 2.7(a) to the Common Terms Agreement) (the "Accession Agreement"), each Holder of the Initial Notes, by its acceptance of the Initial Notes instructs and directs the Trustee to execute and deliver the Accession Agreement, to which the Trustee and the Common Security Trustee will be a party on the Notes Issue Date, the Notes will constitute additional New Secured Debt (as defined in the Accession Agreement) and Secured Debt that is *pari passu* with all other Secured Debt and will be secured by the Collateral equally and ratable with the all other Secured Debt.

# Section 10.03 Collateral

(1) The Notes are secured, together with all other Secured Debt of the Company, equally and ratably by security interests granted to the Common Security Trustee in all of the assets of the Company; and

(2) each Guarantor's subsidiary guarantees are secured, together with such Guarantor's guarantee of all future Secured Debt of such Guarantor, equally and ratably by security interests granted to the Common Security Trustee in all assets of such Guarantor.

### Section 10.04 Release of Security Interests

With respect to the Notes or each series of Notes, the Common Security Trustee's Liens upon Collateral will no longer secure the Obligations with respect to the Notes or that series of Notes and the right of the Holders of such Obligations to the benefits and proceeds of the Common Security Trustee's Liens on Collateral will terminate and be discharged:

- (a) (1) upon satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture as set forth under in <u>Section 12.01</u>;
  - (2) upon a Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance with respect to that series of Notes as set forth in Article 8; or

(3) upon payment in full in cash of the applicable Notes and all other related Note Obligations that are outstanding, due and payable at the time the Notes are paid in full in cash; and

(b) in accordance with the Common Terms Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement.

#### Section 10.05 Release of Collateral.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture to the contrary, Collateral may only be released from the Lien and security interest created by the Security Documents at any

time or from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement and the Security Documents.

(b) No certificate shall be required in connection with any sale, transfer or other disposition of Collateral if such sale, transfer or other disposition does not constitute an Asset Sale or is otherwise expressly permitted by the terms of any Security Document and such Security Document does not require delivery of such certificate and no instrument of release or other action of the Common Security Trustee is required in connection with such release.

(c) The release of any Collateral from the terms of this Indenture and the Security Documents will not be deemed to impair the security under this Indenture in contravention of the provisions hereof if and to the extent the Collateral is released pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents and none of the certificate delivery requirements under Article 10 shall effect or impair the ability of the Company to obtain the release of any Collateral to the extent the Company complies with its obligations to obtain such release under the Security Documents, Common Terms Agreement and Intercreditor Agreement.

#### Section 10.06 Certificates of the Trustee.

In the event that the Company wishes to release Collateral in accordance with the Security Documents and has delivered the certificates and documents required by the Security Documents, the Trustee will determine whether it has received all documentation required under this Indenture in connection with such release and, will deliver a certificate to the Common Security Trustee setting forth such determination.

#### Section 10.07 Termination of Security Interest.

Upon the payment in full of all Obligations of the Company under this Indenture and the Notes, or upon Legal Defeasance, the Trustee will, at the request of the Company, deliver a certificate to the Common Security Trustee stating that such Obligations have been paid in full, and instruct the Common Security Trustee to release the Liens pursuant to this Indenture and the Security Documents (subject to the satisfaction of any release of Lien provisions set forth in the Security Documents).

## ARTICLE 11 NOTE GUARANTEES

Section 11.01 Guarantee.

(a) Subject to this <u>Article 11</u>, each of the Guarantors hereby, jointly and severally, unconditionally guarantees to each Holder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns, irrespective of the validity and enforceability of this Indenture, the Notes or the obligations of the Company hereunder or thereunder, that:

(1) the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the Notes will be promptly paid in full when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal of and interest on the Notes, if any, if lawful, and all other obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder

or thereunder will be promptly paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and

(2) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other obligations, that same will be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise.

Failing payment when due of any amount so guaranteed or any performance so guaranteed for whatever reason, the Guarantors will be jointly and severally obligated to pay the same immediately. Each Guarantor agrees that this is a guarantee of payment and not a guarantee of collection.

(b) The Guarantors hereby agree that their obligations hereunder are unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Notes or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder of the Notes with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Company, any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, each Guarantor hereby waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company, any right to require a proceeding first against the Company, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenant that this Note Guarantee will not be discharged except by complete performance of the obligations contained in the Notes and this Indenture.

(c) If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Company, the Guarantors or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to either the Company or the Guarantors, any amount paid by either to the Trustee or such Holder, this Note Guarantee, to the extent theretofore discharged, will be reinstated in full force and effect.

(d) Each Guarantor agrees that it will not be entitled to any right of subrogation in relation to the Holders in respect of any obligations guaranteed hereby until payment in full of all obligations guaranteed hereby. Each Guarantor further agrees that, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (1) the maturity of the obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in <u>Article 6</u> for the purposes of this Note Guarantee, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed hereby, and (2) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such obligations as provided in <u>Article 6</u>, such obligations (whether or not due and payable) will forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for the purpose of this Note Guarantee. The Guarantors will have the right to seek contribution from any non-paying Guarantor so long as the exercise of such right does not impair the rights of the Holders under the Note Guarantee.

Section 11.02 Limitation on Guarantor Liability.

Each Guarantor, and by its acceptance of Notes, each Holder, hereby confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the extent applicable to any Note Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, and to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of such Guarantor will be limited to the maximum amount that will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor that are relevant under such laws, and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under this <u>Article 11</u>, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Note Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

#### Section 11.03 Execution and Delivery of Note Guarantee Notation.

To evidence its Note Guarantee set forth in <u>Section 11.01</u>, each Guarantor hereby agrees that a notation of such Note Guarantee substantially in the form attached as Exhibit D hereto or such other form as may be provided in any supplemental indenture will be endorsed by an Authorized Officer of such Guarantor on each Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and that this Indenture will be executed on behalf of such Guarantor by one of its Authorized Officers.

Each Guarantor hereby agrees that its Note Guarantee set forth in <u>Section 11.01</u> will remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any failure to endorse on each Note a notation of such Note Guarantee.

If an Authorized Officer whose signature is on this Indenture or on the Note Guarantee no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Note on which a Note Guarantee is endorsed, the Note Guarantee will be valid nevertheless.

The delivery of any Note by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, will constitute due delivery of the Note Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Guarantors.

In the event that the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries creates or acquires any Domestic Subsidiary after the date of this Indenture, if required by <u>Section 4.25</u>, the Company will cause such Domestic Subsidiary to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 4.25</u> and this <u>Article 11</u>, to the extent applicable.

## Section 11.04 Guarantors May Consolidate, etc., on Certain Terms.

Except as otherwise provided in <u>Section 11.05</u>, no Guarantor may sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to, or consolidate with or merge with or into (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person) another Person, other than the Company or another Guarantor, unless:

(1) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default exists;

## (2) either:

(a) subject to <u>Section 11.05</u>, the Person acquiring the property in any such sale or disposition or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger unconditionally assumes all the obligations of that Guarantor under this Indenture and its Note Guarantee on the terms set forth herein or therein, pursuant to a supplemental indenture, and appropriate Security Documents, in each case, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee; or

(b) the Net Proceeds of such sale or other disposition are applied in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture, including without limitation, Section 4.09; and

(3) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee a certificate from an Authorized Officer of the Company and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation or merger, or sale or disposition and such Supplemental Indenture and Security Documents, if any, comply with this Indenture and that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to such transaction have been complied with.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor Person, by supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the Trustee and satisfactory in form to the Trustee, of the Note Guarantee endorsed upon the Notes and the due and punctual performance of all of the covenants and conditions of this Indenture to be performed by the Guarantor, such successor Person will succeed to and be substituted for the Guarantor with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a Guarantor. Such successor Person thereupon may cause to be signed any or all of the Note Guarantees to be endorsed upon all of the Notes issuable hereunder which theretofore shall not have been signed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee. All the Note Guarantees so issued will in all respects have the same legal rank and benefit under this Indenture as the Note Guarantees theretofore and thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture as though all of such Note Guarantees had been issued at the date of the execution hereof.

Except as set forth in <u>Articles 4</u> and <u>5</u>, and notwithstanding clauses 2(a) and (b) above, nothing contained in this Indenture or in any of the Notes will prevent any consolidation or merger of a Guarantor with or into the Company or another Guarantor, or will prevent any sale or conveyance of the property of a Guarantor as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to the Company or another Guarantor.

#### Section 11.05 Releases.

(a) In the event of any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of any Guarantor, by way of merger, consolidation or otherwise, or a sale or other disposition of all of the Capital Stock of any Guarantor, in each case to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transactions) the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, then such Guarantor (in the event of a sale or other disposition, by way of merger, consolidation or otherwise, of all of the Capital Stock of such Guarantor) or the corporation acquiring the property (in the event of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of such Guarantor) will be released and relieved of any obligations under its Note Guarantee; *provided* that the Net Proceeds of such sale or other disposition are applied in accordance with the

applicable provisions of this Indenture, including <u>Section 4.09</u>; and *provided further* that such release shall not become effective until all such applicable provisions of this Indenture have been complied with in full. Upon delivery by the Company to the Trustee of an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such sale or other disposition was made by the Company in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, including <u>Section 4.09</u> the Trustee will execute any documents reasonably required in order to evidence the release of any Guarantor from its obligations under its Note Guarantee and any Security Documents to which it is a party.

(b) Upon designation of any Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the terms of this Indenture, such Guarantor will be released and relieved of any obligations under its Note Guarantee and any Security Documents to which it is a party.

(c) Upon Legal Defeasance in accordance with <u>Article 8</u> or satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture in accordance with <u>Article 12</u>, each Guarantor will be released and relieved of any obligations under its Note Guarantee and any Security Documents to which it is a party.

Any Guarantor not released from its obligations under its Note Guarantee as provided in this <u>Section 11.05</u> will remain liable for the full amount of principal of and interest and premium, if any, on the Notes and for the other obligations of any Guarantor under this Indenture as provided in this <u>Article 11</u>.

# ARTICLE 12 SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

#### Section 12.01 Satisfaction and Discharge.

This Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all Notes issued hereunder, when:

(1) either:

(a) all Notes that have been authenticated, except lost, stolen or destroyed Notes that have been replaced or paid and Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to the Company, have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(b) all Notes that have not been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the mailing of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable within one year and the Company or any Guarantor has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm or firm of independent public accountants, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on the Notes not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption;

(2) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit);

(3) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Company or any Guarantor is a party or by which the Company or any Guarantor is bound;

(4) the Company or any Guarantor has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under this Indenture; and

(5) the Company has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee under this Indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the Notes at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be.

In addition, the Company must deliver to the Trustee (a) an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent set forth in clauses (1) through (5) of this <u>Section 12.01</u> have been satisfied, and (b) an Opinion of Counsel (which opinion of counsel may be subject to customary assumptions and qualifications), stating that all conditions precedent set forth in clauses (3) and (5) of this <u>Section 12.01</u> have been satisfied; provided that the Opinion of Counsel with respect to clause (3) of this <u>Section 12.01</u> may be to the knowledge of such counsel.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, if money has been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (b) of clause (1) of this <u>Section 12.01</u>, the provisions of <u>Sections 12.02</u> and <u>8.06</u> will survive. In addition, nothing in this <u>Section 12.01</u> will be deemed to discharge those provisions of <u>Section 7.07</u>, that, by their terms, survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

# Section 12.02 Application of Trust Money.

Subject to the provisions of <u>Section 8.06</u>, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to <u>Section 12.01</u> shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium and Additional, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or Government Securities in accordance with <u>Section 12.01</u> by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or Government Authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company's and any Guarantor's obligations under this Indenture and the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to <u>Section 12.01</u>; *provided* that if the Company has made any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Notes because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money or Government Securities held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

#### ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 13.01 Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing and delivered in Person or by first class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), facsimile transmission, electronic mail or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

If to the Company and/or any Guarantor:

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002 Facsimile No.: (713) 375-6000 E-mail: lisa.cohen@cheniere.com Attention: Lisa C. Cohen

With a copy to (which copy shall be delivered as an accommodation and shall not be required to be delivered in satisfaction of any requirement hereof):

Latham & Watkins LLP 1271 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020 Facsimile No.: 212-751-4864 E-mail: jonathan.rod@lw.com Attention: Jonathan R. Rod

If to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon c/o The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Corporate Trust – Conventional Debt 601 Travis Street, 16th Floor Houston, TX 77002

The Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee, by notice to the others, may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) will be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when receipt acknowledged, if transmitted by facsimile; at the time sent, if transmitted by electronic mail; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery; *provided* that all notices and communications to the Trustee shall not be deemed received by the Trustee unless actually received by the Trustee at its address, facsimile number or electronic mail address set forth above.



Any notice or communication to a Holder will be mailed by first class mail, or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it will not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Company mails a notice or communication to Holders, it will send a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time by any of the means described above with respect to notice or communication by the Company.

The Trustee shall have the right, but shall not be required, to rely upon and comply with notices, instructions, directions or other communications sent by electronic mail, facsimile and other similar unsecured electronic methods by persons believed by the Trustee to be authorized to give instructions and directions on behalf of the Company. The Trustee shall have no duty or obligation to verify or confirm that the person who sent such instructions or directions is, in fact, a person authorized to give instructions or directions on behalf of the Company. The Trustee shall have no duty or obligation to verify or confirm that the person who sent such instructions or directions is, in fact, a person authorized to give instructions or directions on behalf of the Company; and the Trustee shall have no liability for any losses, liabilities, costs or expenses incurred or sustained by the Company as a result of such reliance upon or compliance with such notices, instructions, directions or other communications. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit notices, instructions, directions or other communications to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties. The Company shall use all reasonable endeavors to ensure that any such notices, instructions, directions or other communications transmitted to the Trustee pursuant to this Indenture are complete and correct. Any such notices, instructions, directions or other communications shall be conclusively deemed to be valid instructions from the Company to the Trustee for the purposes of this Indenture.

#### Section 13.02 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee:

(1) an Officer's Certificate in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which must include the statements set forth in <u>Section 13.03</u>) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and

(2) an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which must include the statements set forth in <u>Section 13.03</u>) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been complied with, *provided*, that no such Opinion of Counsel shall be delivered on the date of this Indenture in connection with the original issuance of the Notes.

Section 13.03 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture must include:

(1) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;

(2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(3) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him or her to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(4) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

#### Section 13.04 Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

#### Section 13.05 No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders.

No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor (including without limitation, the General Partner and the Parent), as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, this Indenture, the Note Guarantees, the Security Documents, the Financing Documents or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

#### Section 13.06 Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial; Jurisdiction.

(a) THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES AND THE NOTE GUARANTEES WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF OTHER THAN SECTION 5-1401 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.

(b) Each of the Company, any Guarantors and the Trustee, and each Holder of a Note, by its acceptance thereof, hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, any and all right it may have to trial by jury in any legal proceeding directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to this Indenture, the securities or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.

Each of the Company and each Guarantor, if any, irrevocably consents and submits, for itself and in respect of any of its assets (c)or property, to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any court of the State of New York or any United States federal court sitting, in each case, in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, New York, United States of America, and any appellate court from any thereof in any suit, action or proceeding that may be brought in connection with this Indenture or the securities, and waives any immunity from the jurisdiction of such courts. Each of the Company and each Guarantor, if any, irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection to any such suit, action or proceeding that may be brought in such courts whether on the grounds of venue, residence or domicile or on the ground that any such suit, action or proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Each of the Company and each Guarantor, if any, agrees, to the fullest extent that it lawfully may do so, that final judgment in any such suit, action or proceeding brought in such a court shall be conclusive and binding upon the Company and any Guarantor, if any, as applicable, and each of the Company and any Guarantor, if any, waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection to the enforcement by any competent court in the Company's and the applicable Guarantor's, as applicable, jurisdiction of organization of judgments validly obtained in any such court in New York on the basis of such suit, action or proceeding; provided, however, that neither the Company nor any Guarantor waive, and the foregoing provisions of this sentence shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver of, (i) any right to appeal any such judgment, to seek any stay or otherwise to seek reconsideration or review of any such judgment or (ii) any stay of execution or levy pending an appeal from, or a suit, action or proceeding for reconsideration of, any such judgment.

#### Section 13.07 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or its Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

#### Section 13.08 Successors.

All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Notes will bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture will bind its successors. All agreements of each Guarantor in this Indenture will bind its successors, except as otherwise provided in <u>Section</u> 11.05.

#### Section 13.09 Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions will not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

#### Section 13.10 Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy will be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. Any certificate and any other document delivered in connection with this Indenture relating to the Notes may be signed by or on behalf of the signing party by manual, facsimile or electronic format (i.e., "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronic format (i.e., "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission.

#### Section 13.11 Trustee's Receipt of Funds to the Extent not Required to be Applied to Payment of the Notes

To the extent the Trustee receives any money from the Company or pursuant to any of the Financing Documents, and such money is not required to be used to redeem or repay the Notes as set forth in the certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Company, such moneys shall be deposited into the Account under the Accounts Agreement as specified by the Company in such certificate.

#### Section 13.12 Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and will in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

#### Section 13.13 Electronic Means

"Electronic Means" shall mean the following communications methods: e-mail, facsimile transmission, secure electronic transmission containing applicable authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys issued by the Trustee, or another method or system specified by the Trustee as available for use in connection with its services hereunder.

The Trustee shall have the right to accept and act upon instructions, including funds transfer instructions ("Instructions") given pursuant to this Indenture and delivered using Electronic Means; provided, however, that the Company shall provide to the Trustee an incumbency certificate listing officers with the authority to provide such Instructions ("Authorized Officers") and containing specimen signatures of such Authorized Officers, which incumbency certificate shall be amended by the Company whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the Company elects to give the Trustee Instructions using Electronic Means and the Trustee in its discretion elects to act upon such Instructions, the Trustee's understanding of such Instructions shall be deemed controlling. The Company understands and agrees that the Trustee cannot determine the identity of the actual sender of such Instructions and that the Trustee shall conclusively presume that directions that purport to have been sent by an Authorized Officer listed on the incumbency certificate provided to the Trustee have been sent by such Authorized Officer. The Company shall be responsible for ensuring that only Authorized Officers transmit such Instructions to the Trustee and that the Company and all Authorized Officers are solely responsible to safeguard the use and confidentiality of applicable user and authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys upon receipt by the Company. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such Instructions

notwithstanding such directions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The Company agrees: (i) to assume all risks arising out of the use of Electronic Means to submit Instructions to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized Instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties; (ii) that it is fully informed of the protections and risks associated with the various methods of transmitting Instructions to the Trustee and that there may be more secure methods of transmitting Instructions than the method(s) selected by the Company; (iii) that the security procedures (if any) to be followed in connection with its transmission of Instructions provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances; and (iv) to notify the Trustee immediately upon learning of any compromise or unauthorized use of the security procedures.

[Signatures on following page]

# SIGNATURES

Dated as of December 15, 2021

# SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

By:	/s/ Matthew Healey
Name:	Matthew Healey
Title:	Vice President, Finance and Planning

# THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee

By:	/s/ Michael D. Commisso
Name:	Michael D. Commisso
Title:	Vice President

[Signature Page to Indenture]

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NOTES

#### Section 1.1 Definitions

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Appendix A have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

#### Section 2.1 Form and Dating.

(a) *Definitive Notes.* The Notes will be issued initially in Definitive Note form. Notes issued in Definitive Note form will be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A-1</u> (but without the Global Note Legend thereon and without the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto) in an aggregate denomination equal to (i) in the case of the Initial Notes \$95,000,000 and (ii) in the case of any Additional Notes the aggregate initial principal amount of such Notes.

(b) *Global Notes.* Except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 2.1</u>, Notes issued in global form (and the Trustee's certificate of authentication of such Notes) will be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A-1</u> (including the Global Note Legend thereon and the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Each such Note will be dated the date of its authentication. Each Global Note will represent such of the outstanding Notes as will be specified therein and each shall provide that it represents the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby will be made by the Trustee or the Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by <u>Section 2.3</u>.

(c) *Temporary Global Notes*. If Notes are exchanged in accordance with Section 2.3(a) during the Restricted Period, any such Notes initially offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S will be issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of such Notes in the form of Exhibit A-2. Such Notes will be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Notes represented thereby with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or the nominee of the Depositary for the accounts of designated agents holding on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided. The Restricted Period will be terminated upon the receipt by the Trustee of:

(1) a written certificate from the Depositary, together with copies of certificates from Euroclear and Clearstream certifying that they have received certification of non-United States beneficial ownership of 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note (except to the extent of any

beneficial owners thereof who acquired an interest therein during the Restricted Period pursuant to another exemption from registration under the Securities Act and who will take delivery of a beneficial ownership interest in (A) a Global Note substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A-1</u>, bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend, deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee, and issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Notes sold in reliance on Rule 144A or (B) a Global Note bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend, deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or the nominee of the Depositary, and issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of Notes sold to Institutional Accredited Investors, all as contemplated by <u>Section 2.3(c)</u>); and

(2) an Officer's Certificate from the Company.

Following the termination of the Restricted Period with respect to any Notes, beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note will be exchanged, pursuant to the Applicable Procedures, for beneficial interests in a permanent Global Note, which will be in the form of <u>Exhibit A-1</u> bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend, deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or the nominee of the Depositary, and issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note, the Trustee will cancel the Regulation S Temporary Global Note. The aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note and the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Temporary Global Note. The aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note and the Regulation S Temporary Global Note. The aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee and the Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, in connection with transfers of interest as hereinafter provided.

(3) *Euroclear and Clearstream Procedures Applicable*. The provisions of the "Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" and "Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear" and the "General Terms and Conditions of Clearstream Banking" and "Customer Handbook" of Clearstream will be applicable to transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note that are held by Participants through Euroclear or Clearstream.

(d) *Additional Notes*. Subject to compliance with the provisions of this Indenture, the Company may from time to time after the Issue Date issue Additional Notes as provided in Exhibit F, which is incorporated by reference in this <u>Section 2.1(d)</u>.

#### Section 2.2 Holder Lists.

The Trustee will preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders. If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company will furnish to the Trustee at least seven Business Days before each Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of Notes.

#### Section 2.3 Transfer and Exchange.

(a) *Initial Exchange of Notes*. A particular series of Notes, which will be initially issued in Definitive Note form, may be exchanged in aggregate for beneficial interests in Global Notes if requested by Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Notes then outstanding, voting as a single class.

Upon receipt of such request for exchange, the Trustee, in accordance with <u>Section 7.02</u> of the Indenture, will cancel such Notes and the Company will issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with <u>Section 2.04</u> of the Indenture, the Trustee will authenticate one or more Restricted Global Notes, Unrestricted Global Notes or Regulation S Temporary Global Notes, as applicable, in accordance with Section 2.1. Holders will receive beneficial interests in the aggregate principal amount of Restricted Global Notes, Unrestricted Global Notes, as applicable.

(b) *Transfer and Exchange of Global Notes*. A Global Note may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary, by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or to another nominee of the Depositary, or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary. All Global Notes will be exchanged by the Company for Definitive Notes if:

(1) the Company delivers to the Trustee notice from the Depositary that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depositary for the Global Notes or that it has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, a successor Depositary is not appointed by the Company within 120 days after the date of such notice from the Depositary;

(2) the Company in its sole discretion determines that the Global Notes (in whole but not in part) should be exchanged for Definitive Notes and delivers a written notice to such effect to the Trustee; *provided* that in no event shall the Regulation S Temporary Global Note be exchanged by the Company for Definitive Notes prior to (A) the expiration of the Restricted Period and (B) the receipt by the Registrar of any certificates required pursuant to Rule 903(b)(3)(ii)(B) under the Securities Act; or

(3) there has occurred and is continuing an Event of Default with respect to the Notes.

Upon the occurrence of either of the preceding events in (1) or (2) above, Definitive Notes shall be issued in such names as the Depositary shall instruct the Trustee. Global Notes also may be exchanged or replaced, in whole or in part, as provided in Sections 2.08 and 2.11 of the Indenture. Every Note authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or in lieu of, a Global Note or any portion thereof, pursuant to this Section 2.3 or Sections 2.08 or 2.11 of the Indenture, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Note. A Global Note may not be exchanged for another Note other than as provided in this Section

2.3(b), however, beneficial interests in a Global Note may be transferred and exchanged as provided in Section 2.3(c), (d) or (g).

(c) *Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in the Global Notes.* The transfer and exchange of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be effected through the Depositary, in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the Applicable Procedures. Beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes will be subject to restrictions on transfer comparable to those set forth herein to the extent required by the Securities Act. Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Notes also will require compliance with either subparagraph (1) or (2) below, as applicable, as well as one or more of the other following subparagraphs, as applicable:

(1) Transfer of Beneficial Interests in the Same Global Note. Beneficial interests in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the same Restricted Global Note in accordance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Private Placement Legend; *provided, however*, that prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note may not be made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person (other than the Initial Purchaser). Beneficial interests in any Unrestricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. No written orders or instructions shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar to effect the transfers described in this <u>Section 2.3(c)(1)</u>.

(2) All Other Transfers and Exchanges of Beneficial Interests in Global Notes. In connection with all transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests that are not subject to Section 2.3(c)(1), the transferor of such beneficial interest must deliver to the Registrar either:

(A)both:

(i) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to credit or cause to be credited a beneficial interest in another Global Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and

(ii) instructions given in accordance with the Applicable Procedures containing information regarding the Participant account to be credited with such increase; or

(B)both:

(i) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the

Depositary to cause to be issued a Definitive Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and

(ii) instructions given by the Depositary to the Registrar containing information regarding the Person in whose name such Definitive Note shall be registered to effect the transfer or exchange referred to in (1) above;

*provided* that in no event shall Definitive Notes be issued upon the transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note prior to (A) the expiration of the Restricted Period and (B) the receipt by the Registrar of any certificates required pursuant to Rule 903 under the Securities Act.

