UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant To Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 4, 2015

Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-33268 (Commission File Number) 68-0275553 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California (Address of principal executive offices)

94597 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 948-4000

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Completion of Sale of Senior Notes due 2023

On November 9, 2015, Central Garden & Pet Company (the "Company") completed the sale of \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "2023 Senior Notes"). The Company sold the 2023 Senior Notes pursuant to an underwriting agreement, dated November 4, 2015 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative of the several underwriters named in the Underwriting Agreement. The Company intends to use the proceeds (net of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the offering) from the sale of the 2023 Senior Notes to redeem its outstanding 8.25% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2018.

The 2023 Senior Notes are governed by, and were issued pursuant to, the Indenture dated as of March 8, 2010 by and between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee") (the "Base Indenture"), as supplemented by that Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of November 9, 2015 by and among the Company, the guarantors named therein and the Trustee (the "Third Supplemental Indenture" and together with the Base Indenture, the "Indenture"). The Indenture provides, among other things, that the 2023 Senior Notes will bear interest at a rate of 6.125% per annum, payable on May 15 and November 15 of each year, commencing May 15, 2016. The 2023 Senior Notes mature on November 15, 2023. The 2023 Senior Notes and the Indenture contain customary covenants and events of default, including failure to pay principal or interest on the 2023 Senior Notes when due, among others.

The 2023 Senior Notes are unsecured obligations of the Company and rank equal in right of payment with the Company's existing and future unsecured senior debt. The Company's obligations under the 2023 Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Subsidiary Guarantors (the "Guarantees"). The Guarantees are unsecured general obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantors and rank equal in right of payment with all existing and future unsecured liabilities of the Subsidiary Guarantors that are not subordinated in right of payment to the Guarantees.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Underwriting Agreement, the Third Supplemental Indenture (which includes the form of the 2023 Senior Notes and the Guarantees).

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

The information regarding the sale of the 2023 Senior Notes set forth in Item 1.01 above is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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- 23.1 Consent of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 99.1 Press release, dated November 4, 2015, announcing the pricing of \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Senior Notes due 2023.

SIGNATURES

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

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ David N. Chichester

David N. Chichester Chief Financial Officer

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Underwriting Agreement

November 4, 2015

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC As Representative of the several Underwriters listed in Schedule 1 hereto c/o J.P. Morgan Securities LLC 383 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10179

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Central Garden & Pet Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell to the several Underwriters listed in Schedule 1 hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom you are acting as representative (the "Representative"), \$400,000,000 principal amount of its 6.125% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Securities") to be guaranteed (collectively, the "Guarantees") by the subsidiary guarantors listed on Schedule 2 hereto (collectively, the "Guarantors"). The Securities will be issued pursuant to an Indenture dated as of March 8, 2010 (the "Base Indenture") between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by a Third Supplemental Indenture to be dated as of the Closing Date (as defined below) (the "Supplemental Indenture", and together with the Base Indenture, the "Indenture"), among the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee.

Each of the Company and the Guarantors hereby confirms its agreement with the several Underwriters concerning the purchase and sale of the Securities, as follows:

1. Registration Statement. The Company and the Guarantors have prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "Securities Act"), a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-204881), including a prospectus, relating to the Securities, which became effective on June 25, 2015. Such registration statement, as amended at the time it became effective, including the information, if any, deemed pursuant to Rule 430A, 430B or 430C under the Securities Act to be part of the registration statement at the time of its effectiveness ("Rule 430 Information"), is referred to herein as the "Registration Statement"; and as used herein, the term "Preliminary Prospectus" means the prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time of its effectiveness that omits Rule 430 Information and any prospectus made available prior to the Time of Sale (as defined below), and the term "Prospectus" means the prospectus in the form first used (or made available upon request of purchasers pursuant to Rule 173 under the Securities Act) in connection with

confirmation of sales of the Securities. Any reference in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Securities Act, as of the effective date of the Registration Statement or the date of such Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, and any reference to "amend", "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any documents filed after such date under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "Exchange Act") that are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein after such date. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.

At or prior to the time when sales of the Securities were first made (the "Time of Sale"), the Company had prepared the following information (collectively, the "Time of Sale Information"): a Preliminary Prospectus dated November 4, 2015, and each "free-writing prospectus" (as defined pursuant to Rule 405 under the Securities Act) listed on Annex B hereto as constituting part of the Time of Sale Information.

- 2. <u>Purchase of the Securities by the Underwriters</u>. (a) The Company agrees to issue and sell the Securities to the several Underwriters as provided in this Agreement and each Underwriter, on the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements set forth herein and subject to the conditions set forth herein, agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the respective principal amount of Securities set forth opposite such Underwriter's name in Schedule 1 hereto at a price equal to 98.75% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest, if any, from November 9, 2015 to the Closing Date. The Company will not be obligated to deliver any of the Securities except upon payment for all the Securities to be purchased as provided herein.
- (b) Each of the Company and the Guarantors understands that the Underwriters intend to make a public offering of the Securities as soon after the effectiveness of this Agreement as in the judgment of the Representative is advisable, and initially to offer the Securities on the terms set forth in the Time of Sale Information. Each of the Company and the Guarantors acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriters may offer and sell Securities to or through any affiliate of an Underwriter and that any such affiliate may offer and sell Securities purchased by it to or through any Underwriter.
- (c) Payment for and delivery of the Securities will be made at the offices of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on November 9, 2015, or at such other time or place on the same or such other date, not later than the fifth business day thereafter, as the Representative and the Company may agree upon in writing. The time and date of such payment and delivery is referred to herein as the "Closing Date".
- (d) Payment for the Securities shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account(s) specified by the Company to the Representative against delivery to the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), for the account of the Underwriters, of one or more global notes representing the Securities (collectively, the "Global Notes"), with any transfer taxes payable in connection with the sale of the Securities duly paid by the Company. The Global Notes will be made available for inspection by the Representative on the business day prior to the Closing Date.

- (e) Each of the Company and the Guarantors acknowledges and agrees that each Underwriter is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length contractual counterparty to the Company and the Guarantors with respect to the offering of Securities contemplated hereby (including in connection with determining the terms of the offering) and not as a financial advisor or a fiduciary to, or an agent of, the Company, the Guarantors or any other person. Additionally, neither the Representative nor any other Underwriter is advising the Company, the Guarantors or any other person as to any legal, tax, investment, accounting or regulatory matters in any jurisdiction. The Company and the Guarantors shall consult with their own advisors concerning such matters and shall be responsible for making their own independent investigation and appraisal of the transactions contemplated hereby, and neither the Representative nor any other Underwriter shall have any responsibility or liability to the Company or the Guarantors with respect thereto. Any review by the Representative or any Underwriter of the Company, the Guarantors, the transactions contemplated hereby or other matters relating to such transactions will be performed solely for the benefit of the Representative or such Underwriter and shall not be on behalf of the Company or the Guarantors or any other person.
- 3. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company and the Guarantors</u>. Each of the Company and the Guarantors jointly and severally represent and warrant to each Underwriter that:
- (a) Preliminary Prospectus. No order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus has been issued by the Commission, and each Preliminary Prospectus, at the time of filing thereof, complied in all material respects with the Securities Act and did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that neither the Company nor any Guarantor makes any representation and warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company or the Guarantors in writing by such Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use in any Preliminary Prospectus.
- (b) Time of Sale Information. The Time of Sale Information, at the Time of Sale, did not, and at the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that neither the Company nor any of the Guarantor makes any representation and warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company or the Guarantors in writing by such Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use in such Time of Sale Information. No statement of material fact included in the Prospectus has been omitted from the Time of Sale Information and no statement of material fact included in the Time of Sale Information that is required to be included in the Prospectus has been omitted therefrom.

(c) Issuer Free Writing Prospectus. Neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors (nor any of their respective agents and representatives, other than the Underwriters in their capacity as such) has used, authorized, approved or referred to or will use, authorize, approve or refer to any "written communication" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the Securities (each such communication by the Company and the Guarantors or their agents and representatives (other than a communication referred to in clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) below) an "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus") other than (i) any document not constituting a prospectus pursuant to Section 2(a)(10)(a) of the Securities Act or Rule 134 under the Securities Act, (ii) the Preliminary Prospectus, (iii) the Prospectus, (iv) the documents listed on Annex B hereto (together with the Preliminary Prospectus constituting the Time of Sale Information) and (v) any electronic road show or other written communications, in each case approved in writing in advance by the Representative. Each such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus complied in all material respects with the Securities Act, has been or will be (within the time period specified in Rule 433) filed in accordance with the Securities Act (to the extent required thereby) and, when taken together with the Preliminary Prospectus filed prior to the first use of such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, did not at the Time of Sale, and at the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that neither the Company nor any Guarantor makes any representation and warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in each such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus.

(d) Registration Statement and Prospectus. The Registration Statement has been declared effective by the Commission. No order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued by the Commission and no proceeding for that purpose or pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act against the Company or the Guarantors or related to the offering has been initiated or threatened by the Commission; as of the applicable effective date of the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto, the Registration Statement complied and will comply in all material respects with the Securities Act and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "Trust Indenture Act"), and did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; there are no contracts or other documents that are required under the Securities Act to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement or described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus that are not so filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement or described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus; and as of the date of the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto and as of the Closing Date, the Prospectus will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that neither the Company nor any Guarantor makes any representation and warranty with respect to (i) that part of the Registration Statement that constitutes the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification (Form T-1) of the Truste under the Trust Indenture Act or (ii) any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity wit

- (e) Incorporated Documents. The documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Time of Sale Information, when they became effective or were filed with the Commission, as the case may be, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act and none of such documents, at its time of filing with the Commission, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and any further documents so filed and incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information or the Prospectus, when such documents become effective or are filed with the Commission, as the case may be, will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as applicable, and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- (f) Financial Statements. The financial statements and the related notes thereto included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, together with the related schedules and notes, comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the results of their operations and the changes in their cash flows for the periods specified; such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods covered thereby, and the supporting schedules, if any, included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus present fairly in all material respects the information required to be stated therein; and the other financial information included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus has been derived from the accounting records of the Company and its subsidiaries and presents fairly in all material respects the information and the Prospectus has been derived from the accounting records of the Company and its subsidiaries and presents fairly in all material respects the information and the Prospectus has been derived from the accounting records of the Company in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus has been derived from the accounting records of the Company in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus has been derived from the accounting records of the Company in the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and is prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.
- (g) No Material Adverse Change. Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, (i) there has not been any change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, set aside for payment, paid or made by the Company on any class of capital stock, (ii) there has not been any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, properties, management, financial position or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; (iii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has entered into any transaction

or agreement (whether or not in the ordinary course of business) that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or incurred any liability or obligation, direct or contingent, that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and (iv) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has sustained any material loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor disturbance or dispute or any action, order or decree of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except in each case as otherwise disclosed in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.

