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- (1) Pursuant to General Instruction II.D to Form S-3, the amount to be registered, proposed maximum aggregate offering price per security and proposed maximum aggregate offering price has been omitted for each class of securities that is registered hereby.
- (2) The proposed maximum aggregate offering price per security will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with the issuance of the securities registered hereunder.
- (3) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act and reflects the maximum offering price of securities issued, rather than the principal amount of securities that may be issued at a discount. Excluding accrued interest, distributions and dividends, if any.
- (4) An indeterminate number of debt securities of United States Steel
  Corporation are covered by this registration statement. Debt securities may
  also be issued upon exercise of warrants to purchase debt securities that
  are registered hereby.
- (5) An indeterminate number of shares of preferred stock of United States Steel Corporation are covered by this registration statement. Preferred stock may also be issued upon exercise of warrants to purchase preferred stock that are registered hereby.
- (6) There is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of Depositary Shares as may be issued if United States Steel elects to offer fractional interests in the Preferred Stock offered hereby.
- (7) An indeterminate number of shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of United States Steel Corporation are covered by this registration statement. Common stock may also be issued upon exercise of warrants to purchase common stock that are registered hereby.
- (8) An indeterminate number of warrants, representing rights to purchase debt securities, preferred stock or common stock of United States Steel Corporation, each of which is registered hereby, are covered by this registration statement.
- (9) Such indeterminate number of shares of Common Stock as may be issued upon conversion of or in exchange for any Debt Securities. Preferred Stock or Depositary Shares that provide for such conversion or exchange are being registered hereby. No separate consideration will be received for the Common Stock issuable upon such conversion or exchange.

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THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE.

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THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT COMPLETE AND MAY BE CHANGED. WE MAY NOT SELL THESE SECURITIES UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IS EFFECTIVE.

PROSPECTUS

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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COMMON STOCK

We may issue and offer any of the following from time to time:

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THE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT CAREFULLY.

- Unsecured debt securities.
- Shares of or interests in preferred stock.
- Shares of common stock.

- Warrants to buy any of the foregoing. The maximum total public offering price of all the securities offered will not exceed \$400,000,000. We will provide specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

We produce, transport and sell steel mill products, coke, taconite pellets and coal in the United States and, through our subsidiary U.S. Steel Kosice, produce and sell steel in Central Europe.

We may sell these securities through underwriters, agents or directly to other purchasers.

#### STOCK SYMBOL: X

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the Midwest Stock Exchange and the Pacific Stock Exchange.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES
COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED IF THIS
PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A
CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Please refer to the prospectus supplement for more complete information. Neither this prospectus nor any prospectus supplement is an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

The date of this Prospectus is March 12, 2002.

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## OUR COMPANY

We are the largest integrated steel producer in North America. Integrated steel producers make steel from iron ore, unlike mini-mills that mostly melt scrap to make steel products. We have a broad product mix with particular focus on value-added products and serve customers in the automotive, appliance, distribution and service center, industrial machinery and construction industries. We currently have annual steel-making capability of 17.8 million tons through our four integrated steel mills. In addition, we have a diversified mix of assets that provide us with a varied stream of revenues.

We operate three integrated steel mills and six finishing facilities in North America and produce, transport and sell a variety of sheet, tin, plate and tubular products, as well as coke, iron ore and coal. We participate in several joint ventures engaged in steel processing and finishing. We also participate in the real estate, resource management, and engineering and consulting services businesses. We have a significant market presence in each of our major product areas and have long-term relationships with many of our major customers. We have annual steel-making capability in the U.S. of 12.8 million tons through Gary Works in Indiana, Mon Valley Works in Pennsylvania, and Fairfield Works in Alabama. We operate finishing facilities in those three states and Ohio. We are the largest domestic producer of seamless oil country tubular goods and one of the two largest producers of tin mill products in North America. We produce most of the iron ore and coke and a portion of the coal we use as raw materials in our steel-making process.

In November 2000, we acquired U.S. Steel Kosice, s.r.o. ("USSK"), headquartered in Kosice in the Slovak Republic, the largest flat-rolled producer in Central Europe. USSK has annual steel-making capability of 5.0 million tons and produces and sells sheet, tin, tubular and specialty products, as well as coke. The acquisition of USSK has enabled us to establish a low-cost manufacturing base in Europe and better positioned us to serve our global customers.