(3) Transfer of Beneficial Interests to Another Restricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Restricted Global Note if the transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.3(c)(2) and the Registrar receives the following:

(A) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(B) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note or the Regulation S Permanent Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; and

(C) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the IAI Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable.

(4) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be exchanged by any Holder thereof for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note if the exchange or transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.3(c)(2) and the Registrar receives the following:

(i) if the Holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u>, including the certifications in item (1)(a) thereof; or

(ii) if the Holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case, if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar and the Company to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

If any such transfer is effected at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Company shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with <u>Section 2.04</u> of the Indenture, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of beneficial interests transferred.

Beneficial interests in an Unrestricted Global Note cannot be exchanged for, or transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of, a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note.

(d) Transfer or Exchange of Beneficial Interests for Definitive Notes.

(1) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes. If any Holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:

(A) if the Holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C, including the certifications in item (2)(a) thereof;

(B) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, a certificate to the effect set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(C) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;

(D) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (3) (a) thereof;

(E) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3)(d) thereof, if applicable;

(F) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or

(G) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.3(i), and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.3(d) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the Holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.3(d)(1) shall bear the Private Placement Legend and shall be subject to all restrictions on transfer contained therein.

(2) Beneficial Interests in Regulation S Temporary Global Note to Definitive Notes. Notwithstanding Sections 2.3(d)(1)(A) and (C), a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note may not be exchanged for a Definitive Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note prior to (A) the expiration of the Restricted Period and (B) the receipt by the Registrar of any certificates required pursuant to Rule 903(b)(3)(ii)(B) under the Securities Act, except in the case of a transfer pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 903 or Rule 904.

(3) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A Holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or may transfer such beneficial

interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note only if the Registrar receives the following:

(i) if the Holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u>, including the certifications in item (1)(b) thereof; or

(ii) if the Holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case, if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar and the Company to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(4) Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. If any Holder of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, then, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.3(c)(2), the Trustee will cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.3(c)(2), and the Company will execute and the Trustee will authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.3(d)(4) will be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the Holder of such beneficial interest requests through instructions to the Registrar from or through the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee will deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.3(d)(4) will be registered pursuant to this Section 2.3(d)(4) will be registered in the appropriate principal amount. Whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.3(d)(4) will be predicted pursuant to this Section 2.3(d)(4) will be registered pursuant to this Section 2.3(d)(4) will not be principal amount to the persons in whose names such Notes are so registered.

(e) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Beneficial Interests.

Unless initially exchanged in accordance with Section 2.3(a), Definitive Notes may be transferred and exchanged for beneficial interests in Global Notes as follows:

(1) *Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes.* If any Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note or to transfer such Restricted Definitive

Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:

(A) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u>, including the certifications in item (2)(b) thereof;

(B) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(C) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904, a certificate to the effect set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;

(D) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof;

(E) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3)(d) thereof, if applicable;

(F) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or

(G) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee will cancel the Restricted Definitive Note, increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of, in the case of clause (A) above, the appropriate Restricted Global Note, in the case of clause (B) above, the Rule 144A Global Note, in the case of clause (C) above, the Regulation S Global Note, in the case of clause (E) above, the IAI Global Note and in all other cases, the appropriate Unrestricted Global Note.

(2) *Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes*. A Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Restricted Definitive Note to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note only if the Registrar receives the following:

(i) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C, including the certifications in item (1)(c) thereof; or

(ii) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case, if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar and the Company to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions of any of the subparagraphs in this <u>Section 2.3(e)(2)</u>, the Trustee will cancel the Definitive Notes and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of the Unrestricted Global Note.

(3) Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes. A Holder of an Unrestricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note at any time. Upon receipt of a request for such an exchange or transfer, the Trustee will cancel the applicable Unrestricted Definitive Note and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of one of the Unrestricted Global Notes.

If any such exchange or transfer from a Definitive Note to a beneficial interest is effected pursuant to subparagraphs (2)(B), (2) (D) or (3) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Company will issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with <u>Section 2.04</u> of the Indenture, the Trustee will authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Definitive Notes so transferred.

(f) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Definitive Notes. Upon request by a Holder of Definitive Notes and such Holder's compliance with the provisions of this Section 2.3(f), the Registrar will register the transfer or exchange of Definitive Notes. Prior to such registration of transfer or exchange, the requesting Holder must present or surrender to the

Registrar the Definitive Notes duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instruction of transfer in form satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by such Holder or by its attorney, duly authorized in writing. In addition, the requesting Holder must provide any additional certifications, documents and information, as applicable, required pursuant to the following provisions of this <u>Section 2.3(f)</u>.

(1) *Restricted Definitive Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes.* Any Restricted Definitive Note may be transferred to and registered in the name of Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:

(A) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 144A, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(B) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 903 or Rule 904, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; and

(C) if the transfer will be made pursuant to any other exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable.

(2) *Restricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes.* Any Restricted Definitive Note may be exchanged by the Holder thereof for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or transferred to a Person or Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:

(i) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C, including the certifications in item (1)(d) thereof; or

(ii) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case, if the Registrar so requests, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(3) Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A Holder of Unrestricted Definitive Notes may transfer such Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note. Upon receipt of a request to register such a transfer, the Registrar shall register the Unrestricted Definitive Notes pursuant to the instructions from the Holder thereof.

(g) *Legends*. The following legends will appear on the face of all Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued under this Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture governing Additional Notes.

#### (1) *Private Placement Legend.*

(A)Except as permitted by subparagraph (B) below, each Global Note and each Definitive Note (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall bear the legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION. NEITHER THIS SECURITY NOR ANY INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION HEREIN MAY BE REOFFERED, SOLD, ASSIGNED, TRANSFERRED, PLEDGED, ENCUMBERED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR UNLESS SUCH TRANSACTION IS EXEMPT FROM, OR NOT SUBJECT TO, SUCH REGISTRATION. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, AGREES ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ANY INVESTOR ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT HAS PURCHASED SECURITIES, TO OFFER, SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER SUCH SECURITY, PRIOR TO THE DATE (THE "RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE") THAT IS ONE YEAR AFTER THE LATER OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE HEREOF AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH THE COMPANY OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY WAS THE OWNER OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY), ONLY (A) TO THE COMPANY, (B) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) FOR SO LONG AS THE SECURITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A, (D) PURSUANT TO OFFERS AND SALES THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (E) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SUBPARAGRAPH (A)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) OF RULE 501 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT IS ACQUIRING THE NOTES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR", FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO, OR FOR OFFER OR SALE IN CONNECTION WITH, ANY DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (F)

PURSUANT TO ANOTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, SUBJECT TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE TRUSTEE'S RIGHT PRIOR TO ANY SUCH OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSES (D), (E) OR (F) TO REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATION AND/ OR OTHER INFORMATION SATISFACTORY TO EACH OF THEM. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER AFTER THE RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE."

(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Global Note or Definitive Note issued pursuant to subparagraphs (b)(4), (c)(3), (c)(4), (d)(2), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(3) or (f) of this Section 2.3 (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) will not bear the Private Placement Legend.

(2) *Global Note Legend.* Each Global Note will bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (1) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.3 OF APPENDIX A TO THE INDENTURE, (2) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.3 OF APPENDIX A TO THE INDENTURE, (3) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.12 OF THE INDENTURE AND (4) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMPANY.

UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN DEFINITIVE FORM, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) ("DTC"), TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN." (3) *Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend*. The Regulation S Temporary Global Note will bear a Legend in substantially the following form:

# "THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE, AND THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ITS EXCHANGE FOR CERTIFICATED NOTES, ARE AS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED HEREIN). NEITHER THE HOLDER NOR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PAYMENT OF INTEREST HEREON."

(h) *Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Notes.* At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Note have been exchanged for Definitive Notes or a particular Global Note has been redeemed, repurchased or canceled in whole and not in part, each such Global Note will be returned to or retained and canceled by the Trustee in accordance with <u>Section 2.12</u> of the Indenture. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note or for Definitive Notes, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note will be reduced accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note, such other Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.

#### (i) General Provisions Relating to Transfers and Exchanges.

(1) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company will execute and the Trustee will authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with <u>Section 2.02</u> of the Indenture or at the Registrar's request.

(2) No service charge will be made to a Holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note or to a Holder of a Definitive Note for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 2.09, 3.06, 3.09, 4.09, 4.13, 4.14, 4.19 and 9.05 of the Indenture).

(3) The Registrar will not be required to register the transfer of or exchange of any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.

(4) All Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Notes or Definitive Notes will be the valid obligations of

the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Notes or Definitive Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(5) Neither the Registrar nor the Company will be required:

(A) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange any Notes during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of any selection of Notes for redemption under <u>Section 3.02</u> of the Indenture and ending at the close of business on the day of selection;

(B) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part; or

(C) to register the transfer of or to exchange a Note between a record date and the next succeeding Payment Date.

(6) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent and the Company may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent or the Company shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(7) The Trustee will authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 2.04</u> of the Indenture.

(8) All certifications, certificates and Opinions of Counsel required to be submitted to the Registrar pursuant to this <u>Section</u> <u>2.3</u> to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by facsimile.

(9) None of the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar shall have any responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner in a Global Note, an agent member of the Depositary or other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of the Depositary or its nominee or of any agent member of the Depositary, with respect to any ownership interest in the Notes or with respect to the delivery to any agent member of the Depositary, Beneficial Owner or other Person (other than the Depositary) of any notice (including any notice of redemption) or the payment of any amount, under or with respect to such Notes. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders and all payments to be made to Holders under the Notes and this Indenture shall be given or made only to or upon the order of the registered holders (which shall be the Depositary or its nominee in the case of the Global Note). The rights of Beneficial Owners in the Global Note shall be exercised only through the Depositary subject to the Applicable Procedures. The Trustee, the Paying Agent and the Registrar shall be entitled to rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by the Depositary with respect to its members, participants and any beneficial owners. The Trustee, the Paying Agent and the Registrar shall be entitled to deal with the Depositary, and any nominee thereof, that is the registered holder of any Global Note for all purposes of this Indenture relating to such Global Note (including the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, and the giving of instructions or directions by or to the owner or holder of a beneficial ownership interest in such Global Note) as the sole holder of such Global Note and shall have no obligations to the Beneficial Owners thereof. None of the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar shall have any responsibility or liability for any acts or omissions of the Depositary with respect to such Global Note, for the records of any such depositary, including records in respect of beneficial ownership interests in respect of any such Global Note, for any transactions between the Depositary and any agent member of the Depositary or between or among the Depositary, any such agent member of the Depositary and/or any holder or owner of a beneficial interest in such Global Note, or for any transfers of beneficial interests in any such Global Note.

(10) Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Global Note, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Trustee, or any agent of the Company or the Trustee from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by any Depositary (or its nominee), as a Holder, with respect to such Global Note or shall impair, as between such Depositary and owners of beneficial interests in such Global Note, the operation of customary practices governing the exercise of the rights of such Depositary (or its nominee) as Holder of such Global Note.

(11) None of the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar shall have any obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under Applicable Law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any security (including any transfers between or among Depositary participants, members or beneficial owners in any Global Note) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

# APPENDIX B

# PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	<b>Total Payment</b>	Outstanding Principal
3/15/2022	-	\$752,875.00	\$752,875.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2022	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
3/15/2023	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2023	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
3/15/2024	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2024	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
3/15/2025	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2025	\$2,844,250.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$4,350,000.00	\$92,155,750.00
3/15/2026	\$2,889,331.36	\$1,460,668.64	\$4,350,000.00	\$89,266,418.64
9/15/2026	\$2,935,127.26	\$1,414,872.74	\$4,350,000.00	\$86,331,291.37
3/15/2027	\$2,981,649.03	\$1,368,350.97	\$4,350,000.00	\$83,349,642.34
9/15/2027	\$3,028,908.17	\$1,321,091.83	\$4,350,000.00	\$80,320,734.17
3/15/2028	\$3,076,916.36	\$1,273,083.64	\$4,350,000.00	\$77,243,817.81
9/15/2028	\$3,125,685.49	\$1,224,314.51	\$4,350,000.00	\$74,118,132.32
3/15/2029	\$3,175,227.60	\$1,174,772.40	\$4,350,000.00	\$70,942,904.72
9/15/2029	\$3,225,554.96	\$1,124,445.04	\$4,350,000.00	\$67,717,349.76
3/15/2030	\$3,276,680.01	\$1,073,319.99	\$4,350,000.00	\$64,440,669.75
9/15/2030	\$3,328,615.38	\$1,021,384.62	\$4,350,000.00	\$61,112,054.37
3/15/2031	\$3,381,373.94	\$968,626.06	\$4,350,000.00	\$57,730,680.43
9/15/2031	\$3,434,968.72	\$915,031.28	\$4,350,000.00	\$54,295,711.71
3/15/2032	\$4,139,412.97	\$860,587.03	\$5,000,000.00	\$50,156,298.74
9/15/2032	\$4,205,022.66	\$794,977.34	\$5,000,000.00	\$45,951,276.08
3/15/2033	\$4,271,672.27	\$728,327.73	\$5,000,000.00	\$41,679,603.81
9/15/2033	\$4,339,378.28	\$660,621.72	\$5,000,000.00	\$37,340,225.53
3/15/2034	\$4,408,157.43	\$591,842.57	\$5,000,000.00	\$32,932,068.10
9/15/2034	\$4,478,026.72	\$521,973.28	\$5,000,000.00	\$28,454,041.38
3/15/2035	\$4,549,003.44	\$450,996.56	\$5,000,000.00	\$23,905,037.94
9/15/2035	\$4,621,105.15	\$378,894.85	\$5,000,000.00	\$19,283,932.79
3/15/2036	\$4,694,349.67	\$305,650.33	\$5,000,000.00	\$14,589,583.12
9/15/2036	\$4,768,755.11	\$231,244.89	\$5,000,000.00	\$9,820,828.01
3/15/2037	\$4,844,339.88	\$155,660.12	\$5,000,000.00	\$4,976,488.14
9/15/2037	\$4,976,488.14	\$78,877.34	\$5,055,365.48	\$0.00

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3.17% Senior Se	ecured Notes due 2037	CUSIP:[ ] \$
SABINE PASS L	IQUEFACTION, LLC	
promises to pay to or registered assigns, the principal sum of interest thereon in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provided for under Schedule I hereto.		DOLLARS and
Payment Dates: March 15 and September 15, commencing March 15	, 2022	
Record Dates: March 1 and September 1		
Dated:, 2021	SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC	
	By: Name: Title:	
This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:		
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee By:		

Authorized Signatory

#### [Back of Note] 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037

[Insert the Global Note Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

[Insert the Private Placement Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

(1) *PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST*. Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "*Company*"), promises to make payments of principal and interest in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provided for under Schedule I hereto. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; *provided* that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Payment Date; *provided further* that the first Payment Date shall be March 15, 2022. The Company will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and interest thereon, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 0.5% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect to the extent lawful (without regard to any applicable grace periods). Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Company will make payments (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the March 1 or September 1 next preceding the Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.13 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Paying Agent or Registrar maintained for such purpose within or without the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest, if any, may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders; *provided* that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of and interest, premium, if any, on, all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which will have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent. Such payment will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

(3) *PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR*. Initially, The Bank of New York Mellon, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

(4) INDENTURE AND SECURITY DOCUMENTS. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 (the *"Indenture"*) among the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of

the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are secured obligations of the Company. The Notes are secured by a pledge of Collateral (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to the Security Documents referred to in the Indenture. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

#### (5) OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

At any time or from time to time prior to March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the Initial Notes at a redemption price equal to the Optional Redemption Price (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on a payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

"Optional Redemption Price" with respect to any Notes to be redeemed, means an amount equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of such Notes; and
- (2) the Discounted Value of such Notes;

plus, in the case of both (1) and (2), accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes, if any, to the redemption date.

"*Called Principal*" means, with respect to any Note, the principal of such Note that is to be prepaid or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable, as the context requires.

*"Discounted Value"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

*"Remaining Scheduled Payments"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, provided that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date.

*"Reinvestment Yield"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the yield(s) reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as "Page PX1" (or such other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities (*"Reported"*) having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there are no

such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (a) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (b) interpolating linearly between the yields Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

If such yields are not Reported or the yields Reported as of such time are not ascertainable (including by way of interpolation), then "*Reinvestment Yield*" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the U.S. Treasury constant maturity yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (or any comparable successor publication) for the U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there is no such U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to such Remaining Average Life, such implied yield to maturity will be determined by interpolating linearly between (1) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

*"Remaining Average Life"* shall mean, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years obtained by dividing (a) such Called Principal into (b) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (1) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (2) the number of years, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months calculated to two decimal places, that will elapse between the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

*"Settlement Date"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of a Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be redeemed or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable.

The notice of redemption with respect to the foregoing redemption need not set forth the Optional Redemption Price but only the manner of calculation thereof. The Company will notify the Trustee of the Optional Redemption Price with respect to any redemption promptly after the calculation, and the Trustee shall not be responsible for such calculation.

#### (6) MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

The Company is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

#### (7) REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF HOLDER.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company will make an offer (a "*Change of Control Offer*") of payment (a "*Change of Control Payment*") to each Holder to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to not less than 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase (the "*Change of Control Payment Date*," which date will be no earlier than the date of such Change of Control). No later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and setting forth the procedures governing the Change of Control Offer as required by the Indenture.

(b) The Company will be required to make Asset Sale Offers, Excess Proceeds Offers and Project Document Termination Payment Offers to the extent provided in Sections 4.09, 4.14 and 4.19, respectively, of the Indenture.

(8) NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction or discharge of the Indenture. Notes in denominations larger than \$100,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed.

(9) DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$.01 in excess thereof. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Payment Date.

(10) PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

(11) *TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH COMPANY*. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

(12) NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor (including the General Partner and the Parent), as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, the Indenture, the Note

Guarantees, the Security Documents, the Financing Documents or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

(13) AUTHENTICATION. This Note will not be valid until authenticated by the manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

(14) *ABBREVIATIONS*. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

(15) *CUSIP NUMBERS*. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes, and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption, and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

(16) *GOVERNING LAW*. THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THE INDENTURE, THIS NOTE AND THE NOTE GUARANTEES.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002 Attention: Treasurer

Schedule I

# PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment	Outstanding Principal
3/15/2022	-	\$752,875.00	\$752,875.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2022	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
3/15/2023	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2023	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
3/15/2024	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2024	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
3/15/2025	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2025	\$2,844,250.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$4,350,000.00	\$92,155,750.00
3/15/2026	\$2,889,331.36	\$1,460,668.64	\$4,350,000.00	\$89,266,418.64
9/15/2026	\$2,935,127.26	\$1,414,872.74	\$4,350,000.00	\$86,331,291.37
3/15/2027	\$2,981,649.03	\$1,368,350.97	\$4,350,000.00	\$83,349,642.34
9/15/2027	\$3,028,908.17	\$1,321,091.83	\$4,350,000.00	\$80,320,734.17
3/15/2028	\$3,076,916.36	\$1,273,083.64	\$4,350,000.00	\$77,243,817.81
9/15/2028	\$3,125,685.49	\$1,224,314.51	\$4,350,000.00	\$74,118,132.32
3/15/2029	\$3,175,227.60	\$1,174,772.40	\$4,350,000.00	\$70,942,904.72
9/15/2029	\$3,225,554.96	\$1,124,445.04	\$4,350,000.00	\$67,717,349.76
3/15/2030	\$3,276,680.01	\$1,073,319.99	\$4,350,000.00	\$64,440,669.75
9/15/2030	\$3,328,615.38	\$1,021,384.62	\$4,350,000.00	\$61,112,054.37
3/15/2031	\$3,381,373.94	\$968,626.06	\$4,350,000.00	\$57,730,680.43
9/15/2031	\$3,434,968.72	\$915,031.28	\$4,350,000.00	\$54,295,711.71
3/15/2032	\$4,139,412.97	\$860,587.03	\$5,000,000.00	\$50,156,298.74
9/15/2032	\$4,205,022.66	\$794,977.34	\$5,000,000.00	\$45,951,276.08
3/15/2033	\$4,271,672.27	\$728,327.73	\$5,000,000.00	\$41,679,603.81
9/15/2033	\$4,339,378.28	\$660,621.72	\$5,000,000.00	\$37,340,225.53
3/15/2034	\$4,408,157.43	\$591,842.57	\$5,000,000.00	\$32,932,068.10
9/15/2034	\$4,478,026.72	\$521,973.28	\$5,000,000.00	\$28,454,041.38
3/15/2035	\$4,549,003.44	\$450,996.56	\$5,000,000.00	\$23,905,037.94
9/15/2035	\$4,621,105.15	\$378,894.85	\$5,000,000.00	\$19,283,932.79
3/15/2036	\$4,694,349.67	\$305,650.33	\$5,000,000.00	\$14,589,583.12
9/15/2036	\$4,768,755.11	\$231,244.89	\$5,000,000.00	\$9,820,828.01
3/15/2037	\$4,844,339.88	\$155,660.12	\$5,000,000.00	\$4,976,488.14
9/15/2037	\$4,976,488.14	\$78,877.34	\$5,055,365.48	\$0.00

#### ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:

(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:

(Insert assignee's legal name)

(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. no.)

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

appoint to transfer this Note on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

Date:

and irrevocably

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

#### OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, check the appropriate box below:

□ Section 4.09 □ Section 4.13 □ Section 4.14 □ Section 4.19

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

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

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Tax Identification No:

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

# SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTEREST IN THE GLOBAL NOTE

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount [at	Amount of increase in Principal Amount [at	Principal Amount [at maturity] of this Global	Signature of authorized
	maturity] of this Global	maturity] of this Global	Note following such	officer of Trustee or
Date of Exchange	Note	Note	decrease (or increase)	Custodian

[Face of Regulation S Tem	EXHIBIT A-2	
[Face of Regulation S Temporary Global Note] 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037		CUSIP:[]
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SABINE PASS LIQU	EFACTION, LLC	
promises to pay to or registered assigns, the principal sum of _ interest thereon in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provide	DOLLARS and	
Payment Dates: March 15 and September 15, commencing March 15, 202	2	
Record Dates: March 1 and September 1		
Dated:, 2021		
	SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC	
	By: Name: Title:	
This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee		
Ву:		

Authorized Signatory

#### [Back of Regulation S Temporary Global Note] 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037

THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE, AND THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ITS EXCHANGE FOR CERTIFICATED NOTES, ARE AS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED HEREIN). NEITHER THE HOLDER NOR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PAYMENT OF INTEREST HEREON.

THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (1) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.3 OF APPENDIX A TO THE INDENTURE, (2) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.3(a) OF APPENDIX A TO THE INDENTURE, (3) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.12 OF THE INDENTURE AND (4) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMPANY.

UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN DEFINITIVE FORM, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) ("*DTC*"), TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION. NEITHER THIS SECURITY NOR ANY INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION HEREIN MAY BE REOFFERED, SOLD, ASSIGNED, TRANSFERRED, PLEDGED, ENCUMBERED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF IN THE

ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR UNLESS SUCH TRANSACTION IS EXEMPT FROM, OR NOT SUBJECT TO, SUCH REGISTRATION. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, AGREES ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ANY INVESTOR ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT HAS PURCHASED SECURITIES, TO OFFER, SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER SUCH SECURITY, PRIOR TO THE DATE (THE "RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE") THAT IS ONE YEAR AFTER THE LATER OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE HEREOF AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH THE ISSUER OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY WAS THE OWNER OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY), ONLY (A) TO THE COMPANY, (B) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) FOR SO LONG AS THE SECURITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "OUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A, (D) PURSUANT TO OFFERS AND SALES THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (E) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SUBPARAGRAPH (A)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) OF RULE 501 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT IS ACQUIRING THE NOTES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR", FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO, OR FOR OFFER OR SALE IN CONNECTION WITH, ANY DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (F) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, SUBJECT TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE TRUSTEE'S RIGHT PRIOR TO ANY SUCH OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSES (D), (E) OR (F) TO REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATION AND/ OR OTHER INFORMATION SATISFACTORY TO EACH OF THEM. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER AFTER THE RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE.

Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

(1) PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST. Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), promises to make payments of principal and interest in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provided for under Schedule I hereto. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; provided that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Payment Date; provided further that the first Payment Date shall be March 15, 2022. The Company will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any

Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and interest thereon, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 0.5% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect to the extent lawful (without regard to any applicable grace periods). Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Until this Regulation S Temporary Global Note is exchanged for one or more Regulation S Permanent Global Notes, the Holder hereof shall not be entitled to receive payments of interest hereon; until so exchanged in full, this Regulation S Temporary Global Note shall in all other respects be entitled to the same benefits as other Notes under the Indenture.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Company will make payments (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the March 1 and September 1 next preceding the Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.13 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Paying Agent or Registrar maintained for such purpose within or without the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest, if any, may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders; *provided* that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of and interest, premium, if any, on, all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which will have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent. Such payment will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

(3) *PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR*. Initially, The Bank of New York Mellon, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

(4) INDENTURE AND SECURITY DOCUMENTS. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "Indenture"), among the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are secured obligations of the Company. The Notes are secured by a pledge of Collateral (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to the Security Documents referred to in the Indenture. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

#### (5) OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

At any time or from time to time prior to March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the Initial Notes at a redemption price equal to the Optional

Redemption Price (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on a payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

- "Optional Redemption Price" with respect to any Notes to be redeemed, means an amount equal to the greater of:
- (1) 100% of the principal amount of such Notes; and
- (2) the Discounted Value of such Notes;

plus, in the case of both (1) and (2), accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes, if any, to the redemption date.