- (h) Organization and Good Standing. The Company, each Guarantor and each other subsidiary of the Company have been duly organized and are validly existing and in good standing under the laws of their respective jurisdictions of organization, are duly qualified to do business and are in good standing in each jurisdiction in which their respective ownership or lease of property or the conduct of their respective businesses requires such qualification, and have all power and authority necessary to own or hold their respective properties and to conduct the businesses in which they are engaged, except where the failure to be so qualified, in good standing or have such power or authority would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, management, financial position or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, or on the performance by the Company and the Guarantors of their obligations under this Agreement, the Securities and the Guarantees (a "Material Adverse Effect"). The subsidiaries listed in Schedule 3 to this Agreement are the only significant subsidiaries of the Company.
- (i) Capitalization. The Company has the capitalization as set forth in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus under the heading "Capitalization" and all the outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity interests of each subsidiary of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable (except, in the case of any foreign subsidiary, for directors' qualifying shares and except as otherwise described in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus) and are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of any lien, charge, encumbrance, security interest, restriction on voting or transfer or any other claim of any third party, except for any such lien, charge, encumbrance, security interest, restriction on voting or transfer or any other claim of any third party granted pursuant to the Credit Facility (as defined in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus).
- (j) Due Authorization. The Company and each of the Guarantors have full right, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, the Securities and the Indenture (including the Guarantees) (collectively, the "Transaction Documents") to which it is a party and to perform their respective obligations hereunder and thereunder; and all action required to be taken for the due and proper authorization, execution and delivery of each of the Transaction Documents to which the Company and each of the Guarantors is a party and the due and proper authorization and consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby has been duly and validly taken.

- (k) *The Indenture*. The Base Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company, and constitutes a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by equitable principles relating to enforceability (collectively, the "Enforceability Exceptions"). The Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized by the Company and each of the Guarantors, and, when duly executed and delivered in accordance with its terms by each of the parties thereto, the Supplemental Indenture will constitute a valid and legally binding obligation of the Company and each Guarantor, and will be enforceable against the Company and each Guarantor in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited the Enforceability Exceptions. The Indenture is duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act.
- (1) The Securities. The Securities have been duly authorized by the Company and, when duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered as provided in the Indenture and paid for as provided herein, will be duly and validly issued and outstanding and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions, and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.
 - (m) Underwriting Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Guarantors.
- (n) *The Guarantees*. The Guarantees have been duly authorized by each of the Guarantors and are in the form contemplated by, and entitled to the benefits of, the Indenture and, when duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered in the manner provided in the Indenture and delivered against payment of the purchase price for the Securities as provided in this Agreement, will constitute valid and binding obligations of each of the Guarantors, enforceable against each of the Guarantors in accordance with their terms, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions.
- (o) Descriptions of the Transaction Documents. Each Transaction Document conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.
- (p) No Violation or Default. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents; (ii) in default, and no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a default, in the due performance or observance of any term, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the properties, rights or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject; or (iii) in violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for any such default or violation that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (q) No Conflicts. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company and each of the Guarantors of each of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party, the issuance and sale of the Securities, the issuance of the Guarantees and compliance by the Company and each

of the Guarantors, as applicable, with the terms thereof and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents will not (i) conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any properties, rights or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, any indenture, note, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the properties, rights or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, (ii) result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or (iii) result in the violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority or any other agency having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties, rights or assets, except, in the case of clauses (i) and (iii) above, for any such conflict, breach, violation, default, lien, charge or encumbrance that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (r) No Consents Required. No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority is required for the execution, delivery and performance by the Company or each of the Guarantors of each of the Transaction Documents to which each is a party, the issuance and sale of the Securities by the Company and compliance by the Company with the terms thereof, the issuance of the Guarantees by the Guarantors and compliance by the Guarantors with the terms thereof and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents to which it is a party, except for the registration of the Securities and the Guarantees under the Securities Act, the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act and such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders and registrations or qualifications as may be required under applicable state securities laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters.
- (s) Legal Proceedings. There are no legal, governmental or regulatory investigations, actions, suits or proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any property, right or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is the subject wherein any such case (i) there is a reasonable possibility that such action, suit or proceeding might be determined adversely to the Company or such subsidiary, and (ii) any such action, suit or proceeding, if so determined adversely, would reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; no such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings are, to the best knowledge of the Company and each of the Guarantors, threatened or contemplated by any governmental or regulatory authority or threatened by others; and there are no current or pending legal, governmental or regulatory actions, suits or proceedings that are required under the Securities Act to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus that are not so described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.
- (t) Independent Accountants. Deloitte & Touche LLP, who has certified certain financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and as required by the Securities Act.

- (u) *Title to Real and Personal Property*. The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title to, or have valid rights to lease or otherwise use, all items of real and personal property that are material to the respective businesses of the Company and its subsidiaries, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims and defects and imperfections of title except those that (i) do not materially interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its subsidiaries or (ii) could not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (v) Title to Intellectual Property. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries own or possess adequate rights to use all material patents, trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights, licenses and know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures) and all other proprietary rights reasonably necessary for the conduct of their respective businesses as now conducted; the conduct of their respective businesses will not infringe or conflict with any intellectual property rights of others, except for any such infringement that would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; the Company and its subsidiaries have not received any notice of any claim of infringement or conflict with any asserted intellectual property rights of others which infringement or conflict, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, would have a Material Adverse Effect, and, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, the intellectual property owned by the Company and its subsidiaries is not being infringed or conflicted by any third party.
- (w) No Undisclosed Relationships. No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and the directors, officers, stockholders, or other affiliates of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the other, that is required by the Securities Act to be described in each of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and that is not so described in such documents and in the Time of Sale Information.
- (x) Investment Company Act. Neither the Company nor any Guarantor is and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, will be an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "Investment Company Act").
- (y) Taxes. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries have paid all federal, state, local and foreign taxes and filed all tax returns required to be paid or filed through the date hereof other than those filings or taxes being contested in good faith and for which appropriate reserves have been established. The Company has made adequate charges, accruals and reserves in the applicable financial statements referred to in Section 3(f) above in respect of all federal, state and foreign income and franchise taxes for all periods as to which the tax liability of the Company and any of its subsidiaries has not been finally determined.

(z) Licenses and Permits. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries possess all licenses, certificates, permits and other authorizations issued by, and have made all declarations and filings with, the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory authorities that are necessary for the ownership or lease of their respective properties or the conduct of their respective businesses as described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, except where the failure to possess or make the same would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and except as described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received notice of any revocation or modification of any such license, certificate, permit or authorization, which individually or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(aa) No Labor Disputes. No labor disturbance by or dispute with employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the best knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, is threatened.

(bb) Compliance With Environmental Laws. (i) Except as otherwise disclosed in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries (x) are, and at all prior times were, in compliance with any and all applicable federal, state, local and foreign laws, rules, regulations, requirements, decisions and orders relating to the protection of human health or safety, the environment, natural resources, hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants (collectively, "Environmental Laws"); (y) have received and are in compliance with all permits, licenses, certificates or other authorizations or approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses; and (z) there is no claim, action or cause of action filed with a court or government authority and no investigation with respect to which the Company has received notice, and no notice by any person or entity alleging any actual or potential liability under or relating to any Environmental Laws, including for the investigation or remediation of any disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, and have no knowledge of any event or condition that would reasonably be expected to result in any such notice, (ii) there are no costs or liabilities associated with Environmental Laws of or relating to the Company or its subsidiaries, except in the case of each of (i) and (ii) above, for any such failure to comply, or failure to receive required permits, licenses, certificates, authorizations or approvals, or cost or liability, as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, and (iii) there are no proceedings that are pending, or that are known to be contemplated, against the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any Environmental Laws in which a governmental entity is also a party, other than such proceedings regarding which it is reasonably believed no monetary sanctions of \$100,000 or more will be imposed.

(cc) Environmental Reviews. In the ordinary course of its business, the Company periodically reviews the effect of Environmental Laws on the business, operations and properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, in the course of which it identifies and evaluates associated costs and liabilities (including, without limitation, any capital or operating expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws, or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to

third parties). On the basis of such review, the Company has reasonably concluded that such associated costs and liabilities would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.

(dd) *Pension Plans*. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, (i) each employee benefit plan, within the meaning of Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), for which the Company or any member of its "Controlled Group" (defined as any organization which is a member of a controlled group of corporations within the meaning of Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code")) would have any liability (each, a "Plan") has been maintained in compliance with its terms and the requirements of any applicable statutes, orders, rules and regulations, including but not limited to ERISA and the Code; (ii) no prohibited transaction, within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, has occurred with respect to any Plan excluding transactions effected pursuant to a statutory or administrative exemption with respect to which the conditions for exemptive relief thereunder are satisfied; (iii) no Plan has failed, or is reasonably expected to fail, to satisfy the minimum funding standards (within the meaning of Sections 412 or 430 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA) applicable to such Plan whether or not waived; (iv) the fair market value of the assets of each Plan subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA exceeds the present value of all benefits accrued under such Plan (determined based on those assumptions used to fund such Plan); (v) no "reportable event" (within the meaning of Section 4043(c) of ERISA) has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur; (vi) neither the Company nor any member of the Controlled Group has incurred, nor reasonably expects to incur, any liability under Title IV of ERISA (other than contributions to a Plan or premiums to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the ordinary course and without default) in respect of a Plan (including a "multiemployer plan", within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(3)

(ee) Disclosure Controls. The Company maintains an effective system of "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) that is designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company has carried out evaluations of the effectiveness of their disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act.

(ff) Accounting Controls. The Company maintains a system of "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that complies with the requirements of the Exchange Act and has been designed by, or under the supervision of, its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, to

provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including, but not limited to internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences; and (v) the interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus is prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto. Except as disclosed in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, there are no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in the internal controls of the Company.

(gg) Insurance. The Company and its subsidiaries have insurance covering their respective properties, operations, personnel and businesses, including business interruption insurance, which insurance is in amounts and insures against such losses and risks as the Company believes are adequate to protect the Company and its subsidiaries and their respective businesses; and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has (i) received notice from any insurer or agent of such insurer that capital improvements or other expenditures are required or necessary to be made in order to continue such insurance or (ii) any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage at a cost that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business.

(hh) No Unlawful Payments. Within the past five years, none of the Company or any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company and each of the Guarantors, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; (ii) made or taken an act in furtherance of an offer, promise or authorization of any direct or indirect unlawful payment or benefit to any foreign or domestic government official or employee, including of any government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office; (iii) violated or is in violation of any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, or any applicable law or regulation implementing the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, or committed an offence under the Bribery Act of 2010 of the United Kingdom, or any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption law; or (iv) made, offered, agreed, requested or taken an act in furtherance of any unlawful bribe or other unlawful benefit, including, without limitation, any rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful or improper payment or benefit. The Company and its subsidiaries have instituted, maintain and enforce policies and procedures designed to promote and ensure compliance with all applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws.

- (ii) Compliance with Anti-Money Laundering Laws. The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in material compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the applicable money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions where the Company or any of its subsidiaries conducts business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Anti-Money Laundering Laws") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, threatened.
- (jj) No Conflicts with Sanctions Laws. None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Guarantors, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently the subject or the target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Government (including, without limitation, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("OFAC") or the U.S. Department of State and including, without limitation, the designation as a "specially designated national" or "blocked person"), the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC"), the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury ("HMT"), or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions"), nor is the Company or any of its subsidiaries located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject or target of Sanctions, including, without limitation, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria (each, a "Sanctioned Country"); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering of the Securities hereunder, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity (i) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business with any person that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject or target of Sanctions, (ii) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business in any Sanctioned Country or (iii) in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the transaction, whether as underwriter, initial purchaser, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions. For the past five years, the Company and its subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in, and are not now knowingly engaged any dealings or transactions with any person that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject or the legal target of Sa
- (kk) Solvency. On and immediately after the Closing Date, the Company (after giving effect to the issuance of the Securities and the other transactions related thereto as described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus) will be Solvent. As used in this paragraph, the term "Solvent" means, with respect to a particular date, that on such date (i) the present fair market value (or present fair saleable value) of the assets of the Company is not less than the total amount required to pay the liabilities of the Company on its total existing debts and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) as they become absolute and matured; (ii) the Company is able to realize upon its assets and pay its debts and other liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments as they mature and become due in the normal course of business; (iii) assuming consummation of the issuance of the Securities as contemplated by this Agreement, the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, the

Company is not incurring debts or liabilities beyond its ability to pay as such debts and liabilities mature; (iv) the Company is not engaged in any business or transaction, and does not propose to engage in any business or transaction, for which its property would constitute unreasonably small capital after giving due consideration to the prevailing practice in the industry in which the Company is engaged; and (v) the Company is not a defendant in any civil action that would reasonably result in a judgment that the Company is or would become unable to satisfy.