Before December 31, 2001 our businesses were owned by USX Corporation. USX had two outstanding classes of common stock: USX-Marathon Group common stock, that was intended to reflect the performance of USX's energy business, and USX-U. S. Steel Group common stock, that was intended to reflect the performance of USX's steel business. On December 31, 2001, in a series of transactions that we call the Separation, each share of USX-U. S. Steel Group common stock was converted into the right to receive one share of our stock and USX changed its name to Marathon Oil Corporation ("Marathon"). As a consequence of the Separation, we became a separate publicly owned corporation.

In connection with the Separation, we entered into a series of agreements with Marathon governing our relationship after the Separation and providing for the allocation of tax and certain other liabilities and obligations arising from periods prior to the Separation. These agreements include a financial matters agreement under which we assumed obligations relating to industrial development bonds, leases and guarantee obligations totaling approximately \$692 million and a tax matters agreement that deals with tax matters and sharing of taxes arising prior to Separation.

United States Steel Corporation is a Delaware corporation. Our principal offices are at 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh PA 15219-2800 and our telephone number is (412) 433-1121. References in this prospectus to "United States Steel," "USS," "we," "us" and "our" are to United States Steel Corporation.

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### RISK FACTORS

In addition to the information contained elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the prospectus supplement, the following risk factors should be carefully considered by each prospective investor.

RISKS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS

OVERCAPACITY IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY MAY NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

There is an excess of global steel-making capacity over global consumption of steel products. This has caused shipment and production levels for our domestic operations to vary from year to year and quarter to quarter, affecting our results of operations and cash flows. Many factors influence these results, including demand in the domestic market, international currency conversion rates and domestic and international government actions.

OUR BUSINESS IS CYCLICAL.

Demand for most of our products is cyclical in nature and sensitive to general economic conditions. Our business supports cyclical industries such as the automotive, appliance, construction and energy industries. As a result, future downturns in the U.S. or European economy or any of these industries could adversely affect our results and cash flow.

Because integrated steel producers generally have high fixed costs, reduced volumes result in operating inefficiencies, such as those experienced in 2001. Over the past five years, our net income has varied from a high of \$452 million in 1997 to a loss of \$218 million in 2001. Future economic downturns, a stagnant economy or currency fluctuations may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

WE HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS, WHICH COULD LIMIT OUR OPERATING FLEXIBILITY AND OTHERWISE ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.

As of December 31, 2001, following the Separation, we were liable for indebtedness of approximately \$1.5 billion. This does not include obligations of Marathon for which we are contingently liable and that are not recorded on our balance sheet. As of December 31, 2001, such obligations of Marathon were approximately \$359 million. We may incur other obligations for working capital, refinancing of a portion of the \$1.5 billion referred to above or for other purposes. This substantial amount of indebtedness and related covenants could limit our operating flexibility and could otherwise adversely affect our financial condition.

Our high degree of leverage could have important consequences to you, including the following:

- our ability to satisfy our obligations with respect to any debt securities or preferred stock may be impaired in the future;
- it may become difficult for us to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements, acquisitions or general corporate or other purposes in the future;
- a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations must be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the funds available to us for other purposes;
- some of our borrowings are and are expected to be at variable rates of interest (including borrowings under our inventory credit facility), which will expose us to the risk of increased interest rates;

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- the sale prices, costs of selling receivables and amounts available under our accounts receivable program fluctuate due to factors that include the costs of the commercial paper funding and our long-term debt ratings; and
- our substantial leverage may limit our flexibility to adjust to changing economic or market conditions, reduce our ability to withstand competitive pressures and make us more vulnerable to a downturn in general economic conditions.

Indebtedness we may incur in the future may exacerbate the consequences described above and could have other important consequences.

OUR BUSINESS REQUIRES SUBSTANTIAL DEBT SERVICE, CAPITAL INVESTMENT, OPERATING LEASE AND MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES THAT WE MAY BE UNABLE TO MEET.

With approximately \$1.5 billion of debt as of December 31, 2001, we must make substantial interest payments. We are also required to make payments of \$37.5 million to VSZ, a.s. in each of 2002 and 2003 in connection with our acquisition of USSK. Our operations are capital intensive. For the five-year period ended December 31, 2001, total capital expenditures were \$1.4 billion, and we plan capital expenditures of about \$300 million in 2002 not including: (1) the 2002 payment to VSZ and (2) approximately \$40 million of equipment that we plan to lease under operating leases in accordance with our historical practices. As of December 31, 2001, we were obligated to make aggregate lease payments of \$325 million under operating leases over the next five years. Our business also requires substantial expenditures for routine maintenance.

We have contingent obligations consisting of indemnity obligations under active surety bonds totaling approximately \$255 million, guarantees of approximately \$32 million of indebtedness for unconsolidated entities and commitments under take or pay arrangements of approximately \$105 million. As the general partner of the Clairton 1314B Partnership, L.P., we are obligated to fund up to \$150 million of cash shortfalls incurred by that partnership. We are also potentially liable for approximately \$359 million of Marathon's debt.