"*Called Principal*" means, with respect to any Note, the principal of such Note that is to be prepaid or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable, as the context requires.

"Discounted Value" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

*"Remaining Scheduled Payments"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, provided that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date.

*"Reinvestment Yield"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the yield(s) reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as "Page PX1" (or such other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities (*"Reported"*) having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there are no such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (a) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (b) interpolating linearly between the yields Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average

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thereof) of that Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to not less than 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase (the "*Change of Control Payment Date*," which date will be no earlier than the date of such Change of Control). No later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and setting forth the procedures governing the Change of Control Offer as required by the Indenture.

(b) The Company will be required to make Asset Sale Offers, Excess Proceeds Offers and Project Document Termination Payment Offers to the extent provided in Sections 4.09, 4.14 and 4.19, respectively, of the Indenture.

(8) NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction or discharge of the Indenture. Notes in denominations larger than \$100,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed.

(9) DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$.01 in excess thereof. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Payment Date.

This Regulation S Temporary Global Note is exchangeable in whole or in part for one or more Global Notes only (i) on or after the termination of the 40-day distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S) and (ii) upon presentation of certificates (accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel, if applicable) required by Article 2 of the Indenture. Upon exchange of this Regulation S Temporary Global Note for one or more Global Notes, the Trustee shall cancel this Regulation S Temporary Global Note.

(10) *PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS*. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

(11) TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH COMPANY. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

(12) NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor (including the General Partner and the Parent), as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, the Indenture, the Note Guarantees, the Security Documents, the Financing Documents or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under federal securities laws.

(13) *AUTHENTICATION*. This Note will not be valid until authenticated by the manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

(14) *ABBREVIATIONS.* Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

(15) *CUSIP NUMBERS.* Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes, and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption, and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

(16) *GOVERNING LAW*. THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THE INDENTURE, THIS NOTE AND THE NOTE GUARANTEES.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002 Attention: Treasurer

Schedule I

# PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment	Outstanding Principal
3/15/2022	-	\$752,875.00	\$752,875.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2022	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
3/15/2023	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2023	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
3/15/2024	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2024	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
3/15/2025	-	\$1,505,750.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$95,000,000.00
9/15/2025	\$2,844,250.00	\$1,505,750.00	\$4,350,000.00	\$92,155,750.00
3/15/2026	\$2,889,331.36	\$1,460,668.64	\$4,350,000.00	\$89,266,418.64
9/15/2026	\$2,935,127.26	\$1,414,872.74	\$4,350,000.00	\$86,331,291.37
3/15/2027	\$2,981,649.03	\$1,368,350.97	\$4,350,000.00	\$83,349,642.34
9/15/2027	\$3,028,908.17	\$1,321,091.83	\$4,350,000.00	\$80,320,734.17
3/15/2028	\$3,076,916.36	\$1,273,083.64	\$4,350,000.00	\$77,243,817.81
9/15/2028	\$3,125,685.49	\$1,224,314.51	\$4,350,000.00	\$74,118,132.32
3/15/2029	\$3,175,227.60	\$1,174,772.40	\$4,350,000.00	\$70,942,904.72
9/15/2029	\$3,225,554.96	\$1,124,445.04	\$4,350,000.00	\$67,717,349.76
3/15/2030	\$3,276,680.01	\$1,073,319.99	\$4,350,000.00	\$64,440,669.75
9/15/2030	\$3,328,615.38	\$1,021,384.62	\$4,350,000.00	\$61,112,054.37
3/15/2031	\$3,381,373.94	\$968,626.06	\$4,350,000.00	\$57,730,680.43
9/15/2031	\$3,434,968.72	\$915,031.28	\$4,350,000.00	\$54,295,711.71
3/15/2032	\$4,139,412.97	\$860,587.03	\$5,000,000.00	\$50,156,298.74
9/15/2032	\$4,205,022.66	\$794,977.34	\$5,000,000.00	\$45,951,276.08
3/15/2033	\$4,271,672.27	\$728,327.73	\$5,000,000.00	\$41,679,603.81
9/15/2033	\$4,339,378.28	\$660,621.72	\$5,000,000.00	\$37,340,225.53
3/15/2034	\$4,408,157.43	\$591,842.57	\$5,000,000.00	\$32,932,068.10
9/15/2034	\$4,478,026.72	\$521,973.28	\$5,000,000.00	\$28,454,041.38
3/15/2035	\$4,549,003.44	\$450,996.56	\$5,000,000.00	\$23,905,037.94
9/15/2035	\$4,621,105.15	\$378,894.85	\$5,000,000.00	\$19,283,932.79
3/15/2036	\$4,694,349.67	\$305,650.33	\$5,000,000.00	\$14,589,583.12
9/15/2036	\$4,768,755.11	\$231,244.89	\$5,000,000.00	\$9,820,828.01
3/15/2037	\$4,844,339.88	\$155,660.12	\$5,000,000.00	\$4,976,488.14
9/15/2037	\$4,976,488.14	\$78,877.34	\$5,055,365.48	\$0.00

# ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:

(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:

(Insert assignee's legal name)

(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. no.)

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

appoint to transfer this Note on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

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

and irrevocably

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

## OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, check the appropriate box below:

 $\square$  Section 4.09  $\square$  Section 4.13  $\square$  Section 4.14  $\square$  Section 4.19

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

\$\_\_\_\_\_

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

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Tax Identification No:

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

# SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTEREST IN THE REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE

The following exchanges of a part of this Regulation S Temporary Global Note for an interest in another Global Note, or exchanges of a part of another other Restricted Global Note for an interest in this Regulation S Temporary Global Note, have been made:

	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount [at	Amount of increase in Principal Amount [at	Principal Amount [at maturity] of this Global Note	Signature of authorized
Date of Exchange	maturity] of this	maturity] of this	following such decrease (or	signatory of Trustee or
	Global Note	Global Note	increase)	Custodian

#### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee 500 Ross Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15262

cc: Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002

Re: 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 issued by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, (the "*Indenture*"), among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, as issuer (the "*Company*"), the Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

\_\_\_\_\_\_, (the "*Transferor*") owns and proposes to transfer the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified in Annex A hereto, in the principal amount of \$ in such Note[s] or interests (the "*Transfer*"), to (the "*Transferee*"), as further specified in Annex A hereto. In connection with the Transfer, the Transferor hereby certifies that:

## [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. □ Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note or a Restricted Definitive Note pursuant to Rule 144A. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144A ("*Rule 144A*") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that the beneficial interest or Definitive Note is being transferred to a Person that the Transferor reasonably believes is purchasing the beneficial interest or Definitive Note for its own account, or for one or more accounts with respect to which such Person exercises sole investment discretion, and such Person and each such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, and such Transfer is in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Rule 144A Global Note and/or the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

- 2. □ Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note, the Regulation S Permanent Global Note or a Restricted Definitive Note pursuant to Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that (i) the Transfer is not being made to a Person in the United States and (x) at the time the buy order was originated, the Transferee was outside the United States or such Transferor and any Person acting on its behalf reasonably believed and believes that the Transferee was outside the United States or (y) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market and neither such Transferor nor any Person acting on its behalf knows that the transaction was prearranged with a buyer in the United States, (ii) no directed selling efforts have been made in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (iii) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act and (iv) if the proposed transfer is being made prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, (x) the transferred will be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear or Clearstream. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on Transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Regulation S Permanent Global Note, the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and/or the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.
- 3. □ Check and complete if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Definitive Note pursuant to any provision of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A or Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States, and accordingly the Transferor hereby further certifies that (check one):

(a) □ such Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act;

or

(b)  $\Box$  such Transfer is being effected to the Company or a subsidiary thereof;

or

(c)  $\Box$  such Transfer is being effected pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and in compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act;

(d)  $\Box$  such Transfer is being effected to an Institutional Accredited Investor and pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A, Rule 144, Rule 903 or Rule 904, and the Transferor hereby further certifies that it has not engaged in any general solicitation within the meaning of Regulation D under the Securities Act and the Transfer complies with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in a Restricted Global Note or Restricted Definitive Notes and the requirements of the exemption claimed, which certification is supported by (1) a certificate executed by the Transfere in the form of Exhibit G to the Indenture and (2) if such Transfer is in respect of a principal amount of Notes at the time of transfer of less than \$250,000, an Opinion of Counsel provided by the Transferor or the Transferee (a copy of which the Transferor has attached to this certification), to the effect that such Transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the IAI Global Note and/or the Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

# 4. Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or of an Unrestricted Definitive Note.

(a) **Check if Transfer is pursuant to Rule 144.** (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

(b)  $\Box$  Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Regulation S. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

(c)  $\Box$  Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Other Exemption. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in compliance with an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144, Rule 903 or Rule 904 and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any State of

the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will not be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes or Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Company.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

By:

Name: Title:

Dated:

# ANNEX A TO CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

1. The Transferor owns and proposes to transfer the following:

[CHECK ONE OF (a) OR (b)]

(a)  $\square$  a beneficial interest in the:

- (iii) □ IAI Global Note (CUSIP \_\_\_\_\_); or

(b)  $\square$  a Restricted Definitive Note.

2. After the Transfer the Transferee will hold:

[CHECK ONE]

(a)  $\square$  a beneficial interest in the:

- (iii) 🗆 IAI Global Note (CUSIP \_\_\_\_\_); or

(b)  $\square$  Restricted Definitive Note; or

(c) □ an Unrestricted Definitive Note,

in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

## FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EXCHANGE

The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee 500 Ross Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15262

cc: Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002

Re: 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 issued by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC

(CUSIP \_\_\_\_\_)

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, (the "*Indenture*"), among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, as issuer (the "*Company*"), the Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

## 1. <u>Exchange of Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Unrestricted Definitive</u> Notes or Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note

(a)  $\Box$  Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note in an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

(b) Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to Unrestricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial

interest in a Restricted Global Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

(c)  $\Box$  Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

(d)  $\Box$  Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to Unrestricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

## 2. <u>Exchange of Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes for Restricted Definitive Notes</u> or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes

(a)  $\Box$  Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to Restricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a Restricted Definitive Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies that the Restricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Restricted Definitive Note issued will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

(b)  $\Box$  Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's Restricted Definitive

Note for a beneficial interest in the [CHECK ONE]  $\Box$  Rule 144A Global Note or  $\Box$  Regulation S Global Note or  $\Box$  IAI Global Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer and (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, and in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the beneficial interest issued will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the relevant Restricted Global Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Company.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

By: Name: Title:

Dated:

#### [FORM OF NOTATION OF GUARANTEE]

For value received, each Guarantor (which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture) has, jointly and severally, unconditionally guaranteed, to the extent set forth in the Indenture and subject to the provisions in the Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "*Indenture*") among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC (the "Company"), the Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (the "*Trustee*"), (a) the due and punctual payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the Notes, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, the due and punctual payment of interest on overdue principal of and interest on the Notes, if any, if lawful, and the due and punctual performance of all other obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee all in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and (b) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other obligations, that the same will be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise. The obligations of the Guarantors to the Holders of Notes and to the Trustee pursuant to the Note Guarantee and the Indenture are expressly set forth in Article 11 of the Indenture and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for the precise terms of the Note Guarantee. Each Holder of a Note, by accepting the same, agrees to and shall be bound by such provisions.

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

#### [NAME OF GUARANTOR(S)]

By:

Name: Title:

## [FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO BE DELIVERED BY SUBSEQUENT GUARANTORS]

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this "Supplemental Indenture"), dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, among \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Guaranteeing Subsidiary"), a subsidiary of Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC (or its permitted successor), a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), the Company, the other Guarantors (as defined in the Indenture referred to herein) and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee under the Indenture referred to below (the "Trustee").

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Company has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an indenture (the "*Indenture*"), dated as of December 15, 2021 providing for the issuance of 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (the "*Notes*");

WHEREAS, the Indenture provides that under certain circumstances the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall unconditionally guarantee all of the Company's Obligations under the Notes and the Indenture on the terms and conditions set forth herein (the "*Note Guarantee*"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.1(d) of Appendix A to the Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Guaranteeing Subsidiary and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders as follows:

1. CAPITALIZED TERMS. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

2. AGREEMENT TO GUARANTEE. The Guaranteeing Subsidiary hereby agrees to provide an unconditional Guarantee on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Note Guarantee and in the Indenture including but not limited to Article 11 thereof.

3. NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator, stockholder or agent of the Guaranteeing Subsidiary, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or any Guaranteeing Subsidiary under the Notes, any Note Guarantees, the Indenture or this Supplemental Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of the Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

4. NEW YORK LAW TO GOVERN. THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF OTHER THAN SECTION 5-1401 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.

5. COUNTERPARTS. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. Any certificate and any other document delivered in connection with this Supplemental Indenture relating to the Notes may be signed by or on behalf of the signing party by manual, facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. Any certificate and any other document delivered in connection with this Supplemental Indenture relating to the Notes may be signed by or on behalf of the signing party by manual, facsimile or electronic format (i.e., "pdf" or "tif" or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000) or other electronically imaged transmission.

6. EFFECT OF HEADINGS. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

7. THE TRUSTEE. The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture or for or in respect of the recitals contained herein, all of which recitals are made solely by the Guaranteeing Subsidiary and the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed and attested, all as of the date first above written.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

## [GUARANTEEING SUBSIDIARY]

By:

Name: Title:

# SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

By:

Name: Title:

# [EXISTING GUARANTORS]

By:

Name: Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON as Trustee

By:

Name: Title:

#### Additional Notes and Supplemental Indentures for Additional Notes

Reference is made in this <u>Exhibit F</u> to the Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "*Indenture*") among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, (the "*Company*"), the Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (the "*Trustee*").

(a) After the Notes Issue Date, subject to compliance with the Indenture, including Section 4.08 thereof, Section 2.1 of Appendix A and this Exhibit F, the Company may issue Additional Notes, in one or more series, under the Indenture or under one or more Supplemental Indentures that comply with the provisions of the Indenture. Additional Notes may be issued as a separate series or the same series as the Initial Notes or other Additional Notes, as shall be specified in the form of the Additional Notes may be issued in accordance with the following provisions, which are deemed to be part of Section 2.1(d) of Appendix A to the Indenture:

(b) Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this Exhibit F which are defined in Section 2.1(b) of Appendix A or other Sections of the Indenture have the meanings set forth therein and the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

"*Board Resolution*" means a resolution duly adopted by (1) the Board of Directors of the Company or (2) any pricing or other committee of the Board of Directors of the Company duly authorized to act for it hereunder, a copy of which is delivered to the Trustee, accompanied by an Officer's Certificate that such resolution has been duly adopted, has not been amended, modified, supplemented or rescinded and is in full force and effect.

*"Registered Additional Note"* means any Additional Note registered on the Additional Note Register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 3.01 below.

**1.01** Terms of Additional Notes. (a) The terms and conditions of any Additional Notes shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, and set forth in an Officer's Certificate, or established in one or more Supplemental Indentures approved pursuant to a Board Resolution, and as set forth in an Officer's Certificate, prior to the issuance of Additional Notes of any series, which shall include, as applicable:

(i) the title of the Additional Notes of the series (which shall distinguish the Additional Notes of the series from all other Notes);

(ii) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Additional Notes of the series which may be authenticated and delivered under the Indenture (except for Additional Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Additional Notes of the series) which amount must be in compliance with the Indenture;

(iii) the date or dates (or the manner of determining the same) on which the principal of the Additional Notes of the series is payable (which, if so provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolution or in any Supplemental Indenture, may be determined by the Company from time to time and set forth in the Additional Notes of the series issued from time to time);

(iv) the rate or rates (or the method of determining the same) at which the Additional Notes of the series shall bear interest, if any, and the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue (which, in the case of either or both, if so provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolution or in any Supplemental Indenture, may be determined by the Company from time to time and set forth in the Additional Notes of the series issued from time to time), the dates (or the manner of determining the same) on which such principal and interest, if any, shall be payable, the record dates (or the manner of determining the same), if any, for the determination of Holders to whom principal and interest is payable on any payment date;

(v) the place or places where, subject to the Indenture, the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on Additional Notes of the series shall be payable, any Additional Notes of the series may be surrendered for registration of transfer and Additional Notes of the series may be surrendered for exchange and the place or places where notices or demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Additional Notes of the series may be served;

(vi) the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which Additional Notes of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company, pursuant to any sinking fund or otherwise;

(vii) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem, repay, prepay or purchase Additional Notes of the series pursuant to any mandatory prepayment, purchase or redemption provision, sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a Holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which Additional Notes of the series shall be redeemed, repaid, prepaid or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation, or at the option of a Holder thereof;

(viii) if other than denominations of U.S. \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which Additional Notes of the series shall be issuable;

(ix) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Additional Notes of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof or the method by which such portion shall be determined;

(x) if the amount of payments of principal of (or any premium) or any interest on the Additional Notes of the series may be determined with reference to an index, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;

(xi) whether the Additional Notes of the series shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of an Additional Note issued as a Global Note or Notes and, in such case, the Depositary for such Additional Note issued as a Global Note or Notes, if other than DTC, whether such global form shall be permanent or temporary and, if so, whether beneficial owners of interests in any such Additional Note issued as a Global Note may exchange such interests for Additional Notes of such series in certificated form and of like tenor of any authorized form and denomination and the circumstances under which any such exchanges may occur, if other than in the manner provided in the Indenture;

(xii) in the case of any Additional Note issued as a Global Note that may be exchanged for other Additional Notes, the manner and procedures for effecting such exchange;

(xiii) whether and under what circumstances, and the terms and conditions on which, the Company will pay additional amounts on the Additional Notes of the series in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge withheld or deducted and whether the Company will have the option to redeem such Additional Notes rather than pay such additional amounts or to redeem such Additional Notes in the event of the imposition of any certification, documentation, information or other reporting requirement and, if so, under what circumstances and the terms and conditions on which the Company may exercise such option; and

(xiv) any other terms of the series of Additional Notes which terms must be consistent with the provisions of the Indenture and, with respect to the matters set forth in <u>Articles 4, 5, 6, 9, 10</u> (if any Additional Note is secured by any Collateral) and 11 (if any Additional Note is guaranteed by any guarantor of the Notes) (and any defined terms used therein) must be the same as those provisions (and any defined terms used therein).

(b) All Additional Notes of any one series shall be substantially identical except that such Additional Notes may differ as to date of issue and the date from which interest, if any, shall accrue and the date of the initial interest payment date. The terms of such Additional Notes, as set forth above, may be determined by the Company from time to time if so provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolution or in any Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes. All Additional Notes of any one series need not, but may, be issued at the same time.

(c) If any terms of any series of Additional Notes are established by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of an appropriate record of such action shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Officer's Certificate setting forth the terms of the series.

**1.02** Issuance of Additional Notes. (a) When authorized by a Board Resolution, Additional Notes may be issued either pursuant to the Indenture or pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture, in each case, without the consent of the Holders of any Notes, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Indenture.

(b) In authenticating or delivering any Additional Notes under the Indenture, or in executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes permitted by the Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and shall be fully protected in relying upon, and the Company shall cause to be provided, an Opinion of Counsel that (subject to customary exceptions and assumptions):

(i) the form or forms of such Additional Notes and any Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes have been established in conformity with, and comply with, the provisions of the Indenture;

(ii) the terms of such Additional Notes and any Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes have been established in conformity with, and comply with, the provisions of the Indenture;

(iii) such Additional Notes, when authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and issued by the Company in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such opinion of counsel, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and other laws of general applicability relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights and to general equity principles; and

(iv) the execution and delivery by the Company of such Additional Notes and any Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes (A) have been duly authorized by all necessary limited liability company, managing member or other action on the part of the Company or its members and (B) will not violate the limited liability company agreement, certificate of formation or other organizational documents of the Company, any law binding on the Company, or the Indenture and the other Financing Documents.

In executing any amendment, modification or supplement of any Additional Notes or any Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and shall be fully protected in relying upon, and the Company shall cause to be provided, an Opinion of Counsel stating that the amendment, modification or supplement of any Additional Notes or Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes is authorized or permitted by the Indenture.

(c) The Trustee and the Company, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more Supplemental Indentures, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, (i) to establish the forms or terms of Additional Notes of any series permitted by the Indenture or (ii) to amend such forms or terms in any manner, solely to the extent such amendment is permitted by the terms of the Indenture. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such Supplemental

Indenture for Additional Notes which affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Indenture or otherwise.

(d) Upon the execution of any Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes, any such Supplemental Indenture shall form a part of the Indenture for purposes of such Additional Notes and upon the execution of any amendment, modification or supplement of any Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes in accordance with the Indenture, the Holders of Additional Notes of any series affected thereby theretofore or thereafter authenticated and delivered hereunder shall be bound thereby.

(e) Additional Notes of any series authenticated and delivered after the execution of any Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes may, and shall if required by the Trustee, bear a notation in form approved by the Trustee as to any matter provided for in such Supplemental Indentures. If the Company shall so determine, new Additional Notes of any series, so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Trustee and the Board of Directors, to any such Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes may be prepared and executed by the Company and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in exchange for outstanding Additional Notes of such series.

**2.01** Form of Additional Notes. (a) Any Additional Notes of the same series as the Initial Notes will be in the form or forms provided in Sections 2.1 (b), (c) or (d), as applicable, of Appendix A to the Indenture.

(b) Any Additional Notes of a separate series from the Initial Notes will be in such form or forms, subject to the compliance with all other provisions of the Indenture, as shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution (and set forth in a Board Resolution or, to the extent established pursuant to (rather than as set forth in) such Board Resolution, in an Officer's Certificate as to such establishment) or in one or more Supplemental Indentures for the Additional Notes permitted to be issued by the Indenture approved pursuant to a Board Resolution.

(c) Except as provided in <u>Section 2.01(b)</u> above, the Additional Notes of each series shall be issued as (i) Registered Additional Notes or (ii) Additional Notes issued as a Global Note.

(d) Additional Notes may be issued, in each case, with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by the Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture for Additional Notes, shall have such legends as may be required by Applicable Law, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such other legends or endorsements placed thereon as may be required to comply with the rules of any securities exchange, Depositary or clearing organization, or to conform to usage, as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers of the Company executing such Additional Notes, as evidenced by their execution of such Additional Notes.

(e) Each Additional Note (including an Additional Note issued as a Global Note) shall be dated the date of its authentication.

(d) The Company in issuing the Additional Notes may use "CUSIP," "CINS," "ISIN" and other reference numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP," "CINS," "ISIN" and other such reference numbers in notices as a convenience to Holders; <u>provided</u> that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Additional Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Additional Notes, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Company will promptly notify the Trustee of any changes in the "CUSIP," "CINS," "ISIN" or the other such reference numbers.

### 2.02 Form of Trustee Authentication for Additional Notes.

(a) The Trustee's Certificate of Authentication on all Additional Notes shall be in substantially the following form:

"This is one of the Additional Notes of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee

By

Authorized Signatory"

**3.01** Registration, Registration of Transfer and Exchange. (a) If the Additional Notes of or within a series are issuable as an Additional Note issued as a Global Note, the provisions of Section 2.3 of Appendix A to the Indenture shall apply to the transfer and exchange of the Additional Note issued as a Global Note.

(b) If the Additional Notes of or within a series are issuable as a Registered Additional Note that is not an Additional Note issued as a Global Note, the Company shall cause to be kept a register or registers in respect of each series of Additional Notes (herein sometimes referred to as the "<u>Additional Note Register</u>") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration of Registered Additional Notes of such series and the registration of transfers of Registered Additional Notes of such series.

(b) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Registered Additional Note of any series at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose in respect of such series, but subject to any restrictions thereon, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Registered Additional Notes of such series of any authorized denominations, of a like stated maturity and aggregate principal amount and with like terms and conditions.

(c) At the option of the Holder, Registered Additional Notes of any series may be exchanged for one or more other Registered Additional Notes of such series of any authorized denominations, of a like stated maturity and aggregate principal amount and with like terms and conditions, upon surrender of the Registered Additional Notes to be exchanged at any such office or agency.

(d) Whenever any Registered Additional Notes are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Additional Notes which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

(f) All Additional Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Additional Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under the Indenture, as the Additional Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(g) Every Registered Additional Note of a series presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall (if so required by the Company or the Trustee) be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company, the Trustee and the Additional Note Registrar in respect of such series duly executed, by the Holder thereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing.

(h) No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of Additional Notes, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Additional Notes.

(i) The Company shall not be required (A) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Additional Note of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of Additional Notes of such series selected for redemption hereunder and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (B) to register the transfer of or exchange any Registered Additional Note of such series so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Registered Additional Note being redeemed in part.

**3.02 Persons Deemed Owners**. (a) The Company, the Trustee and any Paying Agent, any Registrar and any other agent of the Company or the Trustee in respect of the Additional Notes of any series may treat the Person in whose name any Registered Additional Note of such series is registered as the owner of such Registered Additional Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on such Registered Additional Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Registered Additional Note be overdue, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any Paying Agent, any Registrar or other agent of the Company or the Trustee in respect of the Registered Additional Notes of such series shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(b) None of the Company, the Trustee and any Paying Agent, any Registrar and any other agent of the Company or the Trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of an Additional Note issued as a Global Note or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Additional Note issued as a Global Note, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Trustee, or any agent of the Company or the Trustee, from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by any Depositary, as a Holder, with respect to such Additional Note issued as a Global Note or impair, as between such Depositary and any Beneficial Owner of such Additional Note issued as a Global Note, the operation of customary practices governing the exercise of the rights of such Depositary (or its nominee) as Holder of such Additional Note issued as a Global Note.