- (II) No Restrictions on Subsidiaries. No subsidiary of the Company is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, under any agreement or other instrument to which it is a party or is subject, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such subsidiary's capital stock or similar ownership interest, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such subsidiary's properties or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary of the Company, except as described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.
- (mm) No Broker's Fees. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to any contract, agreement or understanding with any person (other than this Agreement) that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any Underwriter for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or like payment in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities.
- (nn) No Registration Rights. No person has the right to require the Company or any of its subsidiaries to register any securities for sale under the Securities Act by reason of the filing of the Registration Statement with the Commission or the issuance and sale of the Securities.
- (oo) No Stabilization. Neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities.
- (pp) Margin Rules. Neither the issuance, sale and delivery of the Securities nor the application of the proceeds thereof by the Company as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus will violate Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any other regulation of such Board of Governors.
- (qq) Statistical and Market Data. Nothing has come to the attention of the Company that has caused the Company to believe that the statistical and market-related data included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus is not based on or derived from sources that are reliable and accurate in all material respects.
- (rr) Sarbanes-Oxley Act. There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply in all material respects with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"), including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.

- (ss) Status under the Securities Act. The Company is not an ineligible issuer as defined under the Securities Act, in each case at the times specified in the Securities Act as necessary in order to offer the Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement. The Company has paid the registration fee for this offering pursuant to Rule 457 under the Securities Act.
- 4. <u>Further Agreements of the Company and the Guarantors</u>. The Company and each of the Guarantors jointly and severally covenant and agree with each Underwriter that:
- (a) Required Filings. The Company and the Guarantors will file the final Prospectus with the Commission within the time periods specified by Rule 424(b) and Rule 430A, 430B or 430C under the Securities Act, will file any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (including the Pricing Term Sheet in the form of Annex C hereto) to the extent required by Rule 433 under the Securities Act; and will file promptly all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of the Prospectus and for so long as the delivery of a prospectus is required in connection with the offering or sale of the Securities; and the Company will furnish copies of the Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (to the extent not previously delivered) to the Underwriters in New York City prior to 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on the business day next succeeding the date of this Agreement in such quantities as the Representative may reasonably request.
- (b) Delivery of Copies. The Company will deliver, without charge, (i) to the Representative, one signed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto, in each case (including all exhibits and consents filed therewith and documents incorporated by reference therein); and (ii) to each Underwriter (A) a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto, in each case (including all exhibits and consents filed therewith) and (B) during the Prospectus Delivery Period (as defined below), as many copies of the Prospectus (including all amendments and supplements thereto and documents incorporated by reference therein) and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus as the Representative may reasonably request. As used herein, the term "Prospectus Delivery Period" means such period of time after the first date of the public offering of the Securities as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters a prospectus relating to the Securities is required by law to be delivered (or required to be delivered but for Rule 172 under the Securities Act) in connection with sales of the Securities by any Underwriter or dealer.
- (c) Amendments or Supplements; Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses. Before using, authorizing, approving, referring to or filing any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and before filing any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, after the time that the Registration Statement became effective, the Company will furnish to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters a copy of the proposed Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, amendment or supplement for review and will not make, prepare, use, authorize, approve, refer to or file any such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which the Representative reasonably objects.

- (d) Notice to the Representative. The Company will advise the Representative promptly, and confirm such advice in writing, (i) when the Registration Statement became effective (to the extent it has not already become effective); (ii) when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective; (iii) when any supplement to the Prospectus or any amendment to the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus has been filed; (iv) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or the receipt of any comments from the Commission relating to the Registration Statement or any other request by the Commission for any additional information; (v) of the issuance by the Commission of any order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for that purpose or pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act; (vi) of the occurrence of any event within the Prospectus Delivery Period as a result of which the Prospectus, the Time of Sale Information or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus, the Time of Sale Information or any such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading; and (vii) of the receipt by the Company or the Guarantors of any notice with respect to any suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offer and sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose; and each of the Company and the Guarantors will use its reasonable best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Sta
- (e) Time of Sale Information. If at any time prior to the Closing Date (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which any of the Time of Sale Information as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Information to comply with law, the Company will immediately notify the Underwriters thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (c) above, file with the Commission (to the extent required) and furnish to the Underwriters and to such dealers as the Representative may designate, such amendments or supplements to the Time of Sale Information (or any document to be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference therein) as may be necessary so that the statements in the Time of Sale Information as so amended or supplemented (including such documents to be incorporated by reference therein) will not, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, be misleading or so that the Time of Sale Information will comply with law.
- (f) Ongoing Compliance. If during the Prospectus Delivery Period (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with law, the Company will

immediately notify the Underwriters thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (c) above, file with the Commission and furnish to the Underwriters and to such dealers as the Representative may designate, such amendments or supplements to the Prospectus (or any document to be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference therein) as may be necessary so that the statements in the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented (including such documents to be incorporated by reference therein) will not, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Prospectus will comply with law.

- (g) Blue Sky Compliance. The Company will qualify the Securities for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions as the Representative shall reasonably request and will continue such qualifications in effect so long as required for distribution of the Securities; provided that neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors shall be required to (i) qualify as a foreign corporation or other entity or as a dealer in securities in any such jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be required to so qualify, (ii) file any general consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction or (iii) subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction if it is not otherwise so subject.
- (h) Clear Market. During the period from the date hereof through and including the date that is 45 days after the date hereof, neither the Company nor any Guarantor will, without the prior written consent of the Representative, offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of any debt securities issued or guaranteed by the Company or any Guarantor and having a tenor of more than one year.
- (i) Use of Proceeds. The Company will apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus under the heading "Use of proceeds".
 - (j) DTC. The Company will assist the Underwriters in arranging for the Securities to be eligible for clearance and settlement through DTC.
- (k) No Stabilization. Neither the Company nor any Guarantor will take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities.
- (1) Record Retention. The Company will, pursuant to reasonable procedures developed in good faith, retain copies of each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 433 under the Securities Act.
 - 5. Certain Agreements of the Underwriters. Each Underwriter hereby represents and agrees that:
- (a) It has not and will not use, authorize use of, refer to, or participate in the planning for use of, any "free writing prospectus", as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act (which term includes use of any written information furnished to the Commission by the Company and not incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and any press release issued by the Company) in connection with any offer relating to the Securities other than (i) a free writing prospectus that, solely as a result of use by such Underwriter, would not trigger an obligation to

file such free writing prospectus with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433, (ii) any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus listed on Annex B or prepared pursuant to Section 3(c) or Section 4(c) above (including any electronic road show), or (iii) any free writing prospectus prepared by such Underwriter and approved by the Company in advance in writing (each such free writing prospectus referred to in clauses (i) or (iii), an "Underwriter Free Writing Prospectus"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Underwriters may use the Pricing Term Sheet substantially in the form of Annex C hereto without the consent of either the Company or the Guarantors.

- (b) It is not subject to any pending proceeding under Section 8A of the Securities Act with respect to the offering (and will promptly notify the Company if any such proceeding against it is initiated during the Prospectus Delivery Period).
- 6. <u>Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations</u>. The obligation of each Underwriter to purchase Securities on the Closing Date as provided herein is subject to the performance by the Company and each of the Guarantors of their respective covenants and other obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:
- (a) Registration Compliance; No Stop Order. No order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall be in effect, and no proceeding for such purpose, pursuant to Section 8A under the Securities Act shall be pending before or threatened by the Commission; the Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall have been timely filed with the Commission under the Securities Act (in the case of a Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, to the extent required by Rule 433 under the Securities Act) and in accordance with Section 4(a) hereof; and all requests by the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of the Representative.
- (b) Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of each of the Company and the Guarantors contained herein shall be true and correct on the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date; and the statements of each of the Company and the Guarantors and its officers made in any certificates delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall be true and correct on and as of the Closing Date.
- (c) No Downgrade. Subsequent to the earlier of (A) the Time of Sale and (B) the execution and delivery of this Agreement, (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating accorded the Securities or any other debt securities or preferred stock issued or guaranteed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization", as such term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act and (ii) no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, or has changed its outlook with respect to, its rating of the Securities or of any other debt securities or preferred stock issued or guaranteed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (other than an announcement with positive implications of a possible upgrading).
- (d) No Material Adverse Change. No event or condition of a type described in Section 3(g) hereof shall have occurred or shall exist, which event or condition is not described in the Time of Sale Information (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto) and the Prospectus (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto) and the effect of which in the judgment of the Representative makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.

- (e) Officer's Certificate. The Representative shall have received on and as of the Closing Date a certificate of an executive officer of the Company who has specific knowledge of the Company's and the Guarantor's financial matters and is satisfactory to the Representative (i) confirming that such officer has carefully reviewed the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus and, to the knowledge of such officer, the representations set forth in Sections 3(b) and 3(d) hereof are true and correct, (ii) confirming that the other representations and warranties of the Company and the Guarantors in this Agreement are true and correct and that the Company and the Guarantors have complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on their part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to the Closing Date and (iii) to the effect set forth in paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) above.
- (f) Comfort Letters. On the date of this Agreement and on the Closing Date, Deloitte & Touche LLP shall have furnished to the Representative, at the request of the Company, letters, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof and addressed to the Underwriters, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative, containing statements and information of the type customarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus; provided that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off" date no more than three business days prior to the Closing Date.
- (g) Opinion and 10b-5 Statement of Counsel for the Company. Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP ("OHS"), counsel to the Company and counsel to New England Pottery, LLC, Pennington Seed, Inc., T.F.H. Publications, Inc. and Wellmark International, shall have furnished to the Representative, at the request of the Company, its written opinion and a 10b-5 statement, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriters, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative, to the effect set forth in Annex A-1 hereto.
- (h) Opinions of Local Counsel. Each of (i) Godfrey & Kahn S.C., counsel for All-Glass Aquarium Co., Inc. and Kaytee Products, Incorporated (the "Wisconsin Guarantors") in the State of Wisconsin and (ii) Fennemore, Craig, P.C., counsel for Farnum Companies, Inc. (the "Arizona Guarantor") in the State of Arizona shall have furnished to the Representative, at the request of the Company, its written opinion, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriters, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative, to the effect set forth in Annex A-2 hereto.
- (i) Opinion and 10b-5 Statement of Counsel for the Underwriters. The Representative shall have received on and as of the Closing Date an opinion and 10b-5 statement of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, with respect to such matters as the Representative may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such documents and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters.