Some of our operating lease agreements may include a floating rental charge which is associated with a variable component. Such payments are not determinable to any degree of certainty. Recorded liabilities related to deferred income taxes, employee benefits and other liabilities that may have an impact on liquidity and cash flow in future periods are also not currently determinable.

We believe our liquidity will be adequate to satisfy our obligations for the foreseeable future, including obligations to complete currently authorized capital spending programs. Future requirements for our business needs, including the funding of capital expenditures, debt service for financings, and any amounts that may ultimately be paid in connection with contingencies, are expected to be financed by a combination of internally generated funds, proceeds from the sale of stock, borrowings and other external financing sources. However, there is no assurance that our business will generate sufficient operating cash flow or that external financing sources will be available in an amount sufficient to enable us to service or refinance our indebtedness or to fund other liquidity needs. If there is a prolonged delay in the recovery of the manufacturing sector of the U.S. economy, we believe we can maintain adequate liquidity through a combination of deferral or nonessential capital spending, sales of non-strategic assets and other cash conservation measures.

WE HAVE INCURRED OPERATING AND CASH LOSSES AND WILL HAVE FEWER SOURCES OF CASH, INCLUDING CASH FROM MARATHON TAX SETTLEMENTS.

For the year ended December 31, 2001, we had a loss from operations of \$405 million and net cash used in operating activities was \$150 million excluding the income tax settlements received from Marathon. We cannot assure you that we will realize positive operating income or cash flows from operations in the foreseeable future.

Historically, we funded our negative operating cash flow through an increase in USX debt attributable to the U.S. Steel Group. Before the Separation, the USX tax allocation policy required the U.S. Steel Group and the Marathon Group to pay the other for tax benefits resulting from tax attributes that could not be utilized by the group to which those tax attributes were attributable on a stand-alone basis but which could be used on a consolidated, combined or unitary basis. The net amount of cash settlements made by Marathon to USS for prior years, subject to adjustment, was \$819 million, \$91 million and \$(2) million in 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively. These payments allowed USS to realize the cash value of its tax benefits on a current basis. If we generate losses or other tax attributes we can generally realize the cash value from them only if and when we generate enough taxable income in future years to use those tax losses or other tax attributes on a stand-alone basis. This delay in realizing tax benefits may adversely affect our cash flow.

Because we are no longer owned by USX, we are not able to rely on USX for financial support or benefit from a relationship with USX to obtain credit. Our lower credit ratings have resulted in higher borrowing costs and make obtaining necessary capital more difficult.

THE TIGHT SURETY BOND MARKET MAY ADVERSELY IMPACT OUR LIQUIDITY.

We use surety bonds to provide financial assurance for certain transactions and business activities. The total amount of our active surety bonds currently being used for financial assurance purposes is approximately \$255 million. Recent events have caused major changes in the surety bond market including significant increases in surety bond premiums. This, together with our non-investment grade credit rating, may cause us to replace some surety bonds with other forms of financial assurance, or provide some form of collateral to the surety bond providers in order to keep bonds in place which would have a negative impact on our liquidity.

## IMPORTS OF STEEL MAY NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS

Imports of steel into the United States constituted 24%, 27% and 26% of the domestic steel market demand for 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively. We believe that steel imports into the United States involve widespread dumping and subsidy abuses, and that the remedies provided by United States law to private litigants are insufficient to correct these problems. Imports of steel involving dumping and subsidy abuses depress domestic price levels, and have an adverse effect upon our revenue and income.

The trade remedies announced by President Bush, under Section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974, on March 5, 2002 are intended to provide protection against imports from certain countries, but there are products and countries not covered and imports of these exempt products or of products from these countries may still have an adverse effect upon our revenues and income. The European Union and certain countries have indicated their intent to challenge President Bush's action before the World Trade Organization.

These trade remedies may also prompt foreign governments to impose tariffs or other trade restrictions on steel products. Another possible effect of these remedies is that steel that might otherwise be imported into the United States may be sold into markets served by USSK. Such actions or additional imports might have an adverse effect on USSK's revenue and income.

MANY OF OUR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS ARE LARGER AND HAVE HIGHER CREDIT RATINGS.

Based on International Iron and Steel Institute statistics, we rank as the largest domestic integrated steel producer but, in 2000, were only the fourteenth largest steel producer in the world. Many of our larger competitors have investment grade credit ratings, and, because of their larger size and superior credit ratings, we may be at a disadvantage in competing with them. Terms of our indebtedness contain covenants that may also limit our ability to participate in consolidations.