## EXHIBIT G

## FORM OF CERTIFICATE FROM ACQUIRING INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR

The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee 500 Ross Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15262

cc: Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002

Re: 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 issued by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "Indenture"), among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, as issuer (the "Company"), the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

In connection with our proposed purchase of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount of:

- (a)  $\Box$  a beneficial interest in a Global Note, or
- (b)  $\Box$  a Definitive Note,

we confirm that:

1. We understand that any subsequent transfer of the Notes or any interest therein is subject to certain restrictions and conditions set forth in the Indenture and the undersigned agrees to be bound by, and not to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes or any interest therein except in compliance with, such restrictions and conditions and the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

2. We understand that the offer and sale of the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act, and that the Notes and any interest therein may not be offered or sold except as permitted in the following sentence. We agree, on our own behalf and on behalf of any accounts for which we are acting as hereinafter stated, that if we should sell the Notes or any interest therein, we will do so only (A) to the Company or any subsidiary thereof, (B) in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act to a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined therein), (C) to an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined below) that, prior to such transfer, furnishes (or has furnished on its behalf by a U.S. broker-dealer) to you and to the Company a signed letter substantially in the form of this letter and, if such transfer is in respect of a principal amount of Notes, at the time of transfer of less than \$250,000, an Opinion of

Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Company to the effect that such transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act, (D) outside the United States in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (E) pursuant to the provisions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act or (F) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, and we further agree to provide to any Person purchasing the Definitive Note or beneficial interest in a Global Note from us in a transaction meeting the requirements of clauses (A) through (E) of this paragraph a notice advising such purchaser that resales thereof are restricted as stated herein.

3. We understand that, on any proposed resale of the Notes or beneficial interest therein, we will be required to furnish to you and the Company such certifications, legal opinions and other information as you and the Company may reasonably require to confirm that the proposed sale complies with the foregoing restrictions. We further understand that the Notes purchased by us will bear a legend to the foregoing effect.

4. We are an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act) and have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of our investment in the Notes, and we and any accounts for which we are acting are each able to bear the economic risk of our or its investment.

5. We are acquiring the Notes or beneficial interest therein purchased by us for our own account or for one or more accounts (each of which is an institutional "accredited investor") as to each of which we exercise sole investment discretion.

You and the Company are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy hereof to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby.

[Insert Name of Accredited Investor]

By: Name: Title:

Dated:

### Exhibit 4.28

# SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

Dated as of December 15, 2021

The Bank of New York Mellon,

as Trustee

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Exhibit A-1 FORM OF NOTE

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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE dated as of December 15, 2021 between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "*Company*") and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture referred to below (the "*Trustee*").

WHEREAS, the Company and the Trustee have entered into an indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "Original Indenture", as supplemented by this First Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 and any further amendments or supplements thereto, the "Indenture"), providing for the issuance of the Company's 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037;

WHEREAS, the Indenture provides for, among other things, that, subsequent to the execution of the Original Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may, without the consent of Holders of the 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 issued under the Original Indenture (the *"Original 3.17% 2037 Notes"*) or any other Notes, enter into one or more indentures supplemental to the Original Indenture to provide for the issuance of Additional Notes in accordance with Section 2.1 of Appendix A thereof and Exhibit F thereto;

WHEREAS, the Original Indenture provides that the terms and conditions of any Additional Notes may be established in one or more Supplemental Indentures approved pursuant to a Board Resolution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Board Resolution dated as of February 11, 2021, the Company has authorized the issuance of \$30,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.19% Senior Secured Notes due 2037;

WHEREAS, the Company has requested and hereby requests that the Trustee join in the execution of this First Supplemental Indenture;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Original Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this First Supplemental Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this First Supplemental Indenture a valid agreement of the parties and a valid supplement to the Original Indenture have been done.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein and in the Indenture and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are herein acknowledged, the Company and the Trustee hereby agree, for the equal and ratable benefit of all Holders, as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

Section 1.01 To Be Read With the Original Indenture.

This First Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Original Indenture, and the Original Indenture and this First Supplemental Indenture shall hereafter be read together and shall have effect, so far as practicable, with respect to the 3.19% 2037 Notes (as defined below)

as if all the provisions of the Original Indenture and this First Supplemental Indenture were contained in one instrument.

Section 1.02 Capitalized Terms.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Original Indenture.

#### ARTICLE 2 ADDITIONAL NOTES

#### Section 2.01 The Additional Notes

Pursuant to Section 2.1 of Appendix A of the Original Indenture, the Company hereby creates and issues a series of Notes designated as "3.19% Senior Secured Notes due 2037," initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$30,000,000 (the "3.19% 2037 Notes"); provided that the Company may, at any time and from time to time, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Original Indenture, create and issue additional 3.19% 2037 Notes in an unlimited principal amount which will be part of the same series as the 3.19% 2037 Notes and which will have the same terms (except for the issue date, issue price and, in some cases, the first Payment Date) as the 3.19% 2037 Notes. The 3.19% 2037 Notes will have the same terms as the Original 3.17% 2037 Notes other than as provided in this First Supplemental Indenture. All 3.19% 2037 Notes issued under the Indenture will, once issued, be considered Notes for all purposes thereunder and will be subject to and take the benefit of all the terms, conditions and provisions of the Indenture.

## Section 2.02 Maturity Date

The maturity date of the 3.19% 2037 Notes is September 15, 2037.

#### Section 2.03 Form; Payment of Interest

(a) With respect to the 3.19% 2037 Notes, the references, in the Original Indenture, in Section 2.01 thereof and in the definition of "Definitive Note," to Exhibit A-1, shall be to Exhibit A-1 attached to this First Supplemental Indenture.

(b) With respect to the 3.19% 2037 Notes, the references in the Original Indenture to the "Payment Schedule" shall mean the Payment Schedule attached as <u>Schedule I</u> to <u>Exhibit A-1</u> attached hereto.

(c) The Company will pay interest on the 3.19% 2037 Notes in arrears on each Payment Date in accordance with the Payment Schedule attached as <u>Schedule I</u> to <u>Exhibit A-1</u> attached hereto. Interest on the 3.19% 2037 Notes will accrue from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from December 15, 2021. The first Payment Date with respect to the interest with respect to the 3.19% 2037 Notes shall be March 15, 2022.

#### Section 2.04 Execution and Authentication of the 3.19% 2037 Notes

The Trustee shall, pursuant to an Authentication Order, authenticate the 3.19% 2037 Notes.

Section 2.05 *Provisions Specific to the 3.19% 2037 Notes* 

Solely for purposes of the 3.19% 2037 Notes:

(i) Section 4.29 of the Original Indenture shall be amended and restated to read as follows: "The Company will not, and will not permit any Controlled Entity to (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws or Canadian Economic Sanctions Laws.";

(ii) Section 1.01 of the Original Indenture shall be amended by amending and restating the definition of "Blocked Person" included therein to read as follows: ""*Blocked Person*" means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws or Canadian Economic Sanctions Laws, (c) a Canada Blocked Person or (d) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, Controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a), (b) or (c)."; and

(iii) Section 1.01 of the Original Indenture shall be amended by adding the following definitions thereto in appropriate alphabetical order: (A) "*Canada Blocked Person*" means (a) a "terrorist group" as defined for the purposes of Part II.1 of the Criminal Code (Canada), as amended, or (b) a person identified in or pursuant to (x) Part II.1 of the Criminal Code (Canada), as amended, or (b) a person identified in or pursuant to (x) Part II.1 of the Criminal Code (Canada), as amended, or (b) a person identified in or pursuant to (x) Part II.1 of the Criminal Code (Canada), as amended, or (b) a person identified in or pursuant to (canada), as amended, the United Nations Act (Canada), as amended, or the Freezing Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (Canada), as amended, as a person in respect of whose property or benefit a holder of Notes would be prohibited from entering into or facilitating a related financial transaction; and "*Canadian Economic Sanctions Laws*" means those laws, including enabling legislation, orders-in-council or other regulations administered and enforced by Canada pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, including Part II.1 of the Criminal Code (Canada), as amended, the Special Economic Measures Act (Canada), as amended, the United Nations Act (Canada), as amended, the Export and Import Permits Act (Canada), as amended, and the Freezing Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (Canada), as amended, and including all regulations promulgated under any of the foregoing.



#### ARTICLE 3 MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 3.01 Ratification of the Indenture; Accession Agreement.

(a) The Original Indenture as supplemented by this First Supplemental Indenture is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and this First Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Original Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided.

(b) Each Holder of the 3.19% 2037 Notes, by its acceptance of the 3.19% 2037 Notes, ratifies and confirms the Accession Agreement, pursuant to which the Notes constitute additional New Secured Debt (as defined in the Accession Agreement) and Secured Debt that is *pari passu* with all other Secured Debt and secured by the Collateral equally and ratably with all other Secured Debt.

#### Section 3.02 *Governing Law.*

THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, THE 3.19% 2037 NOTES AND ANY NOTE GUARANTEES RELATED TO THE 3.19% 2037 NOTES WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF OTHER THAN SECTION 5-1401 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.

#### Section 3.03 Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this First Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy will be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this First Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif") transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this First Supplemental Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original First Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif") shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. This First Supplemental Indenture, the Trustee's certificate of authentication on the 3.19% 2037 Notes, and any other document delivered in connection with this First Supplemental Indenture or the issuance and delivery of the 3.19% 2037 Notes may be signed by or on behalf of the Company and the Trustee by manual, pdf or other electronically imaged signature.

#### Section 3.04 Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

The Table of Contents and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this First Supplemental Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and will in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof and will not affect the construction hereof.



## Section 3.05 The Trustee.

The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this First Supplemental Indenture or the 3.19% 2037 Notes or for or in respect of the recitals contained herein and in the 3.19% 2037 Notes, all of which recitals are made solely by the Company.

[Signatures on following page]

## SIGNATURES

Dated as of December 15, 2021

## SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

By:/s/ Matthew HealeyName:Matthew HealeyTitle:Vice President, Finance and Planning

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee

By:	/s/ Michael D. Commisso
Name:	Michael D. Commisso
Title:	Vice President

[Signature Page to Supplemental Indenture]

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SABINE PASS	LIQUEFACTION, LLC	
promises to pay to or registered assigns, the principal sun interest thereon in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates p	n of rovided for under Schedule I hereto.	DOLLARS and
Payment Dates: March 15 and September 15, commencing March 1	5, 2022	
Record Dates: March 1 and September 1		
Dated: December 15, 2021		
	SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC	
	Ву:	
	Name:	
	Title:	
This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:		
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee		
By:		
Authorized Signatory		

### [Back of Note] 3.19% Senior Secured Notes due 2037

[Insert the Global Note Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

[Insert the Private Placement Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

(1) *PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST*. Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "*Company*"), promises to make payments of principal and interest in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provided for under Schedule I hereto. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; *provided* that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Payment Date; *provided further* that the first Payment Date shall be March 15, 2022. The Company will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal, interest and premium thereon, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 0.5% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect to the extent lawful; it will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the same rate to the extent lawful. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Company will make payments (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the March 1 or September 1 next preceding the Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.13 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal and premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Paying Agent or Registrar maintained for such purpose within or without the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest, if any, may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders; *provided* that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of and interest, premium, if any, on, all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which will have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent. Such payment will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

(3) *PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR*. Initially, The Bank of New York Mellon, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

(4) INDENTURE AND SECURITY DOCUMENTS. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021, as supplemented by a supplemental indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "Indenture") between the Company and the Trustee. The terms of the

Notes include those stated in the Indenture. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are secured obligations of the Company. The Notes are secured by a pledge of Collateral (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to the Security Documents referred to in the Indenture. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

### (5) OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

At any time or from time to time prior to March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the 3.08% 2037 Notes at a redemption price equal to the Optional Redemption Price (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on a payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

"Optional Redemption Price" with respect to any 3.19% 2037 Notes to be redeemed, means an amount equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of such 3.19% 2037 Notes; and
- (2) the Discounted Value of such 3.19% 2037 Notes;

plus, in the case of both (1) and (2), accrued and unpaid interest on such 3.19% 2037 Notes, if any, to the redemption date.

"*Called Principal*" means, with respect to any 3.19% 2037 Note, the principal of such 3.08% 2037 Note that is to be prepaid or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable, as the context requires.

*"Discounted Value"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.19% 2037 Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the 3.19% 2037 Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

*"Remaining Scheduled Payments"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.19% 2037 Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, provided that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the 3.19% 2037 Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date.

*"Reinvestment Yield*" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.19% 2037 Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the yield(s) reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as "Page PX1" (or such

other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities (*"Reported"*) having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there are no such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (a) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (b) interpolating linearly between the yields Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the 3.19% 2037 Note.

If such yields are not Reported or the yields Reported as of such time are not ascertainable (including by way of interpolation), then "*Reinvestment Yield*" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.19% 2037 Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the U.S. Treasury constant maturity yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (or any comparable successor publication) for the U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there is no such U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to such Remaining Average Life, such implied yield to maturity will be determined by interpolating linearly between (1) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the 3.19% 2037 Note.

*"Remaining Average Life"* shall mean, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years obtained by dividing (a) such Called Principal into (b) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (1) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (2) the number of years, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months calculated to two decimal places, that will elapse between the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

*"Settlement Date"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of a 3.19% 2037 Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be redeemed or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable.

The notice of redemption with respect to the foregoing redemption need not set forth the Optional Redemption Price but only the manner of calculation thereof. The Company will notify the Trustee of the Optional Redemption Price with respect to any redemption promptly after the calculation, and the Trustee shall not be responsible for such calculation.

At any time on or after March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the 3.19% 2037 Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 3.19% 2037 Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date

(subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

### (6) MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

The Company is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

### (7) REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF HOLDER.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company will make an offer (a "*Change of Control Offer*") of payment (a "*Change of Control Payment*") to each Holder to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to not less than 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase (the "*Change of Control Payment Date*," which date will be no earlier than the date of such Change of Control). No later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and setting forth the procedures governing the Change of Control Offer as required by the Indenture.

(b) The Company will be required to make Asset Sale Offers, Excess Proceeds Offers and Project Document Termination Payment Offers to the extent provided in Sections 4.09, 4.14 and 4.19, respectively, of the Indenture.

(8) NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction or discharge of the Indenture. Notes in denominations larger than \$100,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed.

(9) DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$.01 in excess thereof. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Payment Date.

(10) PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

(11) *TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH COMPANY*. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

(12) NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor (including the General Partner and the Parent), as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, the Indenture, the Note Guarantees, the Security Documents, the Financing Documents or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

(13) *AUTHENTICATION*. This Note will not be valid until authenticated by the manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

(14) *ABBREVIATIONS*. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

(15) *CUSIP NUMBERS*. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes, and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption, and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

(16) *GOVERNING LAW*. THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THE INDENTURE, THIS NOTE AND THE NOTE GUARANTEES.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002 Attention: Treasurer

Schedule I

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment	Outstanding Principal
3/15/2022	-	\$239,250	\$239,250	\$30,000,000.00
9/15/2022	-	\$478,500	\$478,500	\$30,000,000.00
3/15/2023	-	\$478,500	\$478,500	\$30,000,000.00
9/15/2023	-	\$478,500	\$478,500	\$30,000,000.00
3/15/2024	-	\$478,500	\$478,500	\$30,000,000.00
9/15/2024	-	\$478,500	\$478,500	\$30,000,000.00
3/15/2025	-	\$478,500	\$478,500	\$30,000,000.00
9/15/2025	\$921,500	\$478,500	\$1,400,000	\$29,078,500.00
3/15/2026	\$936,198	\$463,802	\$1,400,000	\$28,142,302.08
9/15/2026	\$951,130	\$448,870	\$1,400,000	\$27,191,171.79
3/15/2027	\$966,301	\$433,699	\$1,400,000	\$26,224,870.98
9/15/2027	\$981,713	\$418,287	\$1,400,000	\$25,243,157.68
3/15/2028	\$997,372	\$402,628	\$1,400,000	\$24,245,786.04
9/15/2028	\$1,013,280	\$386,720	\$1,400,000	\$23,232,506.33
3/15/2029	\$1,029,442	\$370,558	\$1,400,000	\$22,203,064.80
9/15/2029	\$1,045,861	\$354,139	\$1,400,000	\$21,157,203.69
3/15/2030	\$1,062,543	\$337,457	\$1,400,000	\$20,094,661.09
9/15/2030	\$1,079,490	\$320,510	\$1,400,000	\$19,015,170.93
3/15/2031	\$1,096,708	\$303,292	\$1,400,000	\$17,918,462.91
9/15/2031	\$1,114,201	\$285,799	\$1,400,000	\$16,804,262.39
3/15/2032	\$1,131,972	\$268,028	\$1,400,000	\$15,672,290.38
9/15/2032	\$1,150,027	\$249,973	\$1,400,000	\$14,522,263.41
3/15/2033	\$1,348,370	\$231,630	\$1,580,000	\$13,173,893.51
9/15/2033	\$1,369,876	\$210,124	\$1,580,000	\$11,804,017.11
3/15/2034	\$1,391,726	\$188,274	\$1,580,000	\$10,412,291.18
9/15/2034	\$1,413,924	\$166,076	\$1,580,000	\$8,998,367.23
3/15/2035	\$1,436,476	\$143,524	\$1,580,000	\$7,561,891.18
9/15/2035	\$1,459,388	\$120,612	\$1,580,000	\$6,102,503.35
3/15/2036	\$1,482,665	\$97,335	\$1,580,000	\$4,619,838.28
9/15/2036	\$1,506,314	\$73,686	\$1,580,000	\$3,113,524.70
3/15/2037	\$1,530,339	\$49,661	\$1,580,000	\$1,583,185.42
9/15/2037	\$1,583,185	\$25,252	\$1,608,437	-

## ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:

(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:

(Insert assignee's legal name)

(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. no.)

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

appoint to transfer this Note on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

Date:

and irrevocably

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

### OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, check the appropriate box below:

□ Section 4.09 □ Section 4.13 □ Section 4.14 □ Section 4.19

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

\$\_\_\_\_\_

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

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Tax Identification No:

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

## SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTEREST IN THE GLOBAL NOTE

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

	Amount of decrease in	Amount of increase in	Principal Amount [at	
	Principal Amount [at	Principal Amount [at	maturity] of this Global	Signature of authorized
	maturity] of this Global	maturity] of this Global	Note following such	officer of Trustee or
Date of Exchange	Note	Note	decrease (or increase)	Custodian

Exhibit 4.30

## SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

Dated as of December 15, 2021

The Bank of New York Mellon,

as Trustee

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE dated as of December 15, 2021 between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "*Company*") and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture referred to below (the "*Trustee*").

WHEREAS, the Company and the Trustee have entered into an indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "*Original Indenture*", as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 and this Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 and any further amendments or supplements thereto, the "*Indenture*"), providing for the issuance of the Company's 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037;

WHEREAS, the Indenture provides for, among other things, that, subsequent to the execution of the Original Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may, without the consent of Holders of the 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 issued under the Original Indenture (the *"Original 3.17% 2037 Notes"*) or any other Notes, enter into one or more indentures supplemental to the Original Indenture to provide for the issuance of Additional Notes in accordance with Section 2.1 of Appendix A thereof and Exhibit F thereto;

WHEREAS, the Original Indenture provides that the terms and conditions of any Additional Notes may be established in one or more Supplemental Indentures approved pursuant to a Board Resolution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Board Resolution dated as of February 11, 2021, the Company has authorized the issuance of \$75,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.08% Senior Secured Notes due 2037;

WHEREAS, the Company has requested and hereby requests that the Trustee join in the execution of this Second Supplemental Indenture;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Original Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this Second Supplemental Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this Second Supplemental Indenture a valid agreement of the parties and a valid supplement to the Original Indenture have been done.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein and in the Indenture and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are herein acknowledged, the Company and the Trustee hereby agree, for the equal and ratable benefit of all Holders, as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

#### Section 1.01 To Be Read With the Original Indenture.

This Second Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Original Indenture, and the Original Indenture and this Second Supplemental Indenture shall hereafter be read together and shall have effect, so far as practicable, with respect to the 3.08% 2037 Notes (as defined below)

as if all the provisions of the Original Indenture and this Second Supplemental Indenture were contained in one instrument.

Section 1.02 Capitalized Terms.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Original Indenture.

### ARTICLE 2 ADDITIONAL NOTES

#### Section 2.01 The Additional Notes

Pursuant to Section 2.1 of Appendix A of the Original Indenture, the Company hereby creates and issues a series of Notes designated as "3.08% Senior Secured Notes due 2037," initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$75,000,000 (the "3.08% 2037 Notes"); provided that the Company may, at any time and from time to time, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Original Indenture, create and issue additional 3.08% 2037 Notes in an unlimited principal amount which will be part of the same series as the 3.08% 2037 Notes and which will have the same terms (except for the issue date, issue price and, in some cases, the first Payment Date) as the 3.08% 2037 Notes. The 3.08% 2037 Notes will have the same terms as the Original 3.17% 2037 Notes other than as provided in this Second Supplemental Indenture. All 3.08% 2037 Notes issued under the Indenture will, once issued, be considered Notes for all purposes thereunder and will be subject to and take the benefit of all the terms, conditions and provisions of the Indenture.

### Section 2.02 Maturity Date

The maturity date of the 3.08% 2037 Notes is September 15, 2037.

#### Section 2.03 Form; Payment of Interest

(a) With respect to the 3.08% 2037 Notes, the references, in the Original Indenture, in Section 2.01 thereof and in the definition of "Definitive Note," to Exhibit A-1, shall be to Exhibit A-1 attached to this Second Supplemental Indenture.

(b) With respect to the 3.08% 2037 Notes, the references in the Original Indenture to the "Payment Schedule" shall mean the Payment Schedule attached as <u>Schedule I</u> to <u>Exhibit A-1</u> attached hereto.

(c) The Company will pay interest on the 3.08% 2037 Notes in arrears on each Payment Date in accordance with the Payment Schedule attached as <u>Schedule I</u> to <u>Exhibit A-1</u> attached hereto. Interest on the 3.08% 2037 Notes will accrue from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from December 15, 2021. The first Payment Date with respect to the interest with respect to the 3.08% 2037 Notes shall be March 15, 2022.

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Section 2.04 Execution and Authentication of the 3.08% 2037 Notes

The Trustee shall, pursuant to an Authentication Order, authenticate the 3.08% 2037 Notes.

#### ARTICLE 3 MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 3.01 Ratification of the Indenture; Accession Agreement.

(a) The Original Indenture as supplemented by this Second Supplemental Indenture is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and this Second Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Original Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided.

(b) Each Holder of the 3.08% 2037 Notes, by its acceptance of the 3.08% 2037 Notes, ratifies and confirms the Accession Agreement, pursuant to which the Notes constitute additional New Secured Debt (as defined in the Accession Agreement) and Secured Debt that is *pari passu* with all other Secured Debt and secured by the Collateral equally and ratably with all other Secured Debt.

#### Section 3.02 Governing Law.

THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, THE 3.08% 2037 NOTES AND ANY NOTE GUARANTEES RELATED TO THE 3.08% 2037 NOTES WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF OTHER THAN SECTION 5-1401 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.

#### Section 3.03 Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Second Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy will be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this Second Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif") transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Second Supplemental Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Second Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif") shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. This Second Supplemental Indenture, the Trustee's certificate of authentication on the 3.08% 2037 Notes, and any other document delivered in connection with this Second Supplemental Indenture or the issuance and delivery of the 3.08% 2037 Notes may be signed by or on behalf of the Company and the Trustee by manual, pdf or other electronically imaged signature.

## Section 3.04 Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

The Table of Contents and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Second Supplemental Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and will in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof and will not affect the construction hereof.

## Section 3.05 The Trustee.

The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this Second Supplemental Indenture or the 3.08% 2037 Notes or for or in respect of the recitals contained herein and in the 3.08% 2037 Notes, all of which recitals are made solely by the Company.

[Signatures on following page]

## SIGNATURES

Dated as of December 15, 2021

# SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

By:/s/ Matthew HealeyName:Matthew HealeyTitle:Vice President, Finance and Planning

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee

By:/s/ Michael D. CommissoName:Michael D. CommissoTitle:Vice President

[Signature Page to Supplemental Indenture]

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promises to pay to or registered assigns, the principal sum interest thereon in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates pr	n of rovided for under Schedule I hereto.	DOLLARS and
Payment Dates: March 15 and September 15, commencing March 15	5, 2022	
Record Dates: March 1 and September 1		
Dated: December 15, 2021		
	SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC	
	Ву:	
	Name:	
	Title:	
This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:		
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee		
By:		
Authorized Signatory		

### [Back of Note] 3.08% Senior Secured Notes due 2037

[Insert the Global Note Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

[Insert the Private Placement Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

(1) *PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST*. Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "*Company*"), promises to make payments of principal and interest in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provided for under Schedule I hereto. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; *provided* that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Payment Date; *provided further* that the first Payment Date shall be March 15, 2022. The Company will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal, interest and premium thereon, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 0.5% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect to the extent lawful; it will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the same rate to the extent lawful. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Company will make payments (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the March 1 or September 1 next preceding the Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.13 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal and premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Paying Agent or Registrar maintained for such purpose within or without the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest, if any, may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders; *provided* that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of and interest, premium, if any, on, all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which will have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent. Such payment will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

(3) *PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR*. Initially, The Bank of New York Mellon, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

(4) INDENTURE AND SECURITY DOCUMENTS. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021, as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 and a second supplemental indenture dated as of December 15, 2021.

2021 (the "*Indenture*") between the Company and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are secured obligations of the Company. The Notes are secured by a pledge of Collateral (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to the Security Documents referred to in the Indenture. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

#### (5) OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

At any time or from time to time prior to March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the 3.08% 2037 Notes at a redemption price equal to the Optional Redemption Price (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on a payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

"Optional Redemption Price" with respect to any 3.08% 2037 Notes to be redeemed, means an amount equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of such 3.08% 2037 Notes; and
- (2) the Discounted Value of such 3.08% 2037 Notes;

plus, in the case of both (1) and (2), accrued and unpaid interest on such 3.08% 2037 Notes, if any, to the redemption date.

"*Called Principal*" means, with respect to any 3.08% 2037 Note, the principal of such 3.08% 2037 Note that is to be prepaid or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable, as the context requires.