- (j) No Legal Impediment to Issuance. No action shall have been taken and no statute, rule, regulation or order shall have been enacted, adopted or issued by any federal, state or foreign governmental or regulatory authority that would, as of the Closing Date, prevent the issuance or sale of the Securities or the issuance of the Guarantees; and no injunction or order of any federal, state or foreign court shall have been issued that would, as of the Closing Date, prevent the issuance or sale of the Securities or the issuance of the Guarantees.
- (k) Good Standing. The Representative shall have received on and as of the Closing Date satisfactory evidence of the good standing of the Company and the Guarantors in their respective jurisdictions of organization and their good standing in such other jurisdictions as the Representative may reasonably request, in each case in writing or any standard form of telecommunication from the appropriate governmental authorities of such jurisdictions.
 - (1) DTC. The Securities shall be eligible for clearance and settlement through DTC.
- (m) Supplemental Indenture and Securities. The Supplemental Indenture shall have been duly executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer of the Company, each of the Guarantors and the Trustee, and the Securities shall have been duly executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer of the Company and duly authenticated by the Trustee.
- (n) Additional Documents. On or prior to the Closing Date, the Company and the Guarantors shall have furnished to the Representative such further certificates and documents as the Representative may reasonably request.

All opinions, letters, certificates and evidence mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions hereof only if they are in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters.

7. Indemnification and Contribution.

(a) Indemnification of the Underwriters. Each of the Company and each of the Guarantors jointly and severally agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its affiliates, directors and officers and each person, if any, who controls such Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses (including, without limitation, legal fees and other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any suit, action or proceeding or any claim asserted, as such fees and expenses are incurred), joint or several, that arise out of, or are based upon, (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, not misleading, (ii) or any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or any Time of Sale Information, or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case except insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use therein.

(b) Indemnification of the Company. Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of the Guarantors, each of their respective directors and each of their respective officers who signed the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Guarantor within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act to the same extent as the indemnity set forth in paragraph (a) above, but only with respect to any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses (including, without limitation, legal fees and other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any suit, action or proceeding or any claim asserted, as such fees or expenses are reasonably incurred) that arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or any Time of Sale Information, it being understood and agreed that the only such information consists of the following: the second, third and fourth sentences of the twelfth paragraph and the thirteenth paragraph set forth under the heading "Underwriting" in the Prospectus.

(c) Notice and Procedures. If any suit, action, proceeding (including any governmental or regulatory investigation), claim or demand shall be brought or asserted against any person in respect of which indemnification may be sought pursuant to either paragraph (a) or (b) above, such person (the "Indemnified Person") shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnification may be sought (the "Indemnifying Person") in writing; provided that the failure to notify the Indemnifying Person shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have under paragraph (a) or (b) above except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses) by such failure; and provided, further, that the failure to notify the Indemnifying Person shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have to an Indemnified Person otherwise than under paragraph (a) or (b) above. If any such proceeding shall be brought or asserted against an Indemnified Person and it shall have notified the Indemnifying Person thereof, the Indemnifying Person shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Person (who shall not, without the consent of the Indemnified Person, be counsel to the Indemnifying Person) to represent the Indemnified Person and any others entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 7 that the Indemnifying Person may designate in such proceeding and shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel related to such proceeding, as incurred. In any such proceeding, any Indemnified Person shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified. Person unless (i) the Indemnifying Person and the Indemnified Person shall have mutually agreed to the contrary; (ii) the Indemnifying Person has failed within a reasonable time to retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Person; (iii) the Indemnifed Person; (iii) the Indemnifed Person; or (iv) the named parties in any su

Indemnifying Person shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceeding in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Indemnified Persons, and that all such fees and expenses shall be reimbursed as they are incurred. Any such separate firm for any Underwriter, its affiliates, directors and officers and any control persons of such Underwriter shall be designated in writing by J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and any such separate firm for the Company, the Guarantors, their directors, their officers who signed the Registration Statement and any control persons of the Company and the Guarantors shall be designated in writing by the Company. The Indemnifying Person shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the Indemnifying Person agrees to indemnify each Indemnified. Person from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an Indemnified Person shall have requested that an Indemnifying Person reimburse the Indemnified Person for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by this paragraph, the Indemnifying Person shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by the Indemnifying Person of such request and (ii) the Indemnifying Person shall not have reimbursed the Indemnified Person in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. No Indemnifying Person shall, without the written consent of the Indemnified Person, effect any settlement or consent to the entry of judgment in any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding in respect of which any Indemnified Person is or could have been a party and indemnification was or

(d) Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in paragraphs (a) and (b) above is unavailable to an Indemnified Person or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein, then each Indemnifying Person under such paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such Indemnified Person thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Person as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Securities or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) but also the relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds (before deducting expenses) received by the Company from the sale of the Securities and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters in connection therewith, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate initial public offering price of the Securities as set forth on such cover. The relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be

determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or any Guarantor or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

- (e) Limitation on Liability. The Company, each of the Guarantors and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in paragraph (d) above. The amount paid or payable by an Indemnified Person as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in paragraph (d) above shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses incurred by such Indemnified Person in connection with any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, in no event shall an Underwriter be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by such Underwriter with respect to the offering of the Securities exceeds the amount of any damages that such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to their respective purchase obligations hereunder and not joint.
- (f) Non-Exclusive Remedies. The remedies provided for in this Section 7 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies that may otherwise be available to any Indemnified Person at law or in equity.
 - 8. Effectiveness of Agreement. This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery hereof by the parties hereto.
- 9. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated in the absolute discretion of the Representative, by notice to the Company, if after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date (i) trading generally shall have been suspended or materially limited on The New York Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq Stock Market or the over-the-counter market; (ii) trading of any securities issued or guaranteed by the Company or any Guarantor shall have been suspended on any exchange or in any over-the-counter market; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by federal or New York State authorities; or (iv) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities or any change in financial markets or any calamity or crisis, either within or outside the United States, that, in the judgment of the Representative, is material and adverse and makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.

- 10. <u>Defaulting Underwriter</u>. (a) If, on the Closing Date, any Underwriter defaults on its obligation to purchase the Securities that it has agreed to purchase hereunder, the non-defaulting Underwriters may in their discretion arrange for the purchase of such Securities by other persons satisfactory to the Company on the terms contained in this Agreement. If, within 36 hours after any such default by any Underwriter, the non-defaulting Underwriters do not arrange for the purchase of such Securities, then the Company shall be entitled to a further period of 36 hours within which to procure other persons satisfactory to the non-defaulting Underwriters to purchase such Securities on such terms. If other persons become obligated or agree to purchase the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter, either the non-defaulting Underwriters or the Company may postpone the Closing Date for up to five full business days in order to effect any changes that in the opinion of counsel for the Company or counsel for the Underwriters may be necessary in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus or in any other document or arrangement, and the Company agrees to promptly prepare any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus that effects any such changes. As used in this Agreement, the term "Underwriter" includes, for all purposes of this Agreement unless the context otherwise requires, any person not listed in Schedule 1 hereto that, pursuant to this Section 10, purchases Securities that a defaulting Underwriter agreed but failed to purchase.
- (b) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the non-defaulting Underwriters and the Company as provided in paragraph (a) above, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities that remains unpurchased does not exceed one-eleventh of the aggregate principal amount of all the Securities, then the Company shall have the right to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase the principal amount of Securities that such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder plus such Underwriter's pro rata share (based on the principal amount of Securities that such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder) of the Securities of such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters for which such arrangements have not been made.
- (c) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the non-defaulting Underwriters and the Company as provided in paragraph (a) above, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities that remains unpurchased exceeds one-eleventh of the aggregate principal amount of all the Securities, or if the Company shall not exercise the right described in paragraph (b) above, then this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of the non-defaulting Underwriters. Any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10 shall be without liability on the part of the Company, except that the Company will continue to be liable for the payment of expenses as set forth in Section 11(a) hereof and except that the provisions of Section 7 hereof shall not terminate and shall remain in effect.
- (d) Nothing contained herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter of any liability it may have to the Company, or any non-defaulting Underwriter for damages caused by its default.
- 11. <u>Payment of Expenses</u>. (a) Whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, the Company and each of the Guarantors jointly and severally agree to pay or cause to be paid all costs and expenses incident to the performance of their respective obligations hereunder, including without limitation, (i) the costs incident to the authorization, issuance, sale, preparation and delivery of the Securities and any taxes payable in that connection; (ii) the costs incident to the preparation, printing and filing

under the Securities Act of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus (including all exhibits, amendments and supplements thereto) and the distribution thereof; (iii) the costs of reproducing and distributing each of the Transaction Documents; (iv) the fees and expenses of the Company's and the Guarantors' counsel and independent accountants; (v) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the registration or qualification and determination of eligibility for investment of the Securities under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Representative may designate, if requested by the Representative, and the preparation, printing and distribution of a Blue Sky Memorandum, if any (including the related fees and expenses of counsel for the Underwriters, not to exceed \$7,500); (vi) any fees charged by rating agencies for rating the Securities; (vii) the fees and expenses of the Trustee and any paying agent (including related fees and expenses of any counsel to such parties); (viii) all expenses and application fees incurred in connection with any filing with, and clearance of the offering by, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, if any, and the approval of the Securities for book-entry transfer by DTC; and (ix) all expenses incurred by the Company in connection with any "road show" presentation to potential investors. Except as provided in Section 7 and this Section 11, the Underwriters shall pay their own expenses, including the fees and disbursements of their counsel.

- (b) If (i) this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 9, (ii) the Company for any reason fails to tender the Securities for delivery to the Underwriters or (iii) the Underwriters decline to purchase the Securities for any reason permitted under this Agreement, the Company and each of the Guarantors jointly and severally agrees to reimburse the Underwriters for all out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including the fees and expenses of their counsel) reasonably incurred by the Underwriters in connection with this Agreement and the offering contemplated hereby.
- 12. <u>Persons Entitled to Benefit of Agreement</u> This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers and directors and any controlling persons referred to herein, and the affiliates of each Underwriter referred to in Section 7 hereof. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any other person any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision contained herein. No purchaser of Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor merely by reason of such purchase.
- 13. <u>Survival</u>. The respective indemnities, rights of contribution, representations, warranties and agreements of the Company, the Guarantors and the Underwriters contained in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of the Company, the Guarantors or the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement or any certificate delivered pursuant hereto shall survive the delivery of and payment for the Securities and shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any termination of this Agreement or any investigation made by or on behalf of the Company, the Guarantors or the Underwriters.
- 14. <u>Certain Defined Terms</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, (a) except where otherwise expressly provided, the term "affiliate" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; (b) the term "business day" means any day other than a day on which banks are permitted or required to be closed in New York City; (c) the term "subsidiary" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; and (d) the term "significant subsidiary" has the meaning set forth in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act.

- 15. Compliance with USA Patriot Act. In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the Underwriters are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Underwriters' respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of the Underwriters' respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the Underwriters to properly identify their respective clients.
- 16. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. (a) *Authority of the Representative*. Any action by the Underwriters hereunder may be taken by J.P. Morgan Securities LLC on behalf of the Underwriters, and any such action taken by J.P. Morgan Securities LLC shall be binding upon the Underwriters.
- (b) *Notices*. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted and confirmed by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be given to the Representative c/o J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179 (fax: 212-2701063); Attention: Gerry Murray. Notices to the Company and the Guarantors shall be given to it at Central Garden & Pet Company, 1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California 94597, (fax: 925-947-0914); Attention: Chief Executive Officer.
- (c) Governing Law. This Agreement and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.
- (d) Submission to Jurisdiction. The Company and each of the Guarantors hereby submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. federal and New York state courts in the Borough of Manhattan in The City of New York in any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. The Company and each of the Guarantors waive any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such suit or proceeding in such courts. Each of the Company and each of the Guarantors agree that a final judgment in any such suit, action or proceeding brought in such court shall be conclusive and binding upon the Company and each Guarantor, as applicable, and may be enforced in any court to the jurisdiction of which Company and each Guarantor, as applicable, is subject by a suit upon such judgment.
 - (e) Waiver of Jury Trial. Each of the parties hereto hereby waives any right to trial by jury in any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement.
- (f) Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts (which may include counterparts delivered by any standard form of telecommunication), each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- (g) Amendments or Waivers. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement, nor any consent or approval to any departure therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

(h) *Headings*. The headings herein are included for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be part of, or to affect the meaning or interpretation of, this Agreement.