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COMPETITION FROM MINI-MILL PRODUCERS HAS RESULTED IN REDUCED SELLING PRICES AND SHIPMENT LEVELS FOR US.

Domestic integrated producers, such as USS, have lost market share in recent years to domestic mini-mill producers. Mini-mills produce steel by melting scrap in electric furnaces. Although mini-mills generally produce a narrower range of steel products than integrated producers, they typically enjoy competitive advantages such as lower capital expenditures for construction of facilities, lower raw material costs and non-unionized work forces with lower employment costs and more flexible work rules. An increasing number of mini-mills utilize thin slab casting technology to produce flat-rolled products. Through the use of thin slab casting, mini-mill competitors are increasingly able to compete directly with integrated producers of flat-rolled products, especially hot-rolled and plate products. Depending on market conditions, the additional production generated by flat-rolled mini-mills could have an adverse effect on our selling prices and shipment levels.

COMPETITION FROM OTHER MATERIALS MAY NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR RESULTS OF

In many applications, steel competes with other materials, such as aluminum, cement, composites, glass, plastic and wood. Additional substitutes for steel products could adversely affect future market prices and demand for steel products.

HIGH ENERGY COSTS ADVERSELY IMPACT OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

Our operations consume large amounts of energy and we consume significant amounts of natural gas. Domestic natural gas prices increased from an average of \$2.27 per million BTU in 1999 to an average of \$4.96 per million BTU in 2001. At normal annual consumption levels, a \$1.00 per million BTU change in domestic natural gas prices would result in an estimated \$50 million change in our annual domestic pretax operating costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND REMEDIATION COULD RESULT IN SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS AND OPERATING COSTS.

Our domestic businesses are subject to numerous federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. These laws are constantly evolving and becoming increasingly stringent. The ultimate impact of complying with existing laws and regulations is not always clearly known or determinable because regulations under some of these laws have not yet been promulgated or are undergoing revision. These environmental laws and regulations, particularly the Clean Air Act, could result in substantially increased capital, operating and compliance costs. We are also involved in a number of environmental remediation projects at both former and present operating locations and are involved in a number of other remedial actions under federal and state law. Our worldwide environmental expenditures were \$231 million in 2001, \$230 million in 2000 and \$253 million in 1999.

We believe all of our domestic steel competitors are subject to similar environmental laws and regulations. The specific impact on each competitor may vary, however, depending upon a number of factors, including the age and location of operating facilities, production processes (such as a mini-mill versus an integrated producer) and the specific products and services it provides. To the extent that competitors, particularly foreign steel producers and manufacturers of competitive products, are not required to undertake equivalent costs, our competitive position could be adversely impacted.

USSK is subject to the laws of the Slovak Republic. The environmental laws of the Slovak Republic generally follow the requirements of the European Union, which are comparable to domestic standards.

OUR RETIREE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE AND RETIREE LIFE INSURANCE COSTS ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE OF MANY OF OUR COMPETITORS.

We maintain defined benefit retiree health care and life insurance plans covering substantially all domestic employees upon their retirement. Health care benefits are provided through comprehensive hospital, surgical and major medical benefit provisions or through health maintenance organizations, both

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subject to various cost-sharing features. Life insurance benefits are provided to nonunion retiree beneficiaries primarily based on employees' annual base salary at retirement. For domestic union retirees, benefits are provided for the most part based on fixed amounts negotiated in labor contracts with the appropriate unions. As of December 31, 2001, United States Steel reported an unfunded obligation for these benefit obligations in the amount of \$1.8 billion. Mini-mills, foreign competitors and many producers of products that compete with steel provide lesser benefits to their employees and retirees and this difference in costs could adversely impact our competitive position.

BANKRUPTCIES OF DOMESTIC COMPETITORS HAVE LOWERED THEIR OPERATING COSTS.

Since 1998, more than 30 domestic steel companies have sought protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, most recently National Steel Corporation. Many of these companies have continued to operate. Some have reduced prices to maintain volumes and cash flow and obtained concessions from their labor unions and suppliers. In some cases, they have even expanded and modernized while in bankruptcy. Upon emergence from bankruptcy, these companies, or new entities that purchase their facilities through the bankruptcy process, may be relieved of certain environmental, retiree and other obligations. As a result, they are able to operate with lower costs.

MANY LAWSUITS HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST US INVOLVING ASBESTOS-RELATED INJURIES.