*"Discounted Value"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.08% 2037 Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the 3.08% 2037 Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

*"Remaining Scheduled Payments"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.08% 2037 Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, provided that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the 3.08% 2037 Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date.

"*Reinvestment Yield*" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.08% 2037 Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the yield(s) reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement

Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as "Page PX1" (or such other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities ("*Reported*") having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there are no such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (a) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (b) interpolating linearly between the yields Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the 3.08% 2037 Note.

If such yields are not Reported or the yields Reported as of such time are not ascertainable (including by way of interpolation), then "*Reinvestment Yield*" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.08% 2037 Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the U.S. Treasury constant maturity yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (or any comparable successor publication) for the U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there is no such U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to such Remaining Average Life, such implied yield to maturity will be determined by interpolating linearly between (1) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the 3.08% 2037 Note.

*"Remaining Average Life"* shall mean, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years obtained by dividing (a) such Called Principal into (b) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (1) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (2) the number of years, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months calculated to two decimal places, that will elapse between the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

*"Settlement Date"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of a 3.08% 2037 Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be redeemed or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable.

The notice of redemption with respect to the foregoing redemption need not set forth the Optional Redemption Price but only the manner of calculation thereof. The Company will notify the Trustee of the Optional Redemption Price with respect to any redemption promptly after the calculation, and the Trustee shall not be responsible for such calculation.

At any time on or after March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the 3.08% 2037 Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 3.08% 2037 Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date

(subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

### (6) MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

The Company is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

### (7) REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF HOLDER.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company will make an offer (a "*Change of Control Offer*") of payment (a "*Change of Control Payment*") to each Holder to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to not less than 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase (the "*Change of Control Payment Date*," which date will be no earlier than the date of such Change of Control). No later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and setting forth the procedures governing the Change of Control Offer as required by the Indenture.

(b) The Company will be required to make Asset Sale Offers, Excess Proceeds Offers and Project Document Termination Payment Offers to the extent provided in Sections 4.09, 4.14 and 4.19, respectively, of the Indenture.

(8) NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction or discharge of the Indenture. Notes in denominations larger than \$100,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed.

(9) DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$.01 in excess thereof. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Payment Date.

(10) PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

(11) *TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH COMPANY*. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

(12) NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor (including the General Partner and the Parent), as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, the Indenture, the Note Guarantees, the Security Documents, the Financing Documents or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

(13) *AUTHENTICATION*. This Note will not be valid until authenticated by the manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

(14) *ABBREVIATIONS*. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

(15) *CUSIP NUMBERS*. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes, and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption, and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

(16) *GOVERNING LAW*. THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THE INDENTURE, THIS NOTE AND THE NOTE GUARANTEES.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002 Attention: Treasurer

Schedule I

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment	Outstanding Principal
3/15/2022	-	\$577,500.00	\$577,500.00	\$75,000,000.00
9/15/2022	-	\$1,155,000.00	\$1,155,000.00	\$75,000,000.00
3/15/2023	-	\$1,155,000.00	\$1,155,000.00	\$75,000,000.00
9/15/2023	-	\$1,155,000.00	\$1,155,000.00	\$75,000,000.00
3/15/2024	-	\$1,155,000.00	\$1,155,000.00	\$75,000,000.00
9/15/2024	-	\$1,155,000.00	\$1,155,000.00	\$75,000,000.00
3/15/2025	-	\$1,155,000.00	\$1,155,000.00	\$75,000,000.00
9/15/2025	\$2,279,000.00	\$1,155,000.00	\$3,434,000.00	\$72,721,000.00
3/15/2026	\$2,314,096.60	\$1,119,903.40	\$3,434,000.00	\$70,406,903.40
9/15/2026	\$2,349,733.69	\$1,084,266.31	\$3,434,000.00	\$68,057,169.71
3/15/2027	\$2,385,919.59	\$1,048,080.41	\$3,434,000.00	\$65,671,250.13
9/15/2027	\$2,422,662.75	\$1,011,337.25	\$3,434,000.00	\$63,248,587.38
3/15/2028	\$2,459,971.75	\$974,028.25	\$3,434,000.00	\$60,788,615.62
9/15/2028	\$2,497,855.32	\$936,144.68	\$3,434,000.00	\$58,290,760.30
3/15/2029	\$2,536,322.29	\$897,677.71	\$3,434,000.00	\$55,754,438.01
9/15/2029	\$2,575,381.65	\$858,618.35	\$3,434,000.00	\$53,179,056.36
3/15/2030	\$2,615,042.53	\$818,957.47	\$3,434,000.00	\$50,564,013.83
9/15/2030	\$2,655,314.19	\$778,685.81	\$3,434,000.00	\$47,908,699.64
3/15/2031	\$2,696,206.03	\$737,793.97	\$3,434,000.00	\$45,212,493.61
9/15/2031	\$2,737,727.60	\$696,272.40	\$3,434,000.00	\$42,474,766.02
3/15/2032	\$2,779,888.60	\$654,111.40	\$3,434,000.00	\$39,694,877.41
9/15/2032	\$3,336,193.89	\$611,301.11	\$3,947,495.00	\$36,358,683.52
3/15/2033	\$3,387,571.27	\$559,923.73	\$3,947,495.00	\$32,971,112.25
9/15/2033	\$3,439,739.87	\$507,755.13	\$3,947,495.00	\$29,531,372.38
3/15/2034	\$3,492,711.87	\$454,783.13	\$3,947,495.00	\$26,038,660.51
9/15/2034	\$3,546,499.63	\$400,995.37	\$3,947,495.00	\$22,492,160.89
3/15/2035	\$3,601,115.72	\$346,379.28	\$3,947,495.00	\$18,891,045.16
9/15/2035	\$3,656,572.90	\$290,922.10	\$3,947,495.00	\$15,234,472.26
3/15/2036	\$3,712,884.13	\$234,610.87	\$3,947,495.00	\$11,521,588.13
9/15/2036	\$3,770,062.54	\$177,432.46	\$3,947,495.00	\$7,751,525.59
3/15/2037	\$3,828,121.51	\$119,373.49	\$3,947,495.00	\$3,923,404.08
9/15/2037	\$3,923,404.09	\$60,420.42	\$3,983,824.51	-

## ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:

(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:

(Insert assignee's legal name)

(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. no.)

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

appoint to transfer this Note on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

Date:

and irrevocably

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

### OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, check the appropriate box below:

□ Section 4.09 □ Section 4.13 □ Section 4.14 □ Section 4.19

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

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

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Tax Identification No:

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

## SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTEREST IN THE GLOBAL NOTE

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

	Amount of decrease in	Amount of increase in	Principal Amount [at	
	Principal Amount [at	Principal Amount [at	maturity] of this Global	Signature of authorized
	maturity] of this Global	maturity] of this Global	Note following such	officer of Trustee or
Date of Exchange	Note	Note	decrease (or increase)	Custodian

# SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

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Dated as of December 15, 2021

The Bank of New York Mellon,

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as Trustee

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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE dated as of December 15, 2021 between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "*Company*") and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture referred to below (the "*Trustee*").

WHEREAS, the Company and the Trustee have entered into an indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "*Original Indenture*", as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021, the Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 and this Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 and any further amendments or supplements thereto, the "*Indenture*"), providing for the issuance of the Company's 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037;

WHEREAS, the Indenture provides for, among other things, that, subsequent to the execution of the Original Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may, without the consent of Holders of the 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 issued under the Original Indenture (the *"Original 3.17% 2037 Notes"*) or any other Notes, enter into one or more indentures supplemental to the Original Indenture to provide for the issuance of Additional Notes in accordance with Section 2.1 of Appendix A thereof and Exhibit F thereto;

WHEREAS, the Original Indenture provides that the terms and conditions of any Additional Notes may be established in one or more Supplemental Indentures approved pursuant to a Board Resolution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Board Resolution dated as of February 11, 2021, the Company has authorized the issuance of \$135,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.10% Senior Secured Notes due 2037;

WHEREAS, the Company has requested and hereby requests that the Trustee join in the execution of this Third Supplemental Indenture;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Original Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this Third Supplemental Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this Third Supplemental Indenture a valid agreement of the parties and a valid supplement to the Original Indenture have been done.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein and in the Indenture and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are herein acknowledged, the Company and the Trustee hereby agree, for the equal and ratable benefit of all Holders, as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

Section 1.01 To Be Read With the Original Indenture.

This Third Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Original Indenture, and the Original Indenture and this Third Supplemental Indenture shall hereafter be read together and shall have effect, so far as practicable, with respect to the 3.10% 2037 Notes (as defined below) as if all the provisions of the Original Indenture and this Third Supplemental Indenture were contained in one instrument.

#### Section 1.02 Capitalized Terms.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Original Indenture.

#### ARTICLE 2 ADDITIONAL NOTES

#### Section 2.01 The Additional Notes

Pursuant to Section 2.1 of Appendix A of the Original Indenture, the Company hereby creates and issues a series of Notes designated as "3.10% Senior Secured Notes due 2037," initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$135,000,000 (the "3.10% 2037 Notes"); provided that the Company may, at any time and from time to time, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Original Indenture, create and issue additional 3.10% 2037 Notes in an unlimited principal amount which will be part of the same series as the 3.10% 2037 Notes and which will have the same terms (except for the issue date, issue price and, in some cases, the first Payment Date) as the 3.10% 2037 Notes. The 3.10% 2037 Notes will have the same terms as the Original 3.17% 2037 Notes other than as provided in this Third Supplemental Indenture. All 3.10% 2037 Notes issued under the Indenture will, once issued, be considered Notes for all purposes thereunder and will be subject to and take the benefit of all the terms, conditions and provisions of the Indenture.

Section 2.02 Maturity Date

The maturity date of the 3.10% 2037 Notes is September 15, 2037.

Section 2.03 Form; Payment of Interest

(a) With respect to the 3.10% 2037 Notes, the references, in the Original Indenture, in Section 2.01 thereof and in the definition of "Definitive Note," to Exhibit A-1, shall be to Exhibit A-1 attached to this Third Supplemental Indenture.

(b) With respect to the 3.10% 2037 Notes, the references in the Original Indenture to the "Payment Schedule" shall mean the Payment Schedule attached as <u>Schedule I</u> to <u>Exhibit A-1</u> attached hereto.



(c) The Company will pay interest on the 3.10% 2037 Notes in arrears on each Payment Date in accordance with the Payment Schedule attached as <u>Schedule I</u> to <u>Exhibit A-1</u> attached hereto. Interest on the 3.10% 2037 Notes will accrue from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from December 15, 2021. The first Payment Date with respect to the interest with respect to the 3.10% 2037 Notes shall be March 15, 2022.

Section 2.04 Execution and Authentication of the 3.10% 2037 Notes

The Trustee shall, pursuant to an Authentication Order, authenticate the 3.10% 2037 Notes.

### ARTICLE 3 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 3.01 Ratification of the Indenture; Accession Agreement.

(a) The Original Indenture as supplemented by this Third Supplemental Indenture is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and this Third Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Original Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided.

(b) Each Holder of the 3.10% 2037 Notes, by its acceptance of the 3.10% 2037 Notes, ratifies and confirms the Accession Agreement, pursuant to which the Notes constitute additional New Secured Debt (as defined in the Accession Agreement) and Secured Debt that is *pari passu* with all other Secured Debt and secured by the Collateral equally and ratably with all other Secured Debt.

#### Section 3.02 Governing Law.

THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, THE 3.10% 2037 NOTES AND ANY NOTE GUARANTEES RELATED TO THE 3.10% 2037 NOTES WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF OTHER THAN SECTION 5-1401 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.

#### Section 3.03 Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Third Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy will be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this Third Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif") transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Third Supplemental Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Third Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, "pdf" or "tif") shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. This Third Supplemental Indenture, the Trustee's certificate of authentication on the 3.10% 2037 Notes, and any other document delivered in connection with this Third Supplemental Indenture or the issuance and delivery of the 3.10% 2037 Notes may be

signed by or on behalf of the Company and the Trustee by manual, pdf or other electronically imaged signature.

## Section 3.04 Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

The Table of Contents and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Third Supplemental Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and will in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof and will not affect the construction hereof.

## Section 3.05 The Trustee.

The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this Third Supplemental Indenture or the 3.10% 2037 Notes or for or in respect of the recitals contained herein and in the 3.10% 2037 Notes, all of which recitals are made solely by the Company.

[Signatures on following page]

## SIGNATURES

Dated as of December 15, 2021

# SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC

By:	/s/ Matthew Healey
Name:	Matthew Healey
Title:	Vice President, Finance and Planning

## THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee

By:	/s/ Michael D. Commisso
Name:	Michael D. Commisso
Title:	Vice President

[Signature Page to Supplemental Indenture]

[Face of Note] [Face of Note]	EXHIBIT A-1
	CUSIP:[]
3.10% Senior Secured Notes du No	\$
SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTIO	N, LLC
promises to pay to or registered assigns, the principal sum of interest thereon in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provided for unde	Pr Schedule I hereto.
Payment Dates: March 15 and September 15, commencing March 15, 2022	
Record Dates: March 1 and September 1	
Dated: December 15, 2021	
SABINE I	PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC
By:	
Name:	
Title:	
This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee	
By: Authorized Signatory	

### [Back of Note] 3.10% Senior Secured Notes due 2037

[Insert the Global Note Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

[Insert the Private Placement Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

(1) *PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST*. Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "*Company*"), promises to make payments of principal and interest in the pro rata amounts and on the Payment Dates provided for under Schedule I hereto. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; *provided* that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Payment Date; *provided further* that the first Payment Date shall be March 15, 2022. The Company will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal, interest and premium thereon, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 0.5% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect to the extent lawful; it will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the same rate to the extent lawful. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Company will make payments (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the March 1 or September 1 next preceding the Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.13 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal and premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Paying Agent or Registrar maintained for such purpose within or without the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest, if any, may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders; *provided* that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of and interest, premium, if any, on, all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which will have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent. Such payment will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

(3) *PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR*. Initially, The Bank of New York Mellon, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

(4) *INDENTURE AND SECURITY DOCUMENTS*. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture dated as of December 15, 2021, as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture dated as of December 15, 2021, a second supplemental indenture dated as of December 15, 2021

and a third supplemental indenture dated as of December 15, 2021 (the "*Indenture*") between the Company and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are secured obligations of the Company. The Notes are secured by a pledge of Collateral (as defined in the Indenture) pursuant to the Security Documents referred to in the Indenture. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

### (5) OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

At any time or from time to time prior to March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the 3.10% 2037 Notes at a redemption price equal to the Optional Redemption Price (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on a payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

"Optional Redemption Price" with respect to any 3.10% 2037 Notes to be redeemed, means an amount equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of such 3.10% 2037 Notes; and
- (2) the Discounted Value of such 3.10% 2037 Notes;

plus, in the case of both (1) and (2), accrued and unpaid interest on such 3.10% 2037 Notes, if any, to the redemption date.

"*Called Principal*" means, with respect to any 3.10% 2037 Note, the principal of such 3.10% 2037 Note that is to be prepaid or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable, as the context requires.

*"Discounted Value"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.10% 2037 Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the 3.10% 2037 Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

*"Remaining Scheduled Payments"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.10% 2037 Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, provided that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the 3.10% 2037 Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date.

*"Reinvestment Yield"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.10% 2037 Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the yield(s) reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement

Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as "Page PX1" (or such other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities ("*Reported*") having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there are no such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (a) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (b) interpolating linearly between the yields Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the 3.10% 2037 Note.

If such yields are not Reported or the yields Reported as of such time are not ascertainable (including by way of interpolation), then "*Reinvestment Yield*" means, with respect to the Called Principal of any 3.10% 2037 Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% and (y) the yield to maturity implied by the U.S. Treasury constant maturity yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second (2nd) Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (or any comparable successor publication) for the U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there is no such U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to such Remaining Average Life, such implied yield to maturity will be determined by interpolating linearly between (1) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the 3.10% 2037 Note.

*"Remaining Average Life"* shall mean, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years obtained by dividing (a) such Called Principal into (b) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (1) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (2) the number of years, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months calculated to two decimal places, that will elapse between the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

*"Settlement Date"* means, with respect to the Called Principal of a 3.10% 2037 Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be redeemed or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable.

The notice of redemption with respect to the foregoing redemption need not set forth the Optional Redemption Price but only the manner of calculation thereof. The Company will notify the Trustee of the Optional Redemption Price with respect to any redemption promptly after the calculation, and the Trustee shall not be responsible for such calculation.

At any time on or after March 15, 2037, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the 3.10% 2037 Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 3.10% 2037 Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date

(subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date, without duplication).

### (6) MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

The Company is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

### (7) REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF HOLDER.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company will make an offer (a "*Change of Control Offer*") of payment (a "*Change of Control Payment*") to each Holder to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to not less than 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase (the "*Change of Control Payment Date*," which date will be no earlier than the date of such Change of Control). No later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and setting forth the procedures governing the Change of Control Offer as required by the Indenture.

(b) The Company will be required to make Asset Sale Offers, Excess Proceeds Offers and Project Document Termination Payment Offers to the extent provided in Sections 4.09, 4.14 and 4.19, respectively, of the Indenture.

(8) NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction or discharge of the Indenture. Notes in denominations larger than \$100,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed.

(9) DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$.01 in excess thereof. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Payment Date.

(10) PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

(11) *TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH COMPANY*. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

(12) NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor (including the General Partner and the Parent), as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, the Indenture, the Note Guarantees, the Security Documents, the Financing Documents or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

(13) *AUTHENTICATION*. This Note will not be valid until authenticated by the manual, PDF or other electronically imaged signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

(14) *ABBREVIATIONS*. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

(15) *CUSIP NUMBERS*. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes, and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption, and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

(16) *GOVERNING LAW*. THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THE INDENTURE, THIS NOTE AND THE NOTE GUARANTEES.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC c/o Cheniere Energy, Inc. 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, TX 77002 Attention: Treasurer

Schedule I

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	<b>Total Payment</b>	Outstanding Principal
3/15/2022	-	\$1,046,250	\$1,046,250	\$135,000,000
9/15/2022	-	\$2,092,500	\$2,092,500	\$135,000,000
3/15/2023	-	\$2,092,500	\$2,092,500	\$135,000,000
9/15/2023	-	\$2,092,500	\$2,092,500	\$135,000,000
3/15/2024	-	\$2,092,500	\$2,092,500	\$135,000,000
9/15/2024	-	\$2,092,500	\$2,092,500	\$135,000,000
3/15/2025	-	\$2,092,500	\$2,092,500	\$135,000,000
9/15/2025	\$4,088,700	\$2,092,500	\$6,181,200	\$130,911,300
3/15/2026	\$4,152,075	\$2,029,125	\$6,181,200	\$126,759,225
9/15/2026	\$4,216,432	\$1,964,768	\$6,181,200	\$122,542,793
3/15/2027	\$4,281,787	\$1,899,413	\$6,181,200	\$118,261,006
9/15/2027	\$4,348,154	\$1,833,046	\$6,181,200	\$113,912,852
3/15/2028	\$4,415,551	\$1,765,649	\$6,181,200	\$109,497,301
9/15/2028	\$4,483,992	\$1,697,208	\$6,181,200	\$105,013,309
3/15/2029	\$4,553,494	\$1,627,706	\$6,181,200	\$100,459,816
9/15/2029	\$4,624,073	\$1,557,127	\$6,181,200	\$95,835,743
3/15/2030	\$4,695,746	\$1,485,454	\$6,181,200	\$91,139,997
9/15/2030	\$4,768,530	\$1,412,670	\$6,181,200	\$86,371,467
3/15/2031	\$4,842,442	\$1,338,758	\$6,181,200	\$81,529,025
9/15/2031	\$4,917,500	\$1,263,700	\$6,181,200	\$76,611,524
3/15/2032	\$4,993,721	\$1,187,479	\$6,181,200	\$71,617,803
9/15/2032	\$5,995,415	\$1,110,076	\$7,105,491	\$65,622,388
3/15/2033	\$6,088,344	\$1,017,147	\$7,105,491	\$59,534,044
9/15/2033	\$6,182,713	\$922,778	\$7,105,491	\$53,351,331
3/15/2034	\$6,278,545	\$826,946	\$7,105,491	\$47,072,785
9/15/2034	\$6,375,863	\$729,628	\$7,105,491	\$40,696,923
3/15/2035	\$6,474,689	\$630,802	\$7,105,491	\$34,222,234
9/15/2035	\$6,575,046	\$530,445	\$7,105,491	\$27,647,187
3/15/2036	\$6,676,960	\$428,531	\$7,105,491	\$20,970,228
9/15/2036	\$6,780,452	\$325,039	\$7,105,491	\$14,189,775
3/15/2037	\$6,885,549	\$219,942	\$7,105,491	\$7,304,226
9/15/2037	\$7,304,226	\$113,216	\$7,417,441	\$0

### ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:

(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:

(Insert assignee's legal name)

(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. no.)

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

appoint to transfer this Note on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

Date:

and irrevocably

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

### OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, check the appropriate box below:

□ Section 4.09 □ Section 4.13 □ Section 4.14 □ Section 4.19

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.09, 4.13, 4.14 or 4.19 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

\$\_\_\_\_\_

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

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Tax Identification No:

Signature Guarantee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

## SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTEREST IN THE GLOBAL NOTE

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

	Amount of decrease in	Amount of increase in	Principal Amount [at	
	Principal Amount [at	Principal Amount [at	maturity] of this Global	Signature of authorized
	maturity] of this Global	maturity] of this Global	Note following such	officer of Trustee or
Date of Exchange	Note	Note	decrease (or increase)	Custodian

### Description of the Registrant's Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") has one class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended: common units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership ("common units").

The following contains a description of the common units, as well as certain related additional information. This description is a summary only and does not purport to be complete. You should read the complete text of the Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership (as may be amended from time to time, the "partnership agreement"), which is filed as an exhibit to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMON UNITS

The holders of common units are entitled to participate in partnership distributions and exercise the rights or privileges available to limited partners under the partnership agreement. Please read "Cash Distributions" and "The Partnership Agreement" below.

### Listing

The Partnership's outstanding common units are listed on the NYSE American under the symbol "CQP."

### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

### Duties

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. serves as registrar and transfer agent for the common units. The Partnership pays all fees charged by the transfer agent for transfers of common units, except the following that must be paid by unitholders:

- · surety bond premiums to replace lost or stolen certificates, taxes and other governmental charges;
- special charges for services requested by a holder of a common unit; and
- other similar fees or charges.

There is no charge to unitholders for disbursements of the Partnership's cash distributions. The Partnership will indemnify the transfer agent against all claims and losses that may arise out of all actions of the transfer agent or its agents or subcontractors for their activities in that capacity, except for any liability due to any gross negligence or willful misconduct of the transfer agent or its agents or subcontractors.

### **Resignation or Removal**

The transfer agent may resign, by notice to the Partnership, or be removed by the Partnership. The resignation or removal of the transfer agent will become effective upon the Partnership's appointment of a successor transfer agent and registrar and its acceptance of the appointment. If no successor has been appointed and has accepted the appointment within 30 days after notice of the resignation or removal, the Partnership's general partner may act as the transfer agent and registrar until a successor is appointed.

### **Transfer of Common Units**

No transfers of a common unit will be recorded by the transfer agent or recognized by the Partnership unless the transfere executes and delivers a properly completed transfer application. By executing and delivering a transfer application, the transferee of common units:

- · becomes the record holder of common units and is an assignee until admitted into the Partnership as a substituted limited partner;
- requests admission as a substituted limited partner in the partnership;
- executes and agrees to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of the partnership agreement;
- represents that the transferee has the right, power and authority and, if an individual, the capacity to enter into the partnership agreement;
- grants powers of attorney to the officers of the Partnership's general partner and any liquidator of the Partnership as specified in the partnership agreement; and
- makes the waivers and gives the consents and approvals contained in the partnership agreement.

An assignee will become a substituted limited partner of the Partnership for the transferred common units automatically upon the recording of the transfer on the Partnership's books and records. The Partnership's general partner will cause any unrecorded transfers for which a properly completed and duly executed transfer application has been received to be recorded on the Partnership's books and records no less frequently than quarterly.

A transferee's broker, agent or nominee may, but is not obligated to, complete, execute and deliver a transfer application. The Partnership is entitled to treat the nominee holder of a common unit as the absolute owner. In that case, the beneficial holder's rights are limited solely to those that it has against the nominee holder as a result of any agreement between the beneficial owner and the nominee holder.

Common units are securities and are transferable according to the laws governing transfer of securities. In addition to other rights acquired upon transfer, the transferor gives the transfere the right to request admission as a substituted limited partner in the Partnership for the transferred common units. A purchaser or transferee of common units who does not execute and deliver a properly completed transfer application obtains only:

- the right to negotiate the common units to a purchaser or other transferee; and
- the right to transfer the right to request admission as a substituted limited partner in the Partnership for the transferred common units.

Thus, a purchaser or transferee of common units who does not execute and deliver a properly completed transfer application:

- will not receive cash distributions;
- will not be allocated any of the Partnership's income, gain, deduction, losses or credits for federal income tax or other tax purposes;
- may not receive some federal income tax information or reports furnished to record holders of common units; and
- will have no voting rights;

unless the common units are held in a nominee or "street name" account and the nominee or broker has executed and delivered a transfer application and certification as to itself and any beneficial holders.

The transferor of common units has a duty to provide the transferee with all information that may be necessary to transfer the common units. The transferor does not have a duty to ensure the execution of the transfer application by the transferee and has no liability or responsibility if the transferee neglects or chooses not to execute and

deliver a properly completed transfer application to the transfer agent. Please read "The Partnership Agreement-Status as Limited Partner or Assignee" below.