[Signature pages follow]

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please indicate your acceptance of this Agreement by signing in the space provided below.

Very truly yours,

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ David Chichester

Name: David Chichester Title: Chief Financial Officer

FOUR PAWS PRODUCTS LTD.
KAYTEE PRODUCTS, INCORPORATED
PENNINGTON SEED, INC.
ALL-GLASS AQUARIUM CO., INC.
T.F.H. PUBLICATIONS, INC.
WELLMARK INTERNATIONAL
GRO TEC, INC.
B2E CORPORATION
B2E BIOTECH LLC
FARNAM COMPANIES, INC.
GULFSTREAM HOME & GARDEN, INC.
NEW ENGLAND POTTERY, LLC
PETS INTERNATIONAL, LTD.
MATSON, LLC

By: /s/ David Chichester

Name: David Chichester Title: Authorized Officer Confirmed and accepted as of the date set forth on the first page hereof

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

For itself and on behalf of the several Underwriters listed in Schedule 1 hereto.

By: /s/ James McHugh
Name: James McHugh
Title: Executive Director

Schedule 1

Underwriter	Principal Amount
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC.	\$ 200,000,000
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith	
Incorporated	80,000,000
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	80,000,000
BNP Paribas Securities Corp.	20,000,000
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.	20,000,000
Total	\$ 400,000,000

Guarantors

STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION

 $\frac{\textbf{NAME}}{\textbf{All-Glass}} \ \textbf{Aquarium Co., Inc.}$ Wisconsin B2E Biotech LLC Delaware B2E Corporation New York Farnam Companies, Inc. Arizona Four Paws Products Ltd. New York Gro Tec, Inc. Georgia Gulfstream Home & Garden, Inc. Florida Kaytee Products, Incorporated Wisconsin Matson, LLC Washington New England Pottery, LLC Pennington Seed, Inc. Delaware Delaware Pets International, Ltd. Illinois T.F.H. Publications, Inc. Delaware Wellmark International California

Significant Subsidiaries

NAME
All-Glass Aquarium Co., Inc.
Farnam Companies, Inc.
Kaytee Products, Incrorporated
New England Pottery, LLC
Pennington Seed, Inc.
T.F.H. Publications, Inc.
Wellmark International Wellmark International

STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION

Wisconsin Arizona Wisconsin Delaware Delaware Delaware California

Form of Opinion of Counsel for the Company and Guarantors organized in the States of California and Delaware

[Attached]

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Form of Opinion of Counsels for Guarantors organized in the States of Arizona and Wisconsin

[Attached]

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Time of Sale Information

Pricing Term Sheet, dated November 9, 2015, substantially in the form of Annex C.

Issuer Free Writing Prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 433 supplementing the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated November 4, 2015 and the Prospectus dated June 25, 2015 Registration Statement No. 333-204881

Dated: November 4, 2015

Central Garden & Pet Company

Pricing Term Sheet

Issuer: Central Garden & Pet Company

Security description: Senior Notes due 2023

 Aggregate principal amount:
 \$400,000,000

 Gross proceeds:
 \$400,000,000

 Net proceeds (before expenses)
 \$395,000,000

 Maturity date:
 November 15, 2023

Coupon: 6.125%

Issue price: 100.000%, plus accrued and unpaid interest from November 9, 2015, if any

Yield to maturity: 6.125% Spread to benchmark treasury: 403 bps

Benchmark treasury: UST 2.75% due November 15, 2023

Interest payment dates: November 15 and May 15, commencing May 15, 2016

Optional redemption: Make-whole call at T+50 bps prior to November 15, 2018

On and after November 15, 2018, at the prices set forth below (expressed, as percentages of the principal amount),

plus accrued and unpaid interest:

On or after:	Price:
November 15, 2018	104.594%
November 15, 2019	103.063%
November 15, 2020	101.531%
November 15, 2021	100.000%
and thereafter	

Optional redemption with equity proceeds: Prior to November 15, 2018, up to 35% at a redemption price equal to 106.125% of the aggregate principal amount

thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon

Change of control: Putable at 101% of principal plus accrued and unpaid interest

Trade date: November 4, 2015

 Settlement:
 T+3; November 9, 2015

 CUSIP/ISIN:
 153527 AL0 / US153527AL06

Legal format: SEC registered

Denominations/multiple: \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof

Joint Book-running managers: J.P. Morgan Securities, LLC

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith

Incorporated

SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.

Co-managers BNP Paribas Securities Corp.

U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

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November 9, 2015

Central Garden & Pet Company 1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600 Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Re: \$400,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of 6.125% Senior Notes Due 2023

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Central Garden & Pet Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and the subsidiaries of the Company listed on Schedule I hereto (each individually, a "Covered Guarantor" and collectively, the "Covered Guarantors") and Schedule II hereto (each individually, a "Non-Covered Guarantor" and collectively, the "Non-Covered Guarantors," and together with the Covered Guarantors, the "Guarantors") in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3, File No. 333-204881, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on June 11, 2015 and Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on June 23, 2015 (as amended, the "Registration Statement"), and the related prospectus contained in the Registration Statement, as supplemented by the final Prospectus Supplement, dated November 4, 2015, filed with the Commission under its Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act of 1933 (together, the "Prospectus") relating to (i) the issuance of \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Notes") and the issuance by the Guarantors of guarantees (the "Guarantees") with respect to the Notes. The Notes and the Guarantees will be issued under a base indenture, dated as of March 8, 2010 (the "Base Indenture"), between the Company, as issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 9, 2015 among the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee (the "Third Supplemental Indenture"). The Company is filing the Third Supplemental Indenture, the form of the Guarantee and this opinion letter with the Commission as exhibits to a Current Report on Form 8-K.

We have examined the Registration Statement and the Indenture. We also have examined the originals, or duplicates or certified or conformed copies, of such corporate records, agreements, documents and other instruments and have made such other investigations as we have deemed relevant and necessary in connection with the opinions hereinafter set forth. As to questions of fact material to this opinion, we have relied upon certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company and the Guarantors.



In rendering the opinions set forth below, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as duplicates or certified or conformed copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. We also have assumed that the Indenture is the valid and legally binding obligations of the Trustee.

We have assumed further that each Non-Covered Guarantor is validly existing under the law of its jurisdiction of organization and has duly authorized, executed and delivered the Indenture in accordance with its organizational documents and the law of its jurisdiction of organization.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. When the Notes have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, the Notes will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.
- 2. When (a) the Notes have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and (b) the Guarantees have been duly issued, the Guarantees will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Guarantors, enforceable against the Guarantors in accordance with their terms.

Our opinion set forth above is subject to (i) the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, (ii) general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), (iii) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and (iv) to the effects of the possible judicial application of foreign laws or foreign governmental or judicial action affecting creditors' rights.

We do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the laws of the State of California, the State of New York, the State of Washington, the Delaware General Corporation Law and the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (including the statutory provisions, all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting the foregoing).

Our opinions, insofar as they involve matters of the laws of the States of Wisconsin, Florida, Illinois, Arizona and Georgia, are qualified to the extent we have relied upon (1) the opinion of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., with respect to matters governed by the laws of the State of Wisconsin, (2) the opinions of Reed Mawhinney & Link, PLLC, with respect to matters governed by the laws of the State of Florida and Illinois, (3) the opinion of Fennemore Craig, P.C., with respect to matters governed by the laws of the State of Arizona, and (4) the opinion of Taylor English Duma LLP, with respect to matters governed by the laws of the State of Georgia (together, the "Local Law Opinions"), copies of which have been delivered to you, and we have assumed, without independent investigation, the correctness of, and take no responsibility for, the Local Law Opinions.



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We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement. By giving this opinion we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

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Schedule I

Covered Guarantors

B2E Biotech LLC B2E Corporation Four Paws Products Ltd. Matson, LLC New England Pottery, LLC Pennington Seed, Inc. T.F.H. Publications, Inc. Wellmark International



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Schedule II

Non-Covered Guarantors

All-Glass Aquarium Co., Inc (Wisconsin)
Farnam Companies, Inc. (Arizona)
Gro Tec, Inc. (Georgia)
Gulfstream Home & Garden (Florida)
Kaytee Products, Incorporated (Wisconsin)
Pets International, Ltd. (Illinois)

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special Wisconsin counsel for Kaytee Products Incorporated, a Wisconsin corporation ("<u>Kaytee</u>"), and All-Glass Aquarium Co., Inc., a Wisconsin corporation ("<u>All-Glass</u>") (Kaytee and All-Glass being collectively referred to herein as the "<u>Wisconsin Subsidiaries</u>"), in connection with the issuance by the Wisconsin Subsidiaries and certain other guarantors of a guarantee (the "<u>Guarantee</u>") relating to \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "<u>Notes</u>") to be issued by Central Garden & Pet Company, a Delaware corporation ("<u>Central</u>"). The Notes and Guarantee are registered under the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-204881) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") on June 11, 2015 and Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on June 23, 2015 (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>"), by Central, as issuer, and certain guarantors, including the Wisconsin Subsidiaries.

The Notes and the Guarantee will be issued under and pursuant to the base indenture, dated as of March 8, 2010 (as supplemented prior to the date hereof, the <u>Base Indenture</u>"), between Central, as issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>"), as further supplemented by the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 9, 2015, among Central, other direct and indirect subsidiaries of Central, including the Wisconsin Subsidiaries, as guarantors (the "<u>Guarantors</u>") and the Trustee (the "<u>Third Supplemental Indenture</u>" and together with the Base Indenture, the "<u>Indenture</u>").

In rendering the opinions expressed below, we have examined and relied on originals or copies, certified or otherwise, identified to our satisfaction of, but have not participated in the negotiation, preparation or settlement of, the following documents:

- a. The Indenture;
- b. The Guarantee: and
- c. Resolutions of the Board of Directors of each Wisconsin Subsidiary dated June 16, 2015 and November 3, 2015 with respect to each Wisconsin Subsidiary pertaining to the authorization, issuance, execution and delivery of the Third Supplemental Indenture and Guarantee certified by the Secretary of such Wisconsin Subsidiary.

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We have also examined such records of the Wisconsin Subsidiaries, such certificates of officers of the Wisconsin Subsidiaries, public officials and others and originals, copies or facsimiles of such other agreements, instruments, certificates and documents as we have deemed necessary or advisable as a basis for the opinions expressed below. In particular, as to certain matters of fact relevant to the opinions expressed below, we have relied on certificates of officers of the Wisconsin Subsidiaries, copies of which have been provided to you.

In rendering this opinion, we have assumed, without investigation, verification or inquiry, (i) the genuineness of all signatures and the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, (ii) the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copies, and (iii) the truth, accuracy and completeness (without independent investigation or verification) as of the date hereof as to factual matters of the information, representations, warranties and statements contained in the records, documents, instruments and certificates we have reviewed in connection with rendering the opinions set forth herein.