Until a common unit has been transferred on the Partnership's books, the Partnership and the transfer agent may treat the record holder of the unit as the absolute owner for all purposes, except as otherwise required by law or stock exchange regulations.

#### **Cash Distributions**

#### **Distributions of Available Cash**

### General

The partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, the Partnership distribute all of the Partnership's available cash to unitholders of record on the applicable record date. In this section, references to "unitholders" refer to the Partnership's common unitholders.

### Definition of Available Cash

Available cash is defined in the partnership agreement, and it generally means, for each fiscal quarter, the sum of all cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of the quarter:

- less the amount of cash reserves established by the Partnership's general partner to:
  - provide for the proper conduct of the Partnership's business;
  - comply with applicable law, any of the Partnership's debt instruments, or other agreements; and
  - provide funds for distributions to the unitholders and to the Partnership's general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters;
- plus all additional cash and cash equivalents on hand on the date of determination of available cash for the quarter resulting from working capital borrowings made after the end of the quarter. Working capital borrowings are generally borrowings that are made under a credit facility, commercial paper facility or similar financing arrangement, and in all cases are used solely for working capital purposes or to pay distributions to partners and with the intent of the borrower to repay such borrowings within 12 months.

### Initial Quarterly Distribution

The Partnership will distribute to the holders of common units on a quarterly basis at least the initial quarterly distribution rate of \$0.425 per unit, or \$1.70 per year, to the extent that the Partnership has sufficient cash from the Partnership's operations after establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to the Partnership's general partner. However, there is no guarantee that the Partnership will pay the quarterly distribution on the units at the initial quarterly distribution rate in any quarter. Even if the Partnership's cash distribution policy is not modified or revoked, the amount of distributions paid under the Partnership's policy and the decision to make any distribution is determined by the Partnership's general partner, taking into consideration the terms of the partnership agreement.

#### General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights

The Partnership's general partner is currently entitled to 2% of all quarterly distributions that the Partnership makes prior to the Partnership's liquidation. The Partnership's general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to the Partnership to maintain its current general partner interest. The general partner's 2% interest in these distributions may be reduced if the Partnership issues additional units in the future and the Partnership's general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to the Partnership to maintain its 2% general partner interest.

The Partnership's general partner also currently holds incentive distribution rights that entitle it to receive increasing percentages, up to a maximum of 50%, of the cash that the Partnership distributes from operating surplus (as defined below) in excess of 0.489 per unit per quarter. Please see "— Incentive Distribution Rights" for additional information.

### **Operating Surplus and Capital Surplus**

### Overview

All cash distributed to unitholders will be characterized as either "operating surplus" or "capital surplus." The Partnership treats distributions of available cash from operating surplus differently than distributions of available cash from capital surplus.

### **Definition of Operating Surplus**

Operating surplus is defined in the partnership agreement, and for any period it generally means:

- \$30 million (as described below); plus
- all of the Partnership's cash receipts, excluding cash from:
  - borrowings that are not working capital borrowings,
  - sales of equity securities and debt securities,
  - sales or other dispositions of assets outside the ordinary course of business,
  - the termination of commodity hedge contracts or interest rate swap agreements prior to the termination date specified therein,
  - capital contributions received, and
  - corporate reorganizations or restructurings; plus
- working capital borrowings made after the end of a quarter but on or before the date of determination of operating surplus for the quarter; plus
- cash distributions paid on equity issued in connection with the construction or development of a capital improvement or replacement asset during the period beginning on the date that the Partnership enters into a binding commitment to commence the construction or development of such capital improvement or replacement asset and ending on the earlier to occur of the date the capital improvement or replacement asset is placed into service and the date that it is abandoned or disposed of; less
- all of the Partnership's operating expenditures (as defined below); less
- the amount of cash reserves established by the Partnership's general partner to provide funds for future operating expenditures; less
- all working capital borrowings not repaid within twelve months after having been incurred or repaid within such twelve-month period with the proceeds of additional working capital borrowings.

If a working capital borrowing, which increases operating surplus, is not repaid during the twelve-month period following the borrowing, it will be deemed repaid at the end of such period, thus decreasing operating surplus at such time. When such working capital is in fact repaid, it will not be treated as a reduction in operating surplus because operating surplus will have been previously reduced by the deemed repayment.

Operating expenditures is defined in the partnership agreement, and it generally means all of the Partnership's expenditures, including, but not limited to, taxes, payments to the Partnership's general partner, reimbursements of expenses incurred by the Partnership's general partner on the Partnership's behalf, non-pro rata repurchases of units, repayment of working capital borrowings, debt service payments, interest payments, payments made in the

ordinary course of business under commodity hedge contracts and maintenance capital expenditures, provided that operating expenditures will not include, among others, the following:

- repayment of working capital borrowings deducted from operating surplus pursuant to the last bullet point of the definition of operating surplus above when such repayment actually occurs;
- payments (including prepayments) of principal of and premium on indebtedness other than working capital borrowings;
- expansion capital expenditures;
- investment capital expenditures;
- payment of transaction expenses (including taxes) relating to interim capital transactions;
- distributions to the Partnership's partners;
- non-pro rata repurchases of units of any class made with the proceeds of an interim capital transaction (as defined below); and
- cash expenditures made to acquire, own, operate or maintain the operating capacity of Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P. prior to August 1, 2017.

### Capital Expenditures

Maintenance capital expenditures are those capital expenditures required to maintain, including over the long-term, the Partnership's operating capacity or asset base. Maintenance capital expenditures include interest (and related fees) on debt incurred and distributions on equity issued to finance the construction or development of a replacement asset during the period from the date the Partnership enters into a binding obligation to commence constructing or developing a replacement asset until the earlier to occur of the date any such replacement asset is placed into service and the date that it is abandoned or disposed.

Expansion capital expenditures are those capital expenditures that the Partnership expects will increase the Partnership's operating capacity or asset base. Expansion capital expenditures include interest (and related fees) on debt incurred and distributions on equity issued to finance the construction or development of a capital improvement during the period from the date the Partnership enters into a binding commitment to commence construction or development of a capital improvement until the earlier to occur of the date any such capital improvement is placed into service and the date that it is abandoned or disposed.

Investment capital expenditures are those capital expenditures that are neither maintenance capital expenditures nor expansion capital expenditures. Examples of investment capital expenditures include traditional capital expenditures for investment purposes, such as purchases of securities, as well as other capital expenditures that might be made in lieu of such traditional investment capital expenditures, such as the acquisition of a capital asset for investment purposes, but which is not expected to expand the Partnership's asset base for more than the short-term.

Neither investment capital expenditures nor expansion capital expenditures are subtracted from operating surplus. Because maintenance capital expenditures and expansion capital expenditures include interest payments (and related fees) on debt incurred and distributions on equity issued to finance the construction or development of a capital improvement or replacement asset during the period from such financing until the earlier to occur of the date any such capital improvement or replacement asset is placed into service or the date that it is abandoned or disposed, such interest payments and equity distributions are also not subtracted from operating surplus (except, in the case of maintenance capital expenditures, to the extent such interest payments and distributions are included in maintenance capital expenditures).

Capital expenditures that are made in part for maintenance capital purposes and in part for investment capital or expansion capital purposes will be allocated as maintenance capital expenditures, investment capital expenditures or expansion capital expenditures by the Partnership's general partner, based upon its good faith determination, subject to concurrence by the Partnership's general partner's conflicts committee.

### Definition of Capital Surplus

Capital surplus is defined in the partnership agreement and is described in "—Characterization of Cash Distributions" below, and it will generally be generated only by the following, which the Partnership calls "interim capital transactions:"

- borrowings other than working capital borrowings;
- sales of debt and equity securities;
- sales or other dispositions of assets for cash, other than inventory, accounts receivable and other assets sold in the ordinary course of business or as
  part of normal retirements or replacements of assets;
- the termination of commodity hedge contracts or interest rate swap agreements prior to the termination date specified therein;
- capital contributions received; and
- corporate reorganizations or restructurings.

### Characterization of Cash Distributions

The partnership agreement requires that the Partnership treat all available cash distributed as coming from operating surplus until the sum of all available cash distributed since the Partnership began operations equals the operating surplus as of the most recent date of determination of available cash. The Partnership will treat any amount distributed in excess of operating surplus, regardless of its source, as capital surplus. As reflected above, operating surplus includes a \$30 million "basket." This amount does not reflect actual cash on hand that is available for distribution to the unitholders. It is instead a provision that enables the Partnership, if the Partnership chooses, to distribute as operating surplus up to \$30 million of cash that the Partnership may receive from interim capital transactions that would otherwise be distributed as capital surplus. The Partnership does not anticipate that the Partnership will make any distributions from capital surplus.

### **Definition of Adjusted Operating Surplus**

Adjusted operating surplus is defined in the partnership agreement, and for any period, it generally means:

- operating surplus generated with respect to that period; less
- any net increase in working capital borrowings with respect to that period; less
- any net reduction in cash reserves for operating expenditures with respect to that period not relating to an operating expenditure made with respect to that period; plus
- any net decrease in working capital borrowings with respect to that period; plus
- any net increase in cash reserves for operating expenditures with respect to that period required by any debt instrument for the repayment of principal, interest or premium.

Adjusted operating surplus is intended to reflect the cash generated from operations during a particular period and therefore excludes the \$30 million operating surplus "basket," net increases in working capital borrowings, net drawdowns of reserves of cash generated in prior periods.

### **Definition of Contracted Adjusted Operating Surplus**

Contracted adjusted operating surplus is defined in the partnership agreement and it generally means:

• adjusted operating surplus derived solely from liquefied natural gas sale and purchase agreements ("SPAs") and terminal use agreements, in each case, with a minimum term of three years with counterparties who are not affiliates of Cheniere Energy, Inc. ("Cheniere"); and

• excludes revenues and expenses attributable to the portion of payments made under the SPAs related to the final settlement price for the New York Mercantile Exchange's Henry Hub natural gas futures contract for the month in which the relevant cargo's delivery window is scheduled.

### Distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus

The Partnership will make distributions of available cash from operating surplus for any quarter in the following manner:

- *First*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until the Partnership distributes for each outstanding unit an amount equal to the initial quarterly distribution for that quarter; and
- Thereafter, in the manner described in "-Incentive Distribution Rights" below.

The preceding discussion is based on the assumptions that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and that the Partnership does not issue additional classes of equity securities.

### **Incentive Distribution Rights**

Incentive distribution rights represent the right to receive an increasing percentage of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the initial quarterly distribution. The Partnership's general partner currently holds the incentive distribution rights but may transfer these rights separately from its general partner interest, subject to restrictions in the partnership agreement.

If for any quarter, the Partnership has distributed available cash from operating surplus to the unitholders in an amount equal to the initial quarterly distribution, then the Partnership will distribute any additional available cash from operating surplus for that quarter among the unitholders and the Partnership's general partner in the following manner:

- *First*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.489 per unit for that quarter (the "first target distribution");
- Second, 85% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the Partnership's general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.531 per unit for that quarter (the "second target distribution");
- *Third*, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the Partnership's general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.638 per unit for that quarter (the "third target distribution"); and
- *Thereafter*, 50% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the Partnership's general partner.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Partnership distributes available cash from operating surplus as a result of the refinancing of the Partnership's indebtedness for borrowed money, then the holder of the incentive distribution rights will not be entitled to any such distributions with respect thereto.

### Percentage Allocations of Available Cash from Operating Surplus

The following table illustrates the percentage allocations of the additional available cash from operating surplus between the unitholders and the Partnership's general partner up to the various target distribution levels. The amounts set forth under "Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions" are the percentage interests of the Partnership's general partner and the unitholders in any available cash from operating surplus that the Partnership distributes up to and including the corresponding amount in the column "Total Quarterly Distribution," until available cash from operating surplus that the Partnership distributes reaches the next target distribution level, if any. The percentage interests shown for the unitholders and the Partnership's general partner for the initial quarterly distribution are also applicable to quarterly distribution amounts that are less than the initial quarterly distribution. The percentage interests set forth below for the Partnership's general partner include its 2% general partner interest and assume that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and has not transferred its incentive distribution rights.

	Total Quarterly Distribution	Marginal Percentage Intere	st in Distributions
	Target Amount	Common Unitholders	General Partner
Initial quarterly distribution	\$0.425	98%	2%
First Target Distribution	above \$0.425 up to \$0.489	98%	2%
Second Target Distribution	above \$0.489 up to \$0.531	85%	15%
Third Target Distribution	above \$0.531 up to \$0.638	75%	25%
Thereafter	above \$0.638	50%	50%

#### **Distributions from Capital Surplus**

#### How Distributions from Capital Surplus Will Be Made

The Partnership will make distributions of available cash from capital surplus, if any, in the following manner:

- *First*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until the Partnership distributes for each common unit that was issued in the Partnership's initial public offering an amount of available cash from capital surplus equal to the initial public offering price; and
   *Thereafter*, the Partnership will make all distributions of available cash from capital surplus as if they were from operating surplus.

The preceding discussion is based on the assumptions that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and that the Partnership does not issue additional classes of equity securities.

### Effect of a Distribution from Capital Surplus

The partnership agreement treats a distribution of capital surplus as the repayment of the initial unit price from the Partnership's initial public offering, which is a return of capital. The initial public offering price less any distributions of capital surplus per unit is referred to as the "unrecovered initial unit price." Each time a distribution of capital surplus is made, the initial quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels will be reduced in the same proportion as the corresponding reduction in the unrecovered initial unit price. Because distributions of capital surplus will reduce the initial quarterly distribution, after any of these distributions are made, it may be easier for the Partnership's general partner to receive incentive distributions. However, any distribution of capital surplus before the unrecovered initial unit price is reduced to zero cannot be applied to the payment of the initial quarterly distribution.

Once the Partnership distributes capital surplus on a unit in an amount equal to the initial unit price, the Partnership will reduce the initial quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels to zero. The Partnership will then make all future distributions from operating surplus, with 50% being paid to the unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the Partnership's general partner. The percentage interests shown for the Partnership's general partner include its 2% general partner interest and assume that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and has not transferred its incentive distribution rights.

### Adjustment to the Initial Quarterly Distribution and Target Distribution Levels

In addition to adjusting the initial quarterly distribution and target distribution levels to reflect a distribution of capital surplus, if the Partnership combines the Partnership's units into fewer units or subdivides the Partnership's units into a greater number of units, the Partnership will proportionately adjust:

- the initial quarterly distribution;
- the target distribution levels; and
- the unrecovered initial unit price.

For example, if a two-for-one split of the common units should occur, the initial quarterly distribution, the target distribution levels and the unrecovered initial unit price would each be reduced to 50% of its initial level. The Partnership will not make any adjustment by reason of the issuance of additional units for cash or property.

In addition, if legislation is enacted or if existing law is modified or interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction so that the Partnership becomes taxable as a corporation or otherwise subjecting the Partnership to a material amount of entity level taxation for federal, state or local income tax purposes, the Partnership's general partner may reduce the initial quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels for each quarter by multiplying each distribution level by a fraction, the numerator of which is available cash for that quarter (after deducting the Partnership's general partner's estimate of the Partnership's aggregate liability for the quarter for such income taxes payable by reason of such legislation or interpretation) and the denominator of which is the sum of available cash for that quarter plus the Partnership's general partner's estimate of the Partnership's aggregate liability for the quarter plus the Partnership's general partner's estimate of the Partnership's aggregate liability for the quarter tor such income taxes payable by reason of such legislation or interpretation. To the extent that the actual tax liability differs from the estimated tax liability for any quarter, the difference will be accounted for in subsequent quarters.

#### **Distributions of Cash Upon Liquidation**

#### General

If the Partnership dissolves in accordance with the partnership agreement, the Partnership will sell or otherwise dispose of the Partnership's assets in a process called liquidation. The Partnership will first apply the proceeds of liquidation to the payment of the Partnership's creditors. The Partnership will distribute any remaining proceeds to the unitholders and the Partnership's general partner in accordance with their capital account balances, as adjusted below to reflect any income, gain, loss and deduction for the current period and gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition of the Partnership's assets in liquidation.

#### Manner of Adjustments for Gain

The manner of the adjustment for gain is set forth in the partnership agreement. Upon the Partnership's liquidation, the Partnership will then allocate any remaining gain to the partners in the following manner:

• *First*, to the general partner and the holders of units who have negative balances in their capital accounts to the extent of and in proportion to those negative balances;

- Second, 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until the capital account for each common unit is equal to the sum of:
  - (1) the unrecovered initial unit price; and
  - (2) the amount of the initial quarterly distribution for the quarter during which the Partnership's liquidation occurs;
- *Third*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until the Partnership allocates under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to:
  - (1) the sum of the excess of the first target distribution per unit over the initial quarterly distribution per unit for each quarter of the Partnership's existence; less
  - (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the initial quarterly distribution per unit that the Partnership distributed 98% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, for each quarter of the Partnership's existence;
- Fourth, 85% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the Partnership's general partner, until the Partnership allocates under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to:
  - (1) the sum of the excess of the second target distribution per unit over the first target distribution per unit for each quarter of the Partnership's existence; less
  - (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the first target distribution per unit that the Partnership distributed 85% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the Partnership's general partner for each quarter of the Partnership's existence;
- *Fifth*, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the Partnership's general partner, until the Partnership allocates under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to:
  - (1) the sum of the excess of the third target distribution per unit over the second target distribution per unit for each quarter of the Partnership's existence; less
  - (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the second target distribution per unit that the Partnership distributed 75% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the Partnership's general partner for each quarter of the Partnership's existence; and
- *Thereafter*, 50% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the Partnership's general partner.

If the allocations described above would result in the common unitholders not being entitled to receive, in the aggregate, an amount equal to 3% of the Partnership's assets available for distribution to the Partnership's partners upon any dissolution and winding up of the Partnership (the "common minimum allocation"), items of income, gain, loss and deduction will be reallocated to cause the capital accounts of the common unitholders to equal, in the aggregate, the common minimum allocation. The percentages set forth above are based on the assumptions that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and has not transferred its incentive distribution rights and that the Partnership does not issue additional classes of equity securities.

### Manner of Adjustments for Losses

Upon the Partnership's liquidation, the Partnership will generally allocate any loss to the Partnership's general partner and the unitholders in the following manner:

- *First*, 98% to the holders of common units in proportion to the positive balances in their capital accounts and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until the capital accounts of the common unitholders have been reduced to zero; and
- *Thereafter*, 100% to the Partnership's general partner.

The 2% interest set forth in the first bullet point above for the Partnership's general partner is based on the assumptions that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and that the Partnership does not issue additional classes of equity securities.

#### Adjustments to Capital Accounts

The Partnership will make adjustments to capital accounts upon the issuance of additional units. In the event of an issuance of additional units, the Partnership will allocate any unrealized and, for tax purposes, unrecognized gain or loss resulting from the adjustments to the unitholders and the Partnership's general partner in the same manner as the Partnership allocates gain or loss upon liquidation. In the event that the Partnership makes positive adjustments to the capital accounts upon the issuance of additional units, the Partnership will allocate any later negative adjustments to the capital accounts or upon the Partnership's liquidation in a manner which results, to the extent possible, in the Partnership's general partner's capital account balances equaling the amount which they would have been if no earlier positive adjustments to the capital accounts had been made.

#### THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The following is a summary of the material provisions of the partnership agreement.

### **Organization and Duration**

The Partnership was organized on November 21, 2006 and has a perpetual existence.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Partnership under the partnership agreement is to engage in, directly or indirectly, any business activity that is approved by the Partnership's general partner and in any event that lawfully may be conducted by a limited partnership organized under Delaware law; provided, that the Partnership's general partner may not cause the Partnership to engage, directly or indirectly, in any business activity that the Partnership's general partner determines would cause the Partnership's general partner to cause the Partnership's general partner determines would cause the Partnership's general partner to cause the Partnership or its subsidiaries to engage in activities will, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be free from any fiduciary or other duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of the Partnership and the Partnership's limited partners. In general, the Partnership's general partner is authorized to perform all acts it determines to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the Partnership's purposes and to conduct the Partnership's business.

#### **Power of Attorney**

Each limited partner and each person who acquires a common unit from a unitholder and executes and delivers a transfer application grants to the Partnership's general partner and, if appointed, a liquidator, a power of attorney to, among other things, execute and file documents required for the Partnership's qualification, continuance or dissolution. The power of attorney also grants the Partnership's general partner the authority under certain circumstances to amend, and to make consents and waivers under, the partnership agreement.

### **Capital Contributions**

Unitholders are not obligated to make additional capital contributions, except as described below under "-Limited Liability."

#### Voting Rights

The approval of specified matters requires the limited partner vote specified below. Various matters require the approval of a "unit majority," which means the approval of a majority of the outstanding common units.

In voting their common units, the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates will have no fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of the Partnership and the Partnership's limited partners.

The following is a summary of the vote requirements specified for certain matters under the partnership agreement:

Amendment of the partnership agreement	Certain amendments may be made by the general partner without the approval of the limited partners. Other amendments generally require the approval of a unit majority. Please read "—Amendment of the Partnership Agreement."
Merger or conversion of the Partnership or the sale of all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets	Unit majority in certain circumstances. Please read "-Merger, Conversion, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets."
Dissolution of the Partnership	Unit majority. Please read "-Termination and Dissolution."
Continuation of the Partnership upon dissolution	n Unit majority. Please read "-Termination and Dissolution."
Withdrawal of the Partnership's general partner	The Partnership's general partner may withdraw as general partner without first obtaining approval of any unitholder by giving 90 days' written notice. Please read "—Withdrawal or Removal of The Partnership's General Partner."
Removal of the Partnership's general partner	Not less than $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of the outstanding common units, including common units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates. Please read "—Withdrawal or Removal of the Partnership's General Partner."
Transfer of the Partnership's general partner interest	The Partnership's general partner may transfer all, but not less than all, of its general partner interest in the Partnership, without a vote of the Partnership's limited partners, to an affiliate or to another person in connection with its merger or consolidation with or into, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets to, such person. Please read "—Transfer of General Partner Interest."
Transfer of incentive distribution rights	The holder of the incentive distribution rights may transfer the incentive distribution rights to a third party without the approval of any unitholder. Please read "—Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights."
Transfer of ownership interests in the Partnership's general partner	No approval required at any time. Please read "-Transfer of Ownership Interests in the Partnership's General Partner."

### Limited Liability

Assuming that a limited partner does not participate in the control of the Partnership's business within the meaning of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (the "Delaware Act") and that it otherwise acts in conformity with the provisions of the partnership agreement, its liability under the Delaware Act will be limited, subject to possible exceptions, to the amount of capital that it is obligated to contribute to the Partnership for its limited partner interests plus its share of any undistributed profits and assets. If it were determined, however, that the right of, or exercise of the right by, the limited partners as a group:

- to remove or replace the Partnership's general partner,
- to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement, or
- to take other action under the partnership agreement

constituted "participation in the control" of the Partnership's business for the purposes of the Delaware Act, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for the Partnership's obligations under the laws of Delaware to the same extent as the Partnership's general partner. This liability would extend to persons who transact business with the Partnership who reasonably believe that the limited partner is a general partner. Neither the partnership agreement nor the Delaware Act specifically provides for legal recourse against the Partnership's general partner if a limited partner were to lose limited liability through any fault of the Partnership's general partner. While this does not mean that a limited partner could not seek legal recourse, the Partnership knows of no precedent for such a claim in Delaware case law.

Under the Delaware Act, a limited partnership may not make a distribution to a partner if, after the distribution, all liabilities of the limited partnership, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specific property of the partnership, would exceed the fair value of the assets of the limited partnership. For the purpose of determining the fair value of the assets of a limited partnership, the Delaware Act provides that the fair value of property subject to liability for which recourse of creditors is limited will be included in the assets of the limited partnership only to the extent that the fair value of the distribution that property exceeds the nonrecourse liability. The Delaware Act provides that a limited partner who receives a distribution and knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution was in violation of the Delaware Act will be liable to the limited partnership for the amount of the distribution for three years. Under the Delaware Act, an assignee who becomes a substituted limited partner of a limited partnership is liable for the obligations of his assignor to make contributions to the partnership, except the assignee is not obligated for liabilities unknown to him at the time he became a limited partner and that could not be ascertained from the partnership agreement.

The Partnership conducts business in multiple jurisdictions. Limitations on the liability of limited partners for the obligations of a limited partnership have not been clearly established in many jurisdictions. Maintenance of the Partnership's limited liability may require compliance with legal requirements in the jurisdictions in which Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC conducts business, including qualifying its subsidiaries to do business there. If, by virtue of the Partnership's membership interest in Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC or otherwise, it were determined that the Partnership were conducting business in any state without compliance with the applicable limited partnership statute, or that the right of, or exercise of the right, by the limited partners as a group, to remove or replace the Partnership's general partner, to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement, or to take other action under the partnership agreement constituted "participation in the control" of the Partnership's business for purposes of the statutes of any relevant jurisdiction, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for the Partnership's obligations under the law of that jurisdiction to the same extent as the Partnership's general partner under the circumstances. The Partnership will operate in a manner that the Partnership's general partner considers reasonable and necessary or appropriate to preserve the limited liability of the limited partners.

#### **Issuance of Additional Securities**

The partnership agreement authorizes the Partnership to issue an unlimited number of additional partnership securities for the consideration and on the terms and conditions determined by the Partnership's general partner.

It is possible that the Partnership will fund acquisitions and capital expenditures through the issuance of additional common units or other partnership securities. Holders of any additional common units that the Partnership issues will be entitled to share equally with the then-existing holders of common units in the Partnership's distributions of available cash. In addition, the issuance of additional common units or other partnership securities may dilute the value of the interests of the then-existing holders of common units in the Partnership's net assets.

In accordance with Delaware law and the provisions of the partnership agreement, the Partnership may also issue additional partnership securities that, as determined by the Partnership's general partner, have special voting

rights to which the common units are not entitled. In addition, the partnership agreement does not prohibit the issuance by the Partnership's subsidiaries of equity securities, which may effectively rank senior to the common units.

Upon issuance of additional partnership securities, the Partnership's general partner will have the right, but not the obligation, to make additional capital contributions to the extent necessary to maintain its 2% general partner interest in the Partnership. The Partnership's general partner's 2% interest in the Partnership will thus be reduced if the Partnership issues additional partnership securities in the future and the Partnership's general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to the Partnership to maintain its 2% general partner interest. In addition, the Partnership's general partner will have the right, which it may from time to time assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates, to purchase common units or other partnership securities to the extent necessary to maintain its and its affiliates' percentage interest in the Partnership, whenever, and on the same terms that, the Partnership issues those securities to persons other than the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates. The holders of common units will not have preemptive rights to acquire additional common units or other partnership securities.

#### Amendment of the Partnership Agreement

#### General

Amendments to the partnership agreement may be proposed only by the Partnership's general partner. However, the Partnership's general partner will have no duty or obligation to propose any amendment and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of the Partnership or the limited partners. In order to adopt a proposed amendment, other than the amendments discussed below, the Partnership's general partner must seek written approval of the holders of the number of units required to approve the amendment or call a meeting of the limited partners to consider and vote upon the proposed amendment. Except as described below, an amendment must be approved by a unit majority.

### **Prohibited Amendments**

No amendment may:

- (1) enlarge the obligations of any limited partner without its consent, unless approved by at least a majority of the type or class of limited partner interests so affected; or
- (2) enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable by the Partnership to the Partnership's general partner or any of its affiliates without the consent of the Partnership's general partner, which may be given or withheld at its option.

The provision of the partnership agreement preventing the amendments having the effects described in clauses (1) and (2) above can be amended upon the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the outstanding limited partner units, voting together as a single class (including units owned by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates).

### No Limited Partner Approval

The Partnership's general partner may generally make amendments to the partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner or assignee to reflect:

• a change in the name of the Partnership, the location of the principal place of business of the Partnership, the registered agent or the registered office of the Partnership;

- · the admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of partners in accordance with the partnership agreement;
- a change that the Partnership's general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the Partnership to qualify or to continue the Partnership's qualification as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or to ensure that the Partnership and its subsidiaries will not be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes;
- an amendment that is necessary, in the opinion of counsel to the Partnership, to prevent the Partnership or the Partnership's general partner or its directors, officers, trustees or agents from in any manner being subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Investment Advisors Act of 1940, as amended, or "plan asset" regulations adopted under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 whether or not substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed;
- an amendment that the Partnership's general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the creation, authorization or issuance of additional partnership securities;
- any amendment expressly permitted in the partnership agreement to be made by the Partnership's general partner acting alone;
- an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by a merger agreement that has been approved under the terms of the partnership agreement;
- any amendment that the Partnership's general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to reflect and account for the Partnership's formation of, or its investment in, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity, as otherwise permitted by the partnership agreement;
- a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of the Partnership and related changes;
- mergers with or conveyances to another limited liability entity that is newly formed and has no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of the merger or conveyance other than those that it receives by way of the merger or conveyance; or
- any other amendments substantially similar to any of the matters described above.

In addition, the Partnership's general partner may make amendments to the partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner or assignee if the Partnership's general partner determines that those amendments:

- do not adversely affect in any material respect the limited partners considered as a whole or any particular class of limited partners;
- are necessary or appropriate to satisfy any requirements, conditions, or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling, or regulation of any federal or state agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal or state statute;
- a. are necessary or appropriate to facilitate the trading of limited partner interests or to comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any securities exchange on which the limited partner interests are or will be listed for trading;
- are necessary or appropriate for any action taken by the Partnership's general partner relating to splits or combinations of units under the provisions of the partnership agreement; or
- are required to effect the intent of the provisions of the partnership agreement or are otherwise contemplated by the partnership agreement.

### **Opinion of Counsel and Limited Partner Approval**

The Partnership's general partner will not be required to obtain an opinion of counsel that an amendment will not result in a loss of limited liability to the limited partners or result in the Partnership being treated as an entity for federal income tax purposes in connection with any of the amendments described under "—No Limited Partner Approval." No other amendments to the partnership agreement will become effective without the approval of holders of at least 90% of the outstanding limited partner units voting as a single class unless the Partnership first

obtains an opinion of counsel to the effect that the amendment will not affect the limited liability under Delaware law of any of its limited partners.

In addition to the above restrictions, any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any type or class of outstanding units in relation to other classes of units will require the approval of at least a majority of the type or class of units so affected. Any amendment that reduces the voting percentage required to take any action must be approved by the affirmative vote of limited partners whose aggregate outstanding units constitute not less than the voting requirement sought to be reduced.

### Merger, Conversion, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets

A merger, consolidation or conversion of the Partnership requires the prior consent of the Partnership's general partner. However, the Partnership's general partner will have no duty or obligation to consent to any merger, consolidation or conversion and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interest of the Partnership or the limited partners.

In addition, the partnership agreement generally prohibits the Partnership's general partner, without the prior approval of the holders of units representing a unit majority, from causing the Partnership to, among other things, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, including by way of merger, consolidation, other combination, or sale of ownership interests of its subsidiaries. The Partnership's general partner may, however, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets without that approval. The Partnership's general partner may also sell all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets under a foreclosure or other realization upon those encumbrances without that approval.

The Partnership's general partner may consummate any merger without the prior approval of the Partnership's limited partners if the Partnership is the surviving entity in the transaction, the transaction would not result in a material amendment to the partnership agreement, each of the Partnership's units will be an identical unit of the Partnership following the transaction, the units to be issued do not exceed 20% of the Partnership's outstanding units immediately prior to the transaction and the Partnership's general partner has received an opinion of counsel regarding certain limited liability and tax matters.

If the conditions specified in the partnership agreement are satisfied, the Partnership's general partner may convert the Partnership or any of its subsidiaries into a new limited liability entity or merge the Partnership or any of its subsidiaries into, or convey all of the Partnership's assets to, a newly formed entity if the Partnership's general partner has received an opinion of counsel regarding certain limited liability and tax matters, the sole purpose of that conversion, merger or conveyance is to effect a mere change in the Partnership's legal form into another limited liability entity and the governing instruments of the new entity provide the Partnership's partners with the same rights and obligations contained in the partnership agreement. The limited partners are not entitled to dissenters' rights of appraisal under the partnership agreement or applicable Delaware law in the event of a conversion, merger or consolidation, a sale of substantially all of the Partnership's assets or any other transaction or event.

### **Termination and Dissolution**

The Partnership will continue as a limited partnership until terminated under the partnership agreement. The Partnership will dissolve upon:

(1) the election of the Partnership's general partner to dissolve the Partnership, if approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority;

(2) at any time there are no limited partners, unless the partnership is continued without dissolution in accordance with the Delaware Act;

- (3) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act; or
- (4) the withdrawal or removal of the Partnership's general partner or any other event that results in its ceasing to be the Partnership's general partner other than by reason of a transfer of its general partner interest in accordance with the partnership agreement.

Upon a dissolution under clause (4), the holders of a unit majority may also elect, within 90 days thereafter if the Partnership's general partner withdraws or is removed and otherwise within 180 days thereafter, to reconstitute the Partnership and continue the Partnership's business on the same terms and conditions described in the partnership agreement by appointing as general partner an entity approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority, subject to the Partnership's receipt of an opinion of counsel to the effect that:

- the action would not result in the loss of limited liability under Delaware law of any limited partner; and
- neither the Partnership nor any of its subsidiaries would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise be taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes upon the exercise of that right to continue (to the extent not already so treated or taxed).

#### Liquidation and Distribution of Proceeds

Upon the Partnership's dissolution, unless the Partnership is reconstituted and continued as a new limited partnership, the liquidator authorized to wind up the Partnership's affairs will, acting with all of the powers of the Partnership's general partner that are necessary or appropriate, liquidate the Partnership's assets and apply the proceeds of the liquidation as described in "Cash Distributions—Distributions of Cash Upon Liquidation." The liquidator may defer liquidation or distribution of the Partnership's assets for a reasonable period of time or distribute assets to partners in kind if it determines that an immediate sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partnership's partners.

### Withdrawal or Removal of the Partnership's General Partner

The Partnership's general partner may withdraw as general partner, without first obtaining approval of any unitholder, by giving 90 days' written notice, and such withdrawal will not constitute a violation of the partnership agreement. In addition, the partnership agreement permits the Partnership's general partner in some instances to sell or otherwise transfer all of its general partner interest in the Partnership without the approval of the limited partners. As of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the Partnership's general partner has not withdrawn. Please read "—Transfer of General Partner Interest" and "—Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights."

Upon withdrawal of the Partnership's general partner under any circumstances, other than as a result of a transfer by the Partnership's general partner of all or a part of its general partner interest in the Partnership, the holders of a unit majority may select a successor to that withdrawing general partner. If a successor is not elected, or is elected but an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters cannot be obtained, the Partnership will be dissolved, wound up and liquidated, unless within a specified period of time after that withdrawal, the holders of a unit majority agree in writing to continue the Partnership's business and to appoint a successor general partner. Please read "—Termination and Dissolution."

The Partnership's general partner may not be removed unless that removal is approved by the vote of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% of the outstanding common units, including units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates. Any removal of the Partnership's general partner is also subject to the approval of a successor general partner by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding common units, including units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates. Any removal of the partnership's general partner by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding common units, including units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates. The ownership of more than 33 1/3% of the

outstanding common units by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates would give them the practical ability to prevent the Partnership's general partner's removal.

The partnership agreement also provides that if the Partnership's general partner is removed as the Partnership's general partner under circumstances where cause does not exist and no units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates are voted in favor of that removal, the Partnership's general partner will have the right to convert its general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights into common units or to receive cash in exchange for those interests based on the fair market value of the interests at the time.

In the event of removal of the Partnership's general partner under circumstances where cause exists, or withdrawal of the Partnership's general partner where that withdrawal violates the partnership agreement, a successor general partner will have the option to purchase the general partner interest and incentive distribution rights of the departing general partner for a cash payment equal to the fair market value of those interests. Under all other circumstances where the Partnership's general partner withdraws or is removed by the limited partners, the departing general partner will have the option to require the successor general partner to purchase the general partner interest of the departing general partner and its incentive distribution rights for their fair market value. In each case, this fair market value will be determined by agreement between the departing general partner and the successor general partner. If no agreement is reached, an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert selected by the departing general partner and the successor general partner will determine the fair market value, or, if the departing general partner and the successor general partner component of the experts selected by each of them will determine the fair market value.

If the option described above is not exercised by either the departing general partner or the successor general partner, the departing general partner will become a limited partner and the departing general partner's general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights will automatically convert into common units equal to the fair market value of those interests as determined by an investment banking firm or other independent expert selected in the manner described in the preceding paragraph.

In addition, the Partnership will be required to reimburse the departing general partner for all amounts due to it, including, without limitation, all employee-related liabilities, including severance liabilities, incurred for the termination of any employees employed by the departing general partner or its affiliates for the Partnership's benefit.

### **Transfer of General Partner Interest**

The Partnership's general partner may transfer the general partner interest without the approval of any holder of any series or class of units. As a condition of this transfer, the transferee must, among other things, assume the rights and duties of the Partnership's general partner, agree to be bound by the provisions of the partnership agreement and furnish an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters.

The Partnership's general partner and its affiliates may at any time transfer limited partner interests to one or more persons, without unitholder approval.

#### Transfer of Ownership Interests in the Partnership's General Partner

At any time, the owners of the Partnership's general partner may sell or transfer all or part of their ownership interests in the Partnership's general partner to an affiliate or a third party without the approval of the unitholders.

### **Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights**

The Partnership's general partner, its affiliates or a subsequent holder may transfer their incentive distribution rights without the prior approval of the unitholders as long as the transferee agrees to be bound by the partnership agreement.

#### **Anti-Takeover Provisions**

The partnership agreement contains specific provisions that are intended to discourage a person or group from attempting to remove Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC as the Partnership's general partner or otherwise change management. If any person or group, other than the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates, acquires beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of units, that person or group loses voting rights on all of its units. This loss of voting rights does not apply to any person or group that acquires the units from the Partnership's general partner or its affiliates and any transferees of that person or group approved by the Partnership's general partner provided that the Partnership's general partner has notified such transferees in writing that the loss of voting rights will not apply, or to any person or group who acquires the units with the prior approval of the board of directors of the Partnership's general partner.

The partnership agreement provides that if the Partnership's general partner is removed without cause and no units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates are voted in favor of that removal, the Partnership's general partner will have the right to convert its general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights into common units or to receive cash in exchange for those interests based on the fair market value of the interests at the time.

The partnership agreement also contains specific provisions that are intended to discourage a person or group from attempting to take control of the Partnership without the approval of the Partnership's general partner. Specifically, the partnership agreement provides that the Partnership has elected to have Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or DGCL, apply to transactions in which an interested unitholder (as described below) seeks to enter into a business combination with the Partnership. Under this provision, such a holder will not be permitted to enter into a business combination with the time that the unitholder became an interested unitholder unless:

- prior to the time the unitholder becomes an interested unitholder, the Partnership's general partner approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the unitholder becoming an interested unitholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the unitholder's becoming an interested unitholder, the interested unitholder owned at least 85% of the Partnership's outstanding limited partner units at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the number of limited partner units outstanding those limited partner units owned:
  - by persons who are directors and also officers; and
  - by employee unit plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether units held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- at or subsequent to such time the business combination is approved by the Partnership's general partner and authorized at an annual or special meeting of holders of the Partnership's limited partner units, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the Partnership's outstanding voting limited partner units that are not owned by the interested unitholder.

With respect to the Partnership, a "business combination" under Section 203 of the DGCL would generally include:

- any merger or consolidation involving the Partnership and the interested unitholder;
- any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition of 10% or more of the assets of the Partnership involving the interested unitholder;
- subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the Partnership of any limited partner units of the Partnership to the interested unitholder;
- any transaction involving the Partnership that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the units of any class or series of the Partnership beneficially owned by the interested unitholder; or
- the receipt by the interested unitholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the Partnership.

In general, by reference to Section 203, an "interested unitholder" is any person or entity, other than the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates, that beneficially owns (or within three years did own) 15% or more of the outstanding limited partner units of the Partnership and any entity or person affiliated or associated with such entity or person.

The existence of this provision is expected to have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions not approved in advance by the Partnership's general partner, thereby discouraging attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for units held by unitholders.

### Limited Call Right

If at any time the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates hold more than 80% of the total limited partner interest of any class then outstanding, the Partnership's general partner will have the right, which it may assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates or to the Partnership, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the remaining limited partner interests of the class held by unaffiliated persons.

The purchase price in the event of such an acquisition will be the greater of:

- (1) the average of the daily closing prices of the Partnership securities of such class over the 20 trading days preceding the date three days before the date the notice is mailed; and
- (2) the highest price paid by the Partnership's general partner or any of its affiliates for any Partnership securities of the class purchased within the 90 days preceding the date on which the Partnership's general partner first mails notice of its election to purchase those Partnership securities.

As a result of the Partnership's general partner's rights to purchase outstanding units, a holder of units may have his units purchased at an undesirable time or price. The federal income tax consequences to a unitholder of the exercise of this call right are the same as a sale by that unitholder of his common units in the market.

### Non-Eligible Citizen; Redemption

If the Partnership or any of the Partnership's subsidiaries is or becomes subject to any federal, state or local law or regulation that the Partnership's general partner determines would create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property in which the Partnership or any of the Partnership's subsidiaries has an interest based on the nationality, citizenship or other related status of a unitholder, the Partnership's general partner, acting on the Partnership's behalf, may at any time require any unitholder to certify that the unitholder is an Eligible Citizen. For this purpose, an Eligible Citizen means a person or entity qualified to hold an interest in real property in jurisdictions in which the Partnership's general partner determines subsidiaries does business or proposes to do business from time to time, and whose status as a unitholder the Partnership's general partner determines does not

or would not subject the Partnership or any of the Partnership's subsidiaries to a significant risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any of its properties or any interest therein.

If a unitholder fails to furnish a citizenship certification containing the required certification within 30 days after request or the Partnership's general partner determines, with the advice of counsel, that a unitholder is not an Eligible Citizen the Partnership will have the right to redeem all but not less than all of the units held by such unitholder. Furthermore, the units will not be entitled to any allocations of income or loss, distributions or voting rights while held by such unitholder.

The purchase price in the event of such a redemption for each unit held by such unitholder will be equal to the current market price as calculated pursuant to the partnership agreement as of the date fixed for redemption.

The purchase price will be paid in cash or by delivery of a promissory note, as determined by the Partnership's general partner. Any such promissory note will bear interest at the rate of 5% annually and be payable in three equal annual installments of principal and accrued interest, commencing one year after the redemption date.

### Non-Taxpaying Assignees; Redemption

The partnership agreement provides that if the Partnership's general partner, with the advice of counsel, determines that the Partnership's status as a pass-through entity for federal, state or local income tax purposes, coupled with the tax status (or lack of proof thereof) of one or more of the Partnership's limited partners, has, or will have, a material adverse effect on the Partnership's economic interests, then the Partnership's general partner may, in its sole discretion, adopt such amendments to the partnership agreement as it determines necessary or advisable to:

- obtain proof of the federal income tax status of the Partnership's limited partners (and their owners, to the extent relevant); and
- permit the Partnership's general partner to redeem the units held by any limited partner whose tax status has or is reasonably likely to have such a material adverse effect or who fails to comply with the procedures instituted by the Partnership's general partner to obtain proof of the federal income tax status. The redemption price in the case of such a redemption will be the average of the daily closing prices per unit for the 20 consecutive trading days immediately prior to the date set for redemption.

#### Meetings; Voting

Except as described below regarding a person or group owning 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, unitholders or assignees who are record holders of units on the record date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, meetings of the Partnership's limited partners and to act upon matters for which approvals may be solicited. Common units that are owned by an assignee who is a record holder, but who has not yet been admitted as a limited partner, will be voted by the Partnership's general partner at the written direction of the record holder. Absent direction of this kind, the common units will not be voted.

The Partnership's general partner does not anticipate that any meeting of unitholders will be called in the foreseeable future. Any action that is required or permitted to be taken by the unitholders may be taken either at a meeting of the unitholders or without a meeting if consents in writing describing the action so taken are signed by holders of the number of units necessary to authorize or take that action at a meeting at which all the limited partners were present and voted. Meetings of the unitholders may be called by the Partnership's general partner or by unitholders owning at least 20% of the outstanding limited partner units of the class for which a meeting is proposed (including the outstanding units of such class deemed owned by the general partner). Unitholders may vote either in person or by proxy at meetings. The holders of a majority of the outstanding units of the class or classes for which a meeting has been called, represented in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum unless

any action by the unitholders requires approval by holders of a greater percentage of the units, in which case the quorum will be the greater percentage.

Each record holder of a unit has a vote according to his percentage interest in the Partnership, although additional limited partner interests having special voting rights could be issued. Please read "—Issuance of Additional Securities." However, if at any time any person or group, other than the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates, or a direct or subsequently approved transferee of the Partnership's general partner or its affiliates, acquires, in the aggregate, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, that person or group will lose voting rights on all of its units and the units may not be voted on any matter and will not be considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of unitholders, calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum, or for other similar purposes. Common units held in a nominee or street name account will be voted by the broker or other nominee in accordance with the instruction of the beneficial owner unless the arrangement between the beneficial owner and his nominee provides otherwise.

Any notice, demand, request, report, or proxy material required or permitted to be given or made to record holders of common units under the partnership agreement will be delivered to the record holder by the Partnership or by the transfer agent.

### Status as Limited Partner or Assignee

Except as described above under "-Limited Liability," the common units are fully paid, and unitholders are not required to make additional contributions.

An assignee of a common unit, after executing and delivering a transfer application, but pending its admission as a substituted limited partner, is entitled to an interest equivalent to that of a limited partner with respect to allocations and distributions from the Partnership, including liquidating distributions. The Partnership's general partner will exercise the voting rights attributable to common units owned by an assignee that has not become a substituted limited partner at the written direction of the assignee. Please read "—Meetings; Voting." An assignee has no other rights of a limited partner. Transferees who do not execute and deliver a transfer application and certification will not be treated as assignees or as record holders of common units, and will not receive cash distributions, federal income tax allocations, or reports furnished to holders of common units. Please read "—Transfer of Common Units."

### Indemnification

Under the partnership agreement, the Partnership will indemnify the following persons in most circumstances, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all losses, claims, damages or similar events:

- (1) the Partnership's general partner;
- (2) any departing general partner;
- (3) any person who is or was an affiliate of the Partnership's general partner or any departing general partner;
- (4) any person who is or was a member, manager, partner, director, officer, fiduciary or trustee of any of the Partnership's subsidiaries or any entity described in (1), (2) or (3) above (other than any person who is or was the Partnership's limited partner in such person's capacity as such);
- (5) any person who is or was serving as an officer, director, member, manager, partner, fiduciary or trustee of another person at the request of the Partnership's general partner or any departing general partner or any of their affiliates; or
- (6) any person designated by the Partnership's general partner.

Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of the Partnership's assets. Unless it otherwise agrees, the Partnership's general partner will not be personally liable for, or have any obligation to contribute or loan funds or assets to the Partnership to enable the Partnership to effectuate, indemnification. The Partnership may purchase insurance against liabilities asserted against and expenses incurred by persons for the Partnership's activities, regardless of whether the Partnership would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under the partnership agreement.

### **Reimbursement of Expenses**

The partnership agreement requires the Partnership to reimburse the Partnership's general partner or Cheniere LNG Terminals, LLC, without duplication, for all direct expenses it incurs or payments it makes on the Partnership's behalf and all other expenses allocable to the Partnership or its subsidiaries or otherwise incurred in connection with operating the Partnership's business. These expenses include the fees and expenses payable by the Partnership pursuant to management services agreements. The Partnership's general partner will determine the expenses allocable to the Partnership and its subsidiaries.

### **Books and Reports**

The Partnership's general partner is required to keep appropriate books and records of the Partnership's business at the Partnership's principal offices. The books will be maintained for financial reporting purposes on an accrual basis. The Partnership's fiscal year is the calendar year. The Partnership will mail or make available (by posting on the Partnership's website or other reasonable means) to record holders of common units, within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, an annual report containing audited financial statements and a report on those financial statements by the Partnership's independent public accountants. Except for the Partnership's fourth quarter, the Partnership will also mail or make available summary financial information within 90 days after the close of each quarter.

The Partnership will furnish each record holder of a unit with information reasonably required for tax reporting purposes within 90 days after the close of each calendar year. This information is expected to be furnished in summary form so that some complex calculations normally required of partners can be avoided. The Partnership's ability to furnish this summary information to unitholders will depend on the cooperation of unitholders in supplying the Partnership with specific information. Every unitholder will receive information to assist him in determining his federal and state tax liability and filing his federal and state income tax returns, regardless of whether he supplies the Partnership with information.

### Right to Inspect the Partnership's Books and Records

The partnership agreement provides that a limited partner can, for a purpose reasonably related to his interest as a limited partner, upon reasonable written demand and at his own expense, have furnished to him:

- (1) a current list of the name and last known address of each partner;
- (2) a copy of the Partnership's tax returns;
- (3) information as to the amount of cash, and a description and statement of the agreed value of any other property or services, contributed or to be contributed by each partner and the date on which each became a partner;
- (4) copies of the partnership agreement, the Partnership's certificate of limited partnership, related amendments and powers of attorney under which they have been executed;
- (5) information regarding the status of the Partnership's business and financial condition; and
- (6) any other information regarding the Partnership's affairs as is just and reasonable.

The Partnership's general partner may, and intends to, keep confidential from the limited partners trade secrets or other information the disclosure of which the Partnership's general partner believes in good faith is not in the Partnership's best interests or that the Partnership is required by law or by agreements with third parties to keep confidential.

### **Registration Rights**

Under the partnership agreement, the Partnership has agreed to register for resale under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and applicable state securities laws any common units or other partnership securities proposed to be sold by the Partnership's general partner or any of its affiliates or their assignees if an exemption from the registration requirements is not otherwise available. These registration rights continue for two years following any withdrawal or removal of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC as the Partnership's general partner. The Partnership is obligated to pay all expenses incidental to the registration, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Conflicts of interest exist and may arise in the future as a result of the relationships between the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates, including Cheniere and Cheniere Energy Partners LP Holdings, LLC, on the one hand, and the Partnership and the Partnership's limited partners, on the other hand. The directors and officers of the Partnership's general partner have fiduciary duties to manage the Partnership's general partner in a manner beneficial to its owners. At the same time, the Partnership's general partner has a fiduciary duty to manage the Partnership in a manner beneficial to the Partnership and the unitholders. The partnership agreement contains provisions that modify and limit the Partnership's general partner's fiduciary duties to the unitholders. The partnership agreement also restricts the remedies available to unitholders for actions taken that, without those limitations, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.

Whenever a conflict arises between the Partnership's general partner or its affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership or any other partner, on the other hand, the Partnership's general partner will resolve that conflict. The Partnership's general partner may, but is not required to, seek the approval of such resolution from the conflicts committee of the board of directors of the Partnership's general partner. An independent third party is not required to evaluate the fairness of the resolution.

The Partnership's general partner will not be in breach of its obligations under the partnership agreement or its duties to the Partnership or the unitholders if the resolution of the conflict is:

- approved by a majority of the conflicts committee, although the Partnership's general partner is not obligated to seek such approval;
- approved by the vote of a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding any units owned by the Partnership's general partner or any of its affiliates;
- on terms no less favorable to the Partnership than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties; or
- fair and reasonable to the Partnership, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to the Partnership.