In rendering the opinions set forth herein, we have also assumed that all parties (other than the Wisconsin Subsidiaries) had all requisite power and authority to execute and deliver the Indenture and all other agreements, documents, instruments and certificates examined by us and have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, and the due execution and delivery by such parties (other than the Wisconsin Subsidiaries) of the Indenture and all other agreements, documents, instruments and certificates and the validity and binding effect and enforceability thereof against all parties in accordance with their respective terms. In rendering the opinions set forth herein concerning the valid existence and good standing of each Wisconsin Subsidiary, we have relied exclusively upon the Certificate of Status for each Wisconsin Subsidiary issued by the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions dated November 3, 2015 (each, a "Certificate of Status").

Based upon the foregoing, but subject to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. Each of the Wisconsin Subsidiaries has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin meaning that each Wisconsin Subsidiary has filed its most recent required annual report and has not filed articles of dissolution with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.
- 2. Each of the Wisconsin Subsidiaries has the requisite corporate power and authority to execute and deliver the Third Supplemental Indenture and the Guarantee and

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to perform its obligations thereunder, and all necessary corporate action required to be taken by the Wisconsin Subsidiaries for the due and proper authorization, execution and delivery of the Third Supplemental Indenture and the Guarantee and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby has been duly and validly taken.

3. The Third Supplemental Indenture and the Guarantee have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each of the Wisconsin Subsidiaries.

The opinions expressed herein are limited to the laws of the State of Wisconsin in effect on the date hereof as they presently apply and we express no opinion regarding the laws of any other jurisdiction.

The opinions set forth herein are given as of the date hereof, and are intended to apply only to those facts and circumstances that exist as of the date hereof. We assume no obligation or responsibility to update or supplement our opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in laws that may hereafter occur, or to inform the addressee of any change in circumstances occurring after the date hereof that would alter the opinions rendered herein.

This opinion is limited to the matters set forth herein, and no opinion may be inferred or is implied beyond the matters expressly contained herein. Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP may rely on this opinion in connection with its opinion, dated the date hereof, and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to Central's Form 8-K on the date hereof (the "Central 8-K"). We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Central 8-K.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Godfrey & Khan, S.C.

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November 9, 2015

Central Garden & Pet Company 1340 Treat Blvd., Suite 600 Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Re: Senior Note Guarantee by Gulfstream Home & Garden, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Gulfstream Home & Garden, Inc., a Florida corporation (the 'Company''), in connection with the issuance by the Company and certain other guaranters of a guarantee (the "Guarantee") relating to Four Hundred Million and No/100 Dollars (\$400,000,000.00) aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Notes") to be issued by Central Garden & Pet Company ('Central"). The Notes and Guarantee are registered under the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-204881) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on June 11, 2015 and Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on June 23, 2015 (the "Registration Statement") by Central, as issuer, and certain guarantors, including the Company.

The Notes and the Guarantee will be issued under and pursuant to the base indenture, dated as of March 8, 2010 (the <u>Base Indenture</u>"), between Central, as issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>"), as supplemented by the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 9, 2015, among Central, other direct and indirect subsidiaries, including the Company, as guarantors (the "<u>Guarantors</u>"), and the Trustee (the "<u>Third Supplemental Indenture</u>", together with the Base Indenture, shall hereinafter be referred to as the "<u>Indenture</u>").

As counsel to the Company, we have examined executed copies of, but have not participated in the negotiation, preparation or settlement of:

- (a) the Indenture;
- (b) the Guarantee;
- (c) the resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company pertaining to the authorization, issuance, execution and delivery of the Third Supplemental Indenture and the Guarantee issued pursuant to the Indenture; and
- (d) the Registration Statement.

The documents listed in items (a)-(d) above are herein sometimes collectively referred to as the 'Documents."

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In addition, in connection with rendering the opinions set forth in this opinion letter, we have reviewed originals or copies of the following other documents:

- (a) Secretary's Certificate of the Company delivered November 9, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference ("Officer's Certificate");
- (b) Articles of Incorporation of the Company;
- (c) By-laws of The Company; and,
- (d) Certificate of Good Standing of the Company, dated October 15, 2015 and with tracking number CU341760427.

For purposes of rendering the opinions contained in this opinion letter, we have not reviewed any documents other than the documents listed above. We have also not reviewed any documents that may be referred to in or incorporated by reference into any of the documents listed above.

With your consent, we have relied upon, and assumed the accuracy of, the representations and warranties contained in the Documents supplied to us by The Company with respect to the factual matters set forth therein. However, no opinion is rendered hereunder as to the accuracy of the representations and warranties contained in the Documents. We have, with your consent, assumed that certificates of public officials dated earlier than the date of this opinion letter and this Officer's Certificate remain accurate from such earlier dates through and including the date of this opinion letter.

In rendering the opinions set forth herein, we have relied, without investigation, on the following:

- (a) The Trustee is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of their respective jurisdiction of organization and Central and the Guarantors (other than the Company) are each corporations or limited liability companies duly incorporated or organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of their respective states of incorporation;
- (b) Each of the Documents has been duly executed and delivered by each party thereto (other than the Company) and each such party and the signatory thereof has the necessary right, power and authority to execute and deliver and perform its obligations under the Documents to which it is a party; the execution, delivery and performance of each of the Documents have been duly authorized by all parties thereto (other than the Company); the Documents constitute valid and binding obligations of all parties thereto (other than the Company); and there are no judgments, decrees or orders that impair or limit the ability of The Company or any other party to any of the Documents to execute and deliver any of the Documents to which it is a party or to perform or be bound by any transactions contemplated therein (although we have no knowledge of any such judgment, decrees or orders);

- (c) There is no oral or written agreement, understanding, course of dealing or usage of trade that affects the rights and obligations of the parties set forth in the Documents or that would have an effect on the opinions expressed herein; all material terms and conditions of the relevant transactions among the Trustee, Central, the Guarantors and the Company are correctly and completely reflected in the Documents; and there has been no waiver of any provision of the Transaction by conduct of the parties or otherwise;
- (d) All natural persons who are signatories to the Documents or other documents reviewed by us were legally competent at the time of execution; all signatures on all documents reviewed by us are genuine; all copies of documents submitted to us are accurate and complete, each such document that is original is authentic and each such document that is a copy conforms to an authentic original; and the documents executed and delivered by the parties are in substantially the same form as the forms of those documents that we have reviewed in rendering this opinion;
 - (e) The Company has received adequate consideration for the execution, delivery and performance of the Documents;

When used in this opinion letter, the phrases "to our knowledge," "known to us" or the like is based solely on the Officer's Certificate and the conscious awareness of the lawyers in the "primary lawyer group" of factual matters such lawyers recognize as being relevant to the opinion or confirmation so qualified. Such phrases do not imply that we have undertaken any independent investigation within our firm, with the Company, Central, or with any third party to determine the existence or absence of any facts or circumstances, and no inference should be drawn merely from our past or current representation of Central and/or the Company. Where any opinion or confirmation is qualified by the phrase "to our knowledge," "known to us" or the like, it means that the lawyers in the "primary lawyer group" are without any actual knowledge or conscious awareness that the opinion or confirmation is untrue in any respect material to the opinion or confirmation. For purposes of this opinion letter, "primary lawyer group" means the lawyers currently in the firm who are actively involved in preparing or negotiating this opinion letter. We have not examined any public records and our opinions are subject to matters that an examination of such records would reveal.

When used in this opinion letter, the term "Applicable Laws" means the federal and Florida laws, rules and regulations that a Florida counsel exercising customary professional diligence would reasonably be expected to recognize as being applicable to the Company or the Documents, but excluding the laws, rules and regulations set forth below.

The opinions expressed below are limited to Applicable Laws and the published constitutions, treaties, laws, rules, regulations or judicial or administrative decisions of the State of Florida, in effect as of the date hereof, and the facts and circumstances as they exist on the date hereof, and we express no opinion herein as to the laws, or as to matters governed by the laws, of any other jurisdiction.

Based and relying upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that, as of the date hereof:

1. The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Florida.

- 2. The execution and delivery by the Company of the Third Supplemental Indenture and the performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and the Third Supplemental Indenture has been duly executed and delivered (to the extent such delivery is governed by the laws of the State of Florida) by the Company.
 - 3. The Guarantee has been duly authorized, executed and issued by the Company.

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP may rely on this opinion in connection with its opinion, dated the date hereof, filed with the Commission.

This opinion speaks as of its date, and we undertake no (and hereby disclaim any) obligation to update this opinion.

Sincerely, Reed Mawhinney & Link, PLLC

/s/ Andrew M. Reed, Esq.



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November 9, 2015

Central Garden & Pet Company 1340 Treat Blvd., Suite 600 Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Re: Senior Note Guarantee by Pets International, Ltd.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Pets International, Ltd., an Illinois corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the issuance by the Company and certain other guaranters of a guarantee (the "Guarantee") relating to Four Hundred Million and No/100 Dollars (\$400,000,000.00) aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Notes") to be issued by Central Garden & Pet Company ("Central"). The Notes and Guarantee are registered under the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-204881) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on June 11, 2015 and Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on June 23, 2015 (the "Registration Statement") by Central, as issuer, and certain guarantors, including the Company.

The Notes and the Guarantee will be issued under and pursuant to the base indenture, dated as of March 8, 2010 (the <u>Base Indenture</u>"), between Central, as issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>"), as supplemented by the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 9, 2015, among Central, other direct and indirect subsidiaries, including the Company, as guarantors (the "<u>Guarantors</u>"), and the Trustee (the "<u>Third Supplemental Indenture</u>", together with the Base Indenture, shall hereinafter be referred to as the "<u>Indenture</u>").

As counsel to the Company, we have examined executed copies of, but have not participated in the negotiation, preparation or settlement of:

- (a) the Indenture:
- (b) the Guarantee;
- (c) the resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company pertaining to the authorization, issuance, execution and delivery of the Third Supplemental Indenture and the Guarantee issued pursuant to the Indenture; and
- (d) the Registration Statement.

The documents listed in items (a)-(d) above are herein sometimes collectively referred to as the <u>Documents</u>."

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In addition, in connection with rendering the opinions set forth in this opinion letter, we have reviewed originals or copies of the following other documents:

- (a) Secretary's Certificate of the Company delivered on November 9, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference ("Officer's Certificate");
- (b) Articles of Incorporation of the Company;
- (c) By-laws of The Company; and,
- (d) Certificate of Good Standing of the Company, dated November 3, 2015 and with authorization number 1530702096.

For purposes of rendering the opinions contained in this opinion letter, we have not reviewed any documents other than the documents listed above. We have also not reviewed any documents that may be referred to in or incorporated by reference into any of the documents listed above.

With your consent, we have relied upon, and assumed the accuracy of, the representations and warranties contained in the Documents supplied to us by The Company with respect to the factual matters set forth therein. However, no opinion is rendered hereunder as to the accuracy of the representations and warranties contained in the Documents. We have, with your consent, assumed that certificates of public officials dated earlier than the date of this opinion letter and this Officer's Certificate remain accurate from such earlier dates through and including the date of this opinion letter.

In rendering the opinions set forth herein, we have relied, without investigation, on the following:

- (a) The Trustee is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of their respective jurisdiction of organization and Central and the Guarantors (other than the Company) are each corporations or limited liability companies duly incorporated or organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of their respective states of incorporation;
- (b) Each of the Documents has been duly executed and delivered by each party thereto (other than the Company) and each such party and the signatory thereof has the necessary right, power and authority to execute and deliver and perform its obligations under the Documents to which it is a party; the execution, delivery and performance of each of the Documents have been duly authorized by all parties thereto (other than the Company); the Documents constitute valid and binding obligations of all parties thereto (other than the Company); and there are no judgments, decrees or orders that impair or limit the ability of The Company or any other party to any of the Documents to execute and deliver any of the Documents to which it is a party or to perform or be bound by any transactions contemplated therein (although we have no knowledge of any such judgment, decrees or orders);

- (c) There is no oral or written agreement, understanding, course of dealing or usage of trade that affects the rights and obligations of the parties set forth in the Documents or that would have an effect on the opinions expressed herein; all material terms and conditions of the relevant transactions among the Trustee, Central, the Guarantors and the Company are correctly and completely reflected in the Documents; and there has been no waiver of any provision of the Transaction by conduct of the parties or otherwise:
- (d) All natural persons who are signatories to the Documents or other documents reviewed by us were legally competent at the time of execution; all signatures on all documents reviewed by us are genuine; all copies of documents submitted to us are accurate and complete, each such document that is original is authentic and each such document that is a copy conforms to an authentic original; and the documents executed and delivered by the parties are in substantially the same form as the forms of those documents that we have reviewed in rendering this opinion;
 - (e) The Company has received adequate consideration for the execution, delivery and performance of the Documents;

When used in this opinion letter, the phrases "to our knowledge," "known to us" or the like is based solely on the Officer's Certificate and the conscious awareness of the lawyers in the "primary lawyer group" of factual matters such lawyers recognize as being relevant to the opinion or confirmation so qualified. Such phrases do not imply that we have undertaken any independent investigation within our firm, with the Company, Central, or with any third party to determine the existence or absence of any facts or circumstances, and no inference should be drawn merely from our past or current representation of Central and/or the Company. Where any opinion or confirmation is qualified by the phrase "to our knowledge," "known to us" or the like, it means that the lawyers in the "primary lawyer group" are without any actual knowledge or conscious awareness that the opinion or confirmation is untrue in any respect material to the opinion or confirmation. For purposes of this opinion letter, "primary lawyer group" means the lawyers currently in the firm who are actively involved in preparing or negotiating this opinion letter. We have not examined any public records and our opinions are subject to matters that an examination of such records would reveal.

When used in this opinion letter, the term "Applicable Laws" means the federal and Illinois laws, rules and regulations that a Illinois counsel exercising customary professional diligence would reasonably be expected to recognize as being applicable to the Company or the Documents, but excluding the laws, rules and regulations set forth below.

The opinions expressed below are limited to Applicable Laws and the published constitutions, treaties, laws, rules, regulations or judicial or administrative decisions of the State of Illinois, in effect as of the date hereof, and the facts and circumstances as they exist on the date hereof, and we express no opinion herein as to the laws, or as to matters governed by the laws, of any other jurisdiction.

Based and relying upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that, as of the date hereof:

1. The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Illinois.

- 2. The execution and delivery by the Company of the Third Supplemental Indenture and the performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and the Third Supplemental Indenture has been duly executed and delivered (to the extent such delivery is governed by the laws of the State of Illinois) by the Company.
 - 3. The Guarantee has been duly authorized, executed and issued by the Company.

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP may rely on this opinion in connection with its opinion, dated the date hereof, filed with the Commission.

This opinion speaks as of its date, and we undertake no (and hereby disclaim any) obligation to update this opinion.

Sincerely, Reed Mawhinney & Link, PLLC

/s/ Andrew M. Reed, Esq.

FENNEMORE CRAIG, P.C.

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November 9, 2015

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Re: Senior Note Guarantee by Farnam Companies, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special Arizona counsel to Farnam Companies, Inc., an Arizona corporation (the 'Company'), in connection with the issuance by the Company and certain other guaranters of a guarantee (the "Guarantee") relating to \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Senior Notes due 2023 (the 'Notes') to be issued by Central Garden & Pet Company ("Central"). The Notes and Guarantee are registered under the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-204881) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on June 11, 2015 and Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on June 23, 2015 (the 'Registration Statement') by Central, as issuer, and certain guarantors, including the Company.

The Notes and the Guarantee will be issued under and pursuant to the base indenture, dated as of March 8, 2010 (the <u>Base Indenture</u>"), between Central, as issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>"), as supplemented by the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 9, 2015, among Central, other direct and indirect subsidiaries, including the Company, as guarantors (the "<u>Guarantors</u>"), and the Trustee (the "<u>Third Supplemental Indenture</u>", together with the Base Indenture, shall hereinafter be referred to as the "<u>Indenture</u>").

As special Arizona counsel to the Company, we have examined executed copies of, but have not participated in the negotiation, preparation or settlement of:

- (a) the Indenture;
- (b) the Guarantee;
- (c) the resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company pertaining to the authorization, issuance, execution and delivery of the Third Supplemental Indenture and the Guarantee issued pursuant to the Indenture; and
 - (d) the Registration Statement.

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The documents listed in items (a)-(d) above are herein sometimes collectively referred to as the 'Documents."

We have examined such records of the Company, certificates of officers of the Company, public officials and others, as well as originals, copies or facsimiles of such other agreements, instruments, certificates and documents as we have deemed necessary or advisable as a basis for the opinions expressed below. In particular, as to certain matters of fact relevant to the opinions expressed below, we have relied on certificates of officers of the Company, copies of which have been provided to you.

For the purposes of our opinions expressed below, we have assumed (without independent investigation or verification):

- (a) the genuineness and authenticity of all signatures (whether on originals or copies of documents);
- (b) the legal capacity of all natural persons;
- (c) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as notarial, certified, conformed, photostatic or facsimile copies thereof;
- (d) that there have been no erroneous statements of fact made in any certificates of public officials, and we have relied on the completeness and accuracy of the public records and the currency of the information contained therein as of the dates indicated therein, although such records are known on occasion to contain errors and to be otherwise incomplete; and
- (e) the completeness and accuracy of all statements of fact set forth in the Documents and all other documents reviewed by us, including without limitations the certificates of officers of the Company.

The opinions expressed below are limited to the published constitutions, treaties, laws, rules, regulations or judicial or administrative decisions of the State of Arizona, in effect as at the date hereof, and the facts and circumstances as they exist on the date hereof, and we express no opinion herein as to the laws, or as to matters governed by the laws, of any other jurisdiction.

Based and relying upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that as at the date hereof:

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- 1. The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the Arizona and has the corporate power to create the guarantee obligation.
- 2. The execution and delivery by the Company of the Third Supplemental Indenture and the performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and the Third Supplemental Indenture has been duly executed and delivered (to the extent such delivery is governed by the laws of the State of Arizona) by the Company.
 - 3. The Guarantee has been duly authorized, executed and issued by the Company.

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP may rely on this opinion in connection with its opinion, dated the date hereof, and filed with the Commission.

This opinion speaks as of its date, and we undertake no (and hereby disclaim any) obligation to update this opinion.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Fennemore Craig, P.C.

CWR/JBS

November 9, 2015

Central Garden & Pet Company 1340 Treat Blvd., Suite 600 Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Re: Senior Note Guarantee by Gro Tec, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special Georgia counsel to Gro Tec, Inc., a Georgia corporation (the 'Company'), solely for the purpose of rendering an opinion in connection with the issuance by the Company and certain other guarantors of a guarantee (the "Guarantee") relating to \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Notes") to be issued by Central Garden & Pet Company ('Central'). The Notes and Guarantee are registered under the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-204881) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on June 11, 2015 and Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on June 23, 2015 (the 'Registration Statement') by Central, as issuer, and certain guarantors, including the Company.

The Notes and the Guarantee will be issued under and pursuant to the base indenture, dated as of March 8, 2010 (the <u>Base Indenture</u>"), between Central, as issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>"), as supplemented by the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 9, 2015, among Central, other direct and indirect subsidiaries, including the Company, as guarantors (the "<u>Guarantors</u>"), and the Trustee (the "<u>Third Supplemental Indenture</u>", together with the Base Indenture, shall hereinafter be referred to as the "<u>Indenture</u>").

In rendering the opinions expressed below, we have examined and relied on originals or copies, certified or otherwise, identified to our satisfaction of the following documents all of which have been delivered or made available to you:

- (a) The Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended, as certified by the Secretary of the Company (the "Articles of Incorporation");
- (b) The Bylaws of the Company, as amended, as certified by the Secretary of the Company (the 'Bylaws');
- (c) A Certificate of Existence relating to the Company, issued by the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia dated November 3, 2015 (the Certificate of Existence");
- (d) A Secretary's Certificate, dated as of the date hereof, certifying, among other matters, as to the incumbency of certain officers of the Company;
- (e) Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company pertaining to the authorization, issuance, execution and delivery of the Third Supplemental Indenture and the Guarantee issued pursuant to the Indenture, certified by the Secretary of the Company;
- (f) The Registration Statement;
- (g) An executed copy of the Base Indenture;
- (h) An executed copy of the Third Supplemental Indenture; and
- (i) An executed copy of the Guarantee.

The documents listed in items (f)-(i) above are herein sometimes collectively referred to as the "Transaction Documents."

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We have also examined such other documents, records, certificates and instruments of public officials and certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for purposes of rendering the opinions set forth below.

The opinions expressed below are limited to the published constitutions, treaties, laws, rules, regulations or judicial or administrative decisions of State of Georgia, in effect as at the date hereof, and the facts and circumstances as they exist on the date hereof, and we express no opinion herein as to the laws, or as to matters governed by the laws, of any other jurisdiction.

Based and relying upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that as at the date hereof:

- 1. The Company is validly existing under the laws of the State of Georgia.
- 2. The execution and delivery by the Company of the Third Supplemental Indenture and the performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and the Third Supplemental Indenture has been duly executed and delivered (to the extent such delivery is governed by the law of Georgia) by the Company.
- 3. The execution and delivery by the Company of the Guarantee and the performance of its obligations thereunder has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company, and the Guarantee has been duly executed and delivered (to the extent such delivery is governed by the law of Georgia) by the Company.

In our examination, we have (i) assumed the genuineness of all signatures and the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, (ii) assumed the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copies, and (iii) assumed and relied upon the truth, accuracy and completeness (without independent investigation or verification) as of the date hereof as to factual matters of the information, representations, warranties and statements contained in the records, documents, instruments and certificates that are the subject of the opinions set forth above or on which the opinions set forth above are based. In rendering the opinions set forth above, we have assumed that all parties (other than the Company) had, have or will have all requisite power and authority to execute and deliver the Transaction Documents, and all other agreements, documents, instruments and certificates examined by us and have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, and the due execution and delivery by such parties (other than the Company) of the Transaction Documents, and all such other agreements, documents, instruments and certificates that are the subject of the opinions set forth above or on which the opinions set forth above are based, and the validity, binding effect and enforceability thereof against such parties (other than the Company) in accordance with their respective terms. As to all facts material to the opinion expressed herein, we have relied solely upon (without independent investigation or verification) statements and representations and warranties of officers and other representatives of the Company, public officials and others.

In giving the opinion expressed in paragraph 1 above with respect to the valid existence of the Company, we have relied solely on the Certificate of Existence.

This opinion is limited to the laws of the state of Georgia, excluding local laws of the State of Georgia (e.e., the statutes and ordinances, the administrative decisions and the rules and regulations of counties, towns, municipalities and special political subdivisions of, or authorities or quasi-governmental bodies constituted under the laws of, the State of Georgia and judicial decisions to the extent they deal with any of the foregoing), as in effect on the date hereof. We do not express any opinion as to any other law.

This opinion letter addresses the legal consequences of only the facts existing or assumed as of the date hereof. The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted, events occurring, or changes in the relevant facts, after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person of, the occurrence or non-occurrence of any such actions, events, or changes. We disclaim any obligation to update this opinion letter for events occurring or coming to our attention after the date hereof.