If the Partnership's general partner seeks approval from the conflicts committee or does not seek approval from the conflicts committee and the board of directors of the Partnership's general partner determines that the resolution or course of action taken with respect to the conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in the third and fourth bullet points above, then, in each case, it will be presumed that, in making its decision, the board of directors acted in good faith, and in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or the Partnership, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption. Unless the resolution of a conflict is specifically provided for in the partnership agreement, the Partnership's general partner or the conflicts committee may consider any factors that it determines in good faith to consider when resolving a conflict. When the partnership agreement requires someone to act in good faith, it requires that person to believe that he is acting in the best interests of the partnership.

#### **Fiduciary Duties**

The Partnership's general partner is accountable to the Partnership and the unitholders as a fiduciary. Fiduciary duties owed to unitholders by the Partnership's general partner are prescribed by law and the partnership agreement. The Delaware Act provides that Delaware limited partnerships may, in their partnership agreements, expand, restrict or eliminate the fiduciary duties otherwise owed by a general partner to limited partners and the Partnership.

The partnership agreement contains various provisions modifying and restricting the fiduciary duties that might otherwise be owed by the Partnership's general partner. The Partnership has adopted these provisions to allow the Partnership's general partner or its affiliates to engage in transactions with the Partnership that otherwise would be prohibited by state law fiduciary standards and to take into account the interests of other parties in addition to the Partnership's general partner has fiduciary duties to manage the Partnership's general partner in a manner beneficial both to its indirect owner, Cheniere, as well as to you. Without these modifications, the Partnership's general partner is ability to make decisions involving conflicts of interests would be restricted. The modifications to the fiduciary standards benefit the Partnership's general partner by enabling it to take into consideration all parties involved in the proposed action. These modifications also strengthen the ability of the Partnership's general partner to attract and retain experienced and capable directors. These modifications, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty, as described below, and permit the Partnership's general partner to take into account the interests of third parties in addition to the Partnership's interests when resolving conflicted interests. The fiduciary duties to take into account the interests. These modifications also strengthen the ability of the Partnership's general partner to attract and retain experienced and capable directors. These modifications, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty, as described below, and permit the Partnership's general partner to take into account the interests of third parties in addition to the Partnership's interests when resolving conflicted interests. The following is a summary of:

- the fiduciary duties imposed on the Partnership's general partner by the Delaware Act;
- material modifications of these duties contained in the partnership agreement; and
- certain rights and remedies of unitholders contained in the Delaware Act.

State law fiduciary duty standards	Fiduciary duties are generally considered to include an obligation to act in good faith and with due care and loyalty. The duty of care, in the absence of a provision in a partnership agreement providing otherwise, would generally require a general partner to act for the partnership in the same manner as a prudent person would act on his own behalf. The duty of loyalty, in the absence of a provision in a partnership agreement providing otherwise, would generally prohibit a general partner of a Delaware limited partnership from taking any action or engaging in any transaction where a conflict of interest is present unless such transaction is entirely fair to the partnership.
Partnership agreement modified standards	The partnership agreement contains provisions that waive or consent to conduct by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates that might otherwise raise issues as to compliance with fiduciary duties or applicable law. For example, Section 7.9 of the partnership agreement provides that when the Partnership's general partner is acting in its capacity as the Partnership's general partner, as opposed to in its individual capacity, unless another express standard is provided for in the partnership agreement it must act in "good faith" and will not be subject to any other standard under applicable law. For these purposes, the partnership agreement defines "good faith" as a belief that the determination or other action is in the best interest of the partnership. In addition, when the Partnership's general partner is acting in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as the Partnership's general partner is acting in the partnership's general partner without any fiduciary obligation to the Partnership or the unitholders whatsoever. These standards reduce the obligations to which the Partnership's general partner would otherwise be held.

The partnership agreement generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not involving a vote of unitholders and that are not approved by a majority of the conflicts committee of the board of directors of the Partnership's general partner must be:

- on terms no less favorable to the Partnership than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties; or
- fair and reasonable to the Partnership, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to the Partnership).

If the Partnership's general partner does not seek approval from the conflicts committee and the board of directors of the Partnership's general partner determines that the resolution or course of action taken with respect to the conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in the bullet points above, then it will be presumed that, in making its decision, the board of directors, which may include board members affected by the conflict of interest, acted in good faith, and in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or the Partnership, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption. These standards reduce the obligations to which the Partnership's general partner would otherwise be held.

The partnership agreement provides that the Partnership's general partner may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers and other consultants and advisers, and any act taken or omitted to be taken by the Partnership's general partner in reliance upon the advice or opinion of such consultants and advisers as to matters that the Partnership's general partner reasonably believes to be within such person's professional or expert competence will be conclusively presumed to have been done or omitted in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. In addition, the partnership agreement provides that the Partnership's general partner is fully protected from liability to the Partnership, its partners or other persons bound to the partnership agreement for such reliance made in good faith. These standards reduce the obligations to which the Partnership's general partner would otherwise be held and limit the remedies available to the Partnership's limited partners when the Partnership takes or omits to take actions in reliance on the advice or opinions of experts.

In addition to the other more specific provisions limiting the obligations of the Partnership's general partner, the partnership agreement further provides that the Partnership's general partner, its affiliates and their officers and directors will not be liable for monetary damages to the Partnership or the Partnership's limited partners for any acts or omissions, unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that the Partnership's general partner or its officers and directors acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the indemnitee's conduct was criminal.

Rights and remedies of unitholders

The Delaware Act generally provides that a limited partner may institute legal action on behalf of the partnership to recover damages from a third party where a general partner has refused to institute the action or where an effort to cause a general partner to do so is not likely to succeed. These actions include actions against a general partner for breach of its fiduciary duties or of the partnership agreement. In addition, the statutory or case law of some jurisdictions may permit a limited partner to institute legal action on behalf of itself and all other similarly situated limited partners to recover damages from a general partner for violations of its fiduciary duties to the limited partners.

In order to become one of the Partnership's limited partners, a unitholder is required to agree to be bound by the provisions in the partnership agreement, including the provisions discussed above. Please read "Description of the Common Units—Transfer of Common Units." This is in accordance with the policy of the Delaware Act favoring the principle of freedom of contract and the enforceability of partnership agreements. The failure of a limited partner to sign the partnership agreement does not render the partnership agreement unenforceable against that person.

Under the partnership agreement, the Partnership must indemnify the Partnership's general partner and its officers, directors and members, to the fullest extent permitted by law, against liabilities, costs and expenses incurred by the Partnership's general partner or these other persons. The Partnership must provide this indemnification unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that these persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. The Partnership also must provide this indemnification for criminal proceedings unless the Partnership's general partner or these other persons acted with knowledge that their conduct was unlawful. Thus, the Partnership's general partner could be indemnified for its negligent acts if it meets the requirements set forth above.

# 80 Acres Bridge Credit

PROJECT NAME: Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility

**OWNER:** Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC

CONTRACTOR: Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.

# DATE OF AGREEMENT: November 7, 2018

#### The Agreement between the Parties listed above is changed as follows:

- 1. In accordance with Section 6.1 of the Agreement (*Change Orders Requested by Owner*), the Parties agree this Change Order provides a credit to Company for unused costs associated with the permanent beam bridge at the existing north bridge location between 80 Acres and Lighthouse Road ("80 Acres Bridge").
- 2. On 17 June 2021, the Parties executed Change Order No. CO-00047, dated 15 June 2021 for Contractor's engineering, procurement and construction costs to install the 80 Acres Bridge, including demolition and removal of the existing north and south bridges currently in place.
- 3. On 28 September 2021, Contractor's Bridge Supplier (Acrow Bridges) respectfully withdrew their intent to bid and declined the Work for reasons stated in Exhibit C of this Change Order.
- 4. On 19 November 2021, Owner requested a credit for CO-00047, which is the purpose of this Change Order.
- 5. The Parties agree a separate and complete Change Order shall be prepared for the 80 Acres Bridge, which will be subject to separate review and approval.
- 6. The detailed cost breakdown for this Change Order is detailed in Exhibit A of this Change Order.
- 7. Schedule C-3 (Milestone Payment Schedule) of Attachment C of the Agreement will be amended by including the milestone(s) listed in Exhibit B of this Change Order.

#### Adjustment to Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a)

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1.	The original Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) was	\$	2,016,892,573
2.	Net change for Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) by previously authorized Change Orders (#01-08, 10-13, 15, 17-18, 21-22, 24, 28-29, 31-32, 34-35, 38, 41-42, 45-49, 51, 53)	\$	17,846,936
3.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) prior to this Change Order was	\$	2,034,739,509
4.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) will be decreased by this Change Order in the amoun of	nt \$	(914,941)
5.	The Provisional Sum Applicable to Subproject 6(a) will be unchanged by this Change Order in the amount of	\$	_
6.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) including this Change Order will be	\$	2,033,824,568
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7.	The original Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) (in CO-00009) was Net change for Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) by previously authorized Change Orders	\$ \$ \$	, ,
7. 8.	The original Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) (in CO-00009) was Net change for Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) by previously authorized Change Orders (#14, 16, 19-20, 23, 25-27, 30-31, 33, 36-37, 39-40, 43-44, 50, 52)	\$ \$ \$	(3,978,536)
7. 8. 9.	The original Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) (in CO-00009) was Net change for Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) by previously authorized Change Orders (#14, 16, 19-20, 23, 25-27, 30-31, 33, 36-37, 39-40, 43-44, 50, 52) The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) prior to this Change Order was	\$ \$ \$ \$	(3,978,536)

# CHANGE ORDER NUMBER: CO-00054

#### DATE OF CHANGE ORDER: November 30, 2021

Adju	stment to Contract Price	
13.	The original Contract Price for Subproject 6(a) and Subproject 6(b) was (add lines 1 and 7)	\$ 2,474,588,573
14.	The Contract Price prior to this Change Order was (add lines 3 and 9)	\$ 2,488,456,973
15.	The Contract Price will be decreased by this Change Order in the amount of (add lines 4, 5, 10 and 11)	\$ (914,941)
16.	The new Contract Price including this Change Order will be (add lines 14 and 15)	\$ 2,487,542,032

### Adjustment to dates in Project Schedule for Subproject 6(a)

The following dates are modified: N/A

Adjustment to other Changed Criteria for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Adjustment to Payment Schedule for Subproject 6(a): Yes; see Exhibit B

Adjustment to Minimum Acceptance Criteria for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Adjustment to Performance Guarantees for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Adjustment to Design Basis for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Other adjustments to liability or obligations of Contractor or Owner under the Agreement for Subproject 6(a): N/A

#### Adjustment to dates in Project Schedule for Subproject 6(b)

The following dates are modified: N/A

Adjustment to other Changed Criteria for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Adjustment to Payment Schedule for Subproject 6(b):N/A

Adjustment to Design Basis for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Other adjustments to liability or obligation of Contractor or Owner under the Agreement: N/A

Select either A or B:

[A] This Change Order shall constitute a full and final settlement and accord and satisfaction of all effects of the change reflected in this Change Order upon the Changed Criteria and shall be deemed to compensate Contractor fully for such change. Initials: /s/ KM\_Contractor /s/ DC\_Owner

# [B] This Change Order shall not constitute a full and final settlement and accord and satisfaction of all effects of the change reflected in this Change Order upon the Changed Criteria and shall not be deemed to compensate Contractor fully for such change. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Owner

s/ David Craft
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David Craft
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VP E&C
ìitle
December 1, 2021
Date of Signing

Contractor	
Kane McIntosh	
Name	
Senior Project Manager	
Title	
November 30, 2021	

#### Change in Law LPDES Permit - Water Treatment Filter Washing

PROJECT NAME: Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility

**OWNER:** Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC

CHANGE ORDER NUMBER: CO-00055

DATE OF CHANGE ORDER: December 15, 2021

CONTRACTOR: Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.

DATE OF AGREEMENT: November 7, 2018

#### The Agreement between the Parties listed above is changed as follows:

1. In accordance with Section 6.2 of the Agreement (*Change Orders Requested by Contractor*), the Parties agree this Change Order includes Contractor's actual cost impacts to the Water Treatment Filter Washing Work due to the Change in Law of the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit No. LA0122441.

The revised LPDES Permit superseded the 2018 Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) Permit, thereby revising the total suspended solid (TSS) levels from 90 mg/L to 30mg/L, which required a substantial change to Contractor's execution of the Water Treatment Filter Washing Work. Refer to Exhibit C for the timeline of events.

2. The detailed cost breakdown for this Change Order is detailed in Exhibit A of this Change Order.

3. Schedule C-3 (Milestone Payment Schedule) of Attachment C of the Agreement will be amended by including the milestone(s) listed in Exhibit B of this Change Order.

#### Adjustment to Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) 1. The original Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) was S 2.016.892.573 2. Net change for Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) by previously authorized Change Orders (#01-08, 10-13, 15, 17-18, 21-22, 24, 28-29, 31-32, 34-35, 38, 41-42, 45-49, 51, 53, 54) \$ 16,931,995 3. The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) prior to this Change Order was \$ 2,033,824,568 4. The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) will be increased by this Change Order in the amount S 305.517 of 5. The Provisional Sum Applicable to Subproject 6(a) will be unchanged by this Change Order in the \$ amount of 6. The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) including this Change Order will be \$ 2,034,130,085 Adjustment to Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) 7. The original Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) (in CO-00009) was \$ 457,696,000 8. Net change for Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) by previously authorized Change Orders (#14, 16, 19-20, 23, 25-27, 30-31, 33, 36-37, 39-40, 43-44, 50, 52) \$ (3,978,536) 9. The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) prior to this Change Order was \$ 453,717,464 10. The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) will be unchanged by this Change Order \$ 11. The Provisional Sum Applicable to Subproject 6(b) will be unchanged by this Change Order \$ 12. \$ The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) including this Change Order will be 453,717,464 **Adjustment to Contract Price** The original Contract Price for Subproject 6(a) and Subproject 6(b) was (add lines 1 and 7) \$ 2,474,588,573 13. 14. The Contract Price prior to this Change Order was (add lines 3 and 9) \$ 2,487,542,032 The Contract Price will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of (add lines 4, 5, 10 and 11) \$ 15. 305,517 16. The new Contract Price including this Change Order will be (add lines 14 and 15) 2,487,847,549 \$

#### Adjustment to dates in Project Schedule for Subproject 6(a)

The following dates are modified : N/A

Adjustment to other Changed Criteria for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Adjustment to Payment Schedule for Subproject 6(a): Yes; see Exhibit B

Adjustment to Minimum Acceptance Criteria for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Adjustment to Performance Guarantees for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Adjustment to Design Basis for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Other adjustments to liability or obligations of Contractor or Owner under the Agreement for Subproject 6(a): N/A

#### Adjustment to dates in Project Schedule for Subproject 6(b)

The following dates are modified: N/A

Adjustment to other Changed Criteria for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Adjustment to Payment Schedule for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Adjustment to Design Basis for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Other adjustments to liability or obligation of Contractor or Owner under the Agreement: N/A

Select either A or B:

[A] This Change Order **shall** constitute a full and final settlement and accord and satisfaction of all effects of the change reflected in this Change Order upon the Changed Criteria and **shall** be deemed to compensate Contractor fully for such change. Initials: <u>/s/ KM</u> Contractor <u>/s/ DC</u> Owner

# [B] This Change Order shall not constitute a full and final settlement and accord and satisfaction of all effects of the change reflected in this Change Order upon the Changed Criteria and shall not be deemed to compensate Contractor fully for such change. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Owner

/s/ David Craft
Owner
David Craft
Name
SVP E&C
Title
December 17, 2021
Date of Signing

/s/ Kane McIntosh	
Contractor	
Kane McIntosh	
Name	
Senior Project Manager	
Title	
December 15, 2021	
Date of Signing	

## Impacts from Hurricane Ida

PROJECT NAME: Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility

**OWNER:** Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC

CONTRACTOR: Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.

DATE OF AGREEMENT: November 7, 2018

#### The Agreement between the Parties listed above is changed as follows:

1. In accordance with Section 6.2 of the Agreement (Change Orders Requested by Contractor), Parties agree this Change Order includes final and agreed-upon impacts to the Project caused by Hurricane Ida.

2. The detailed cost breakdown for this Change Order is detailed in Exhibit A of this Change Order.

3. Schedule C-3 (Milestone Payment Schedule) of Attachment C of the Agreement will be amended by including the milestone(s) listed in Exhibit B of this Change Order.

Adju	stment to Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a)			
1.	The original Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) was	\$	2,016,892,573	
2.	Net change for Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) by previously authorized Change Orders (#01-08, 10-13, 15, 17-18, 21-22, 24, 28-29, 31-32, 34-35, 38, 41-42, 45-49, 51, 53-55)	\$	17,237,512	
3.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) prior to this Change Order was	\$	2,034,130,085	
4.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of	t \$	775,032	
5.	The Provisional Sum Applicable to Subproject 6(a) will be unchanged by this Change Order in the amount of	\$	_	
6.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) including this Change Order will be	\$	2,034,905,117	
Adju	stment to Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b)			
7.	The original Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) (in CO-00009) was	\$	457,696,000	
8.	Net change for Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) by previously authorized Change Orders (#14, 16, 19-20, 23, 25-27, 30-31, 33, 36-37, 39-40, 43-44, 50, 52)	\$	(3,978,536)	
9.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) prior to this Change Order was	\$	453,717,464	
10.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) will be unchanged by this Change Order	\$	_	
11.	The Provisional Sum Applicable to Subproject 6(b) will be unchanged by this Change Order	\$	—	
12.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) including this Change Order will be	\$	453,717,464	
Adju	stment to Contract Price			
13.	The original Contract Price for Subproject 6(a) and Subproject 6(b) was (add lines 1 and 7)	\$	2,474,588,573	
14.	The Contract Price prior to this Change Order was (add lines 3 and 9)	\$	2,487,847,549	
15.	The Contract Price will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of (add lines 4, 5, 10 and 11)	\$	775,032	
16.	The new Contract Price including this Change Order will be (add lines 14 and 15)	\$	2,488,622,581	

# Adjustment to dates in Project Schedule for Subproject 6(a)

The following dates are modified: N/A

Adjustment to other Changed Criteria for Subproject 6(a): N/A

CHANGE ORDER NUMBER: CO-00056

DATE OF CHANGE ORDER: December 15, 2021

#### Adjustment to Payment Schedule for Subproject 6(a): Yes; see Exhibit B

Adjustment to Minimum Acceptance Criteria for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Adjustment to Performance Guarantees for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Adjustment to Design Basis for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Other adjustments to liability or obligations of Contractor or Owner under the Agreement for Subproject 6(a): N/A

#### Adjustment to dates in Project Schedule for Subproject 6(b)

The following dates are modified: N/A

Adjustment to other Changed Criteria for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Adjustment to Payment Schedule for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Adjustment to Design Basis for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Other adjustments to liability or obligation of Contractor or Owner under the Agreement: N/A

Select either A or B:

[A] This Change Order shall constitute a full and final settlement and accord and satisfaction of all effects of the change reflected in this Change Order upon the Changed Criteria and shall be deemed to compensate Contractor fully for such change. Initials: <u>/s/ KM</u> Contractor <u>/s/ DC</u> Owner

# [B] This Change Order shall not constitute a full and final settlement and accord and satisfaction of all effects of the change reflected in this Change Order upon the Changed Criteria and shall not be deemed to compensate Contractor fully for such change. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Owner

/s/ David Craft	
Owner	
David Craft	
Name	
SVP E&C	
Title	
December 17, 2021	
Date of Signing	

/s/ Kane McIntosh
Contractor
Kane McIntosh
Name
Senior Project Manager
Title
December 15, 2021
Date of Signing

# Impacts from Hurricane Nicholas

PROJECT NAME: Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility

**OWNER:** Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC

CONTRACTOR: Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.

DATE OF AGREEMENT: November 7, 2018

#### The Agreement between the Parties listed above is changed as follows:

1. In accordance with Section 6.2 of the Agreement (Change Orders Requested by Contractor), Parties agree this Change Order includes final and agreed-upon impacts to the Project caused by Hurricane Nicholas.

2. The detailed cost breakdown for this Change Order is detailed in Exhibit A of this Change Order.

3. Schedule C-3 (Milestone Payment Schedule) of Attachment C of the Agreement will be amended by including the milestone(s) listed in Exhibit B of this Change Order.

Adjı	istment to Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a)			
1.	The original Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) was	\$	2,016,892,573	
2.	Net change for Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) by previously authorized Change Orders (#01-08, 10-13, 15, 17-18, 21-22, 24, 28-29, 31-32, 34-35, 38, 41-42, 45-49, 51, 53-56)	\$	18,012,544	
3.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) prior to this Change Order was	\$	2,034,905,117	
4.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of	t \$	98,631	
5.	The Provisional Sum Applicable to Subproject 6(a) will be unchanged by this Change Order in the amount of	\$	_	
6.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(a) including this Change Order will be	\$	2,035,003,748	
Adju	istment to Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b)			 
7.	The original Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) (in CO-00009) was	\$	457,696,000	
8.	Net change for Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) by previously authorized Change Orders (#14, 16, 19-20, 23, 25-27, 30-31, 33, 36-37, 39-40, 43-44, 50, 52)	\$	(3,978,536)	
9.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) prior to this Change Order was	\$	453,717,464	
10.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) will be unchanged by this Change Order	\$	_	
11.	The Provisional Sum Applicable to Subproject 6(b) will be unchanged by this Change Order	\$	_	
12.	The Contract Price Applicable to Subproject 6(b) including this Change Order will be	\$	453,717,464	
Adjı	istment to Contract Price			 
13.	The original Contract Price for Subproject 6(a) and Subproject 6(b) was (add lines 1 and 7)	\$	2,474,588,573	
14.	The Contract Price prior to this Change Order was (add lines 3 and 9)	\$	2,488,622,581	
15.	The Contract Price will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of (add lines 4, 5, 10 and 11)	\$	98,631	
16.	The new Contract Price including this Change Order will be (add lines 14 and 15)	\$	2,488,721,212	

# Adjustment to dates in Project Schedule for Subproject 6(a)

The following dates are modified: N/A

Adjustment to other Changed Criteria for Subproject 6(a): N/A

CHANGE ORDER NUMBER: CO-00057

DATE OF CHANGE ORDER: December 15, 2021

#### Adjustment to Payment Schedule for Subproject 6(a): Yes; see Exhibit B

Adjustment to Minimum Acceptance Criteria for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Adjustment to Performance Guarantees for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Adjustment to Design Basis for Subproject 6(a): N/A

Other adjustments to liability or obligations of Contractor or Owner under the Agreement for Subproject 6(a): N/A

#### Adjustment to dates in Project Schedule for Subproject 6(b)

The following dates are modified: N/A

Adjustment to other Changed Criteria for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Adjustment to Payment Schedule for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Adjustment to Design Basis for Subproject 6(b): N/A

Other adjustments to liability or obligation of Contractor or Owner under the Agreement: N/A

Select either A or B:

[A] This Change Order shall constitute a full and final settlement and accord and satisfaction of all effects of the change reflected in this Change Order upon the Changed Criteria and shall be deemed to compensate Contractor fully for such change. Initials: <u>/s/ KM</u> Contractor <u>/s/ DC</u> Owner

# [B] This Change Order shall not constitute a full and final settlement and accord and satisfaction of all effects of the change reflected in this Change Order upon the Changed Criteria and shall not be deemed to compensate Contractor fully for such change. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Owner

/s/ David Craft	
Owner	
David Craft	
Name	
SVP E&C	
Title	
December 17, 2021	
Date of Signing	

/s/ Kane McIntosh
Contractor
Kane McIntosh
Name
Senior Project Manager
Title
December 15, 2021
Date of Signing

# Exhibit 21.1

# Subsidiaries of the Registrant as of December 31, 2021

Entity Name	Jurisdiction of Incorporation
Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P.	Delaware
Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC	Delaware
Cheniere Pipeline GP Interests, LLC	Delaware
Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC	Delaware
Sabine Pass LNG-GP, LLC	Delaware
Sabine Pass LNG-LP, LLC	Delaware
Sabine Pass LNG, L.P.	Delaware
Sabine Pass Tug Services, LLC	Delaware

# Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. List of Issuers and Guarantor Subsidiaries

The following entities are guarantors of the 4.500% Senior Notes due 2029, 4.000% Senior Notes due 2031 and 3.250% Senior Notes due 2032 issued by Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

Entity	Jurisdiction of Organization	Role
Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.	Delaware	Issuer
Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC	Delaware	Guarantor
Sabine Pass LNG-GP, LLC	Delaware	Guarantor
Sabine Pass LNG, L.P.	Delaware	Guarantor
Sabine Pass Tug Services, LLC	Delaware	Guarantor
Cheniere Pipeline GP Interests, LLC	Delaware	Guarantor
Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P.	Delaware	Guarantor

### Exhibit 23.1

# **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statements (No. 333-151155) on Form S-8 and (Nos. 333-220017 and 333-219268) on Form S-3 of our reports dated February 23, 2022, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule I of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP KPMG LLP

Houston, Texas February 23, 2022

#### CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a) UNDER THE EXCHANGE ACT

I, Jack A. Fusco, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.;
- Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation;
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 23, 2022

/s/ Jack A. Fusco

Jack A. Fusco Chief Executive Officer of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

#### CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a) UNDER THE EXCHANGE ACT

I, Zach Davis, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.;
- Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation;
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 23, 2022

/s/ Zach Davis

Zach Davis Chief Financial Officer of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

#### CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the annual report of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Jack A. Fusco, Chief Executive Officer of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to my knowledge, that:

(1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

Date: February 23, 2022

/s/ Jack A. Fusco Jack A. Fusco Chief Executive Officer of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

#### CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the annual report of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Zach Davis, Chief Financial Officer of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to my knowledge, that:

(1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

Date: February 23, 2022

/s/ Zach Davis

Zach Davis Chief Financial Officer of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.