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We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to Central's Form 8-K, filed the date hereof. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the 1933 Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP may rely on this opinion in connection with its opinion, dated the date hereof, given in connection with the transaction and filed with the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Taylor English Duma LLP

Taylor English Duma LLP

FIRST AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of November 3, 2015, by and among CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, a Delaware corporation ("<u>Borrower Representative</u>"), each of the other Borrowers party hereto (the Borrower Representative and the other Borrowers, collectively, the "<u>Credit Parties</u>"), the Lenders party hereto, and SUNTRUST BANK, as the administrative agent for itself and on behalf of the Lenders (in such capacity, the "<u>Administrative Agent</u>").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Credit Parties, the Lenders, and the Administrative Agent have executed and delivered that certain Credit Agreement dated as of December 5, 2013 (as may be further amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement");

WHEREAS, Borrowers seek to refinance their outstanding Senior Subordinated Notes with new senior unsecured notes;

WHEREAS, in connection with such refinance, the Credit Parties have requested that the Administrative Agent and the Lenders party hereto amend certain provisions of the Credit Agreement as set forth herein, and the Administrative Agent and the Lenders party hereto have agreed to such amendments, in each case subject to the terms and conditions hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, each of the parties hereto hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise specifically defined herein, each term used herein (and in the recitals above) which is defined in the Credit Agreement shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Credit Agreement. Each reference to "hereof," "hereunder," "herein," and "hereby" and each other similar reference and each reference to "this Agreement" and each other similar reference contained in the Credit Agreement shall from and after the date hereof refer to the Credit Agreement as amended hereby.

SECTION 2. Amendments to Credit Agreement.

(a) Amendment to Section 1.1. The following definition in Section 1.1 of the Credit Agreement is amended so that it reads, in its entirety, as follows:

"Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness" shall mean refinancings, renewals, exchanges, or extensions of Indebtedness so long as: (a) such refinancings, renewals, exchanges, or extensions do not result in an increase in the principal amount of the Indebtedness so refinanced, renewed, exchanged, or extended, other than by the amount of premiums paid thereon and the fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith and by the amount of unfunded commitments with respect thereto; (b) such refinancings, renewals, exchanges or extensions do not result in a shortening of the average weighted maturity (measured as of the refinancing, renewal, exchange, or extension) of the

Indebtedness so refinanced, renewed, exchanged, or extended, nor are they on terms or conditions that, taken as a whole, are less favorable in any material respect to the Credit Parties, taken as a whole, than those of the Indebtedness being refinanced or extended; (c) if the Indebtedness that is refinanced, renewed, exchanged, or extended was subordinated in right of payment to the Obligations, then the terms and conditions of the refinancing, renewal, exchange, or extension must include subordination terms and conditions that are at least as favorable to the Lender Group as those that were applicable to the refinanced, renewed, exchanged or extended Indebtedness; (d) the Indebtedness that is refinanced, renewed, exchanged, or extended is not recourse to any Person that is liable on account of the Obligations other than those Persons which were obligated with respect to the Indebtedness that was refinanced, renewed, exchanged, or extended and such Person's Subsidiaries; and (e) no Default or Event of Default is continuing or would result from such refinancing, renewal, exchange or extension of such Indebtedness; provided, however, the requirements set forth in clause (c) shall not apply in the case of a refinancing of the Senior Subordinated Notes with the proceeds of unsecured notes.

SECTION 3. Conditions Precedent. This Agreement shall become effective only upon satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions precedent except as otherwise agreed between the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent:

- (a) The Administrative Agent's receipt of this Agreement duly executed by each of (i) the Credit Parties, (ii) the Majority Lenders, and (iii) the Administrative Agent; and
- (b) The Credit Parties shall have paid all other fees due and payable on or prior to the effective date of this Agreement, including, without limitation, all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Administrative Agent incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and required to be reimbursed by the Credit Parties hereunder or under any other Loan Document.

SECTION 4. Miscellaneous Terms.

- (a) Loan Document. For avoidance of doubt, the Credit Parties, the Lenders party hereto, and the Administrative Agent each hereby acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement is a Loan Document.
- (b) Effect of Agreement. Except as set forth expressly hereinabove, all terms of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall be and remain in full force and effect, and shall constitute the legal, valid, binding, and enforceable obligations of the Credit Parties.
- (c) No Novation or Mutual Departure. The Credit Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that (i) there has not been, and this Agreement does not constitute or establish, a novation with respect to the Credit Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, or a mutual departure from the strict terms, provisions, and conditions thereof, other than with respect to the amendments contained in Section 2 above, and (ii) nothing in this Agreement shall affect or limit the Administrative Agent's or any Lender's right to demand payment of liabilities owing from any Credit Party to the Administrative Agent or the Lender under, or to demand strict performance of the terms, provisions, and conditions of, the Credit Agreement and the

other Loan Documents, to exercise any and all rights, powers, and remedies under the Credit Agreement or the other Loan Documents or at law or in equity, or to do any and all of the foregoing, immediately at any time after the occurrence of a Default or an Event of Default under the Credit Agreement or the other Loan Documents.

- (d) <u>Ratification</u>. The Credit Parties hereby restate, ratify, and reaffirm all of their obligations and covenants set forth in the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which they are parties effective as of the date hereof.
- (e) No Default. To induce Lenders to enter into this Agreement, Borrowers hereby acknowledge and agree that, as of the date hereof, and after giving effect to the terms hereof, there exists (i) no Default or Event of Default and (ii) no right of offset, defense, counterclaim, claim, or objection in favor of Borrowers or arising out of or with respect to any of the Loans or other obligations of Borrowers owed to Lenders under the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document.
- (f) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which counterparts, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- (g) Fax or Other Transmission. Delivery by one or more parties hereto of an executed counterpart of this Agreement via facsimile, telecopy, or other electronic method of transmission pursuant to which the signature of such party can be seen (including, without limitation, Adobe Corporation's Portable Document Format) shall have the same force and effect as the delivery of an original executed counterpart of this Agreement. Any party delivering an executed counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic method of transmission shall also deliver an original executed counterpart, but the failure to do so shall not affect the validity, enforceability, or binding effect of this Agreement.
 - (h) Recitals Incorporated Herein. The preamble and the recitals to this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.
- (i) <u>Section References</u>. Section titles and references used in this Agreement shall be without substantive meaning or content of any kind whatsoever and are not a part of the agreements among the parties hereto evidenced hereby.
- (j) <u>Further Assurances</u>. The Credit Parties agree to take, at the Credit Parties' expense, such further actions as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request from time to time to evidence the amendments set forth herein and the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (k) Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York but excluding any principles of conflicts of law or other rule of law that would cause the application of the law of any jurisdiction other than the laws of the State of New York.

(l) <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof in that jurisdiction or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Borrowers, Administrative Agent and Lenders party hereto has caused this Agreement to be duly executed by its duly authorized officer as of the day and year first above written.

BORROWERS:

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: <u>/s/ Lukas Cadil</u>

Name: Lukas Cadil

Title: Vice President-Finance & Treasurer

PENNINGTON SEED, INC.
GULFSTREAM HOME & GARDEN, INC.
KAYTEE PRODUCTS INCORPORATED
FOUR PAWS PRODUCTS, LTD.
NEW ENGLAND POTTERY, LLC
MATSON, LLC
ALL-GLASS AQUARIUM CO., INC.
PETS INTERNATIONAL, LTD.
T.F.H. PUBLICATIONS, INC.
B2E BIOTECH, LLC
B2E CORPORATION
GRO TEC, INC.
WELLMARK INTERNATIONAL
FARNAM COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ George A. Yuhas

Name: George A. Yuhas Title: Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND A LENDER:

SUNTRUST BANK, as the Administrative Agent and a Lender

By: /s/ J. Matney Gornall
Name: J. Matney Gornall
Title: Vice President

LENDERS:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender

By: /s/ Jeffrey A. Kessler
Name: Jeffrey A. Kessler
Title: Vice President

BMO HARRIS BANK N.A., as a Lender

By: /s/ Kara Goodwin

Name: Kara Goodwin Title: Managing Director

BANK OF THE WEST, as a Lender

By: /s/ Dan McCartney

Name: Dan McCartney Title: Vice President

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender

By: /s/ Gregory A. Jones

Name: Gregory A. Jones Title: SVP

COBANK, ACB, as a Lender

By: Kristina Jensen

Name: Kristina Jensen Title: Vice President

	Name:			
	Title:			
By:				
	Name:			
	Title:			

DEUTSCHE BANK AG NEW YORK BRANCH, as a Lender

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a

Lender

By: /s/ Reza Sabahi
Name: Reza Sabahi
Title: Duly Authorized Signer



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET ANNOUNCES PRICING OF \$400 MILLION OF SENIOR NOTES

WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA, November 4, 2015 – Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT) (NASDAQ: CENTA) ("Central"), announced today it has priced an offering of \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 6.125% senior notes due 2023 (the "notes"). The sale of the notes is expected to close on November 9, 2015. The notes will be unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by each of its existing and future domestic restricted subsidiaries who are borrowers under or guarantors of Central's senior secured revolving credit facility. Central intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to redeem its outstanding 8.25% senior subordinated notes due 2018 (the "existing notes").

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. served as joint book-running managers for the offering, and BNP Paribas Securities Corp. and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. served as co-managers.

Copies of the prospectus relating to the offering may be obtained by contacting J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, NY 11717 or by calling (866) 803-9204; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, 222 Broadway, New York, NY 10038, Attention: Prospectus Department or by calling (800) 294-1322; or SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., 3333 Peachtree Rd, Atlanta, GA 30326, Attention: Alexander Weir or by calling (404) 439-5343. The prospectus may also be obtained from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's website at http://www.sec.gov.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities. Offers of securities will be made only by means of a prospectus filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The prospectus is part of a shelf registration statement that has become effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In addition, this press release does not constitute a notice of redemption with respect to the existing notes. Any such notice of redemption will be separately issued by Central when and if the existing notes are called for redemption.

About Central Garden & Pet

Central Garden & Pet Company is a leading innovator, marketer and producer of quality branded products for the lawn & garden and pet supplies markets. Committed to new product innovation, our products are sold to specialty independent and mass retailers. Participating categories in Lawn & Garden include: Grass seed and the brands PENNINGTON®, SMART SEED® and THE REBELS®; wild bird feed and the brand PENNINGTON®; weed and insect control and the brands AMDRO®, SEVIN®, IRONITE® and OVER-N-OUT®; and decorative outdoor patio products under the PENNINGTON® brand. We also provide a host of other regional and application-specific garden brands and supplies. Participating categories in Pet include: Animal health and the brands ADAMS™ and ZODIAC®; aquatics and reptile and the brands AQUEON® and ZILLA®; bird & small animal and the brands KAYTEE®, SUPER PET® and CRITTER TRAIL®; dog & cat and the brands TFH™, NYLABONE®, FOUR PAWS®, PINNACLE® and AVODERM®; and equine and the brands FARNAM®, BRONCO® and SUPER MASK®. We also provide a host of other application-specific pet brands and supplies. Central Garden & Pet Company is based in Walnut Creek, California, and has approximately 3,300 employees, primarily in North America.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

The statements contained in this release which are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by forward-looking statements. These risks are described in Central's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on December 11, 2014, as well as Central's other U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Central undertakes no obligation to publicly update these forward-looking statements to reflect new information, subsequent events or otherwise.

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