We have been and are a defendant in a large number of cases in which plaintiffs allege injury resulting from exposure to asbestos. Many of these cases involve multiple plaintiffs and most have multiple defendants. These cases fall into three major groups: (1) claims made under federal and general maritime law by employees of the Great Lakes or Intercoastal fleets, former operations of

United States Steel; (2) claims by persons who worked at USS facilities; and (3) claims made by industrial workers allegedly exposed to an electrical cable product formerly manufactured by United States Steel. It is not possible to predict the outcome of these matters. If adversely determined, these lawsuits could have a material adverse effect on our financial position.

OUR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS EXPOSE US TO UNCERTAINTIES AND RISKS FROM ABROAD, WHICH COULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

USSK, located in the Slovak Republic, constitutes 28% of our total raw steel capability and accounted for 17% of revenue for 2001. USSK exports about 80% of its products, with the majority of its sales being to other European countries. USSK is affected by the worldwide overcapacity in the steel industry and the cyclical nature of demand for steel products and that demand's sensitivity to worldwide general economic conditions. In particular, USSK is subject to economic conditions and political factors in Europe, which if changed could negatively affect its results of operations and cash flow. Political factors include, but are not limited to, taxation, nationalization, inflation, currency fluctuations, increased regulation and protectionist measures. USSK is also subject to foreign currency exchange risks because its revenues are primarily in euro-denominated currencies and its costs are primarily in Slovak crowns and United States dollars.

THE TERMS OF OUR INDEBTEDNESS RESTRICT OUR ABILITY TO PAY DIVIDENDS.

Under the terms of our 10 3/4% Senior Notes due 2008, we may not be able to pay dividends on capital stock unless we can meet certain restricted payment tests, including a 2 to 1 interest coverage test for the preceding 12 month period except we may pay common stock dividends through December 31, 2003 in an aggregate amount up to \$50 million. We may also be unable to pay dividends due to inadequate cash flow and borrowing capacity.

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THE TERMS OF OUR INDEBTEDNESS AND OUR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE PROGRAM CONTAIN RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND OTHER PROVISIONS THAT MAY LIMIT OUR OPERATING FLEXIBILITY.

We currently have Senior Notes outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$535 million. The Senior Notes impose significant restrictions on us such as the following:

- Limits on additional borrowings, including limits on the amount of borrowings secured by inventories or accounts receivable;
- Limits on sale/leasebacks;
- Limits on the use of funds from asset sales and sale of the stock of subsidiaries; and
- Restrictions on our ability to invest in joint ventures or make certain acquisitions.

We also have a revolving credit agreement secured by inventory that imposes additional restrictions on us including the following:

- Effective September 30, 2002, we must meet an interest coverage ratio of at least 2 to 1, and effective March 31, 2003, that ratio must be at least 2.5 to 1;
- We must meet leverage ratios (total debt to operating cash flow) of no more than 6 to 1 beginning on September 30, 2002 through December 30, 2002, 5.5 to 1 through March 30, 2003, 5 to 1 through June 29, 2003, 4.5 to 1 through September 29, 2003, 4 to 1 through March 30, 2004 and 3.75 to 1 thereafter;
- Limitations on capital expenditures; and
- Restrictions on investments.

If these covenants are breached or if we fail to make payments under our material debt obligations or our receivables purchase agreement, creditors would be able to terminate their commitments to make further loans, declare their outstanding obligations immediately due and payable and foreclose on any collateral, and it may also cause a default under the Senior Notes. Additional indebtedness that United States Steel may incur in the future may also contain similar covenants, as well as other restrictive provisions. Cross-default and cross-acceleration clauses in our revolving credit facility, the Senior Notes and any future additional indebtedness could have an adverse effect upon our financial positions and liquidity.

Failure to make payment on our material indebtedness or a breach of a financial covenant in our revolving credit facility would be a termination event under our receivables purchase agreement. The sale prices, costs of selling receivables and amounts available under our accounts receivable program

fluctuate due to factors that include the costs of commercial paper funding and our long-term debt ratings.

"CHANGE IN CONTROL" CLAUSES MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT US.

Upon the occurrence of "change in control" events specified in our existing indenture and various loan documents, the holders of our indebtedness may require us to purchase or repay that debt on less than favorable terms. We may not have the financial resources to make these purchases and repayments.

PROVISIONS OF DELAWARE LAW, OUR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND OUR RIGHTS PLAN MAY MAKE A TAKEOVER OF USS MORE DIFFICULT.

Certain provisions of Delaware law, our certificate of incorporation and by-laws and our rights plan could make more difficult or delay our acquisition by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise and the removal of incumbent directors. These provisions are intended to discourage certain types of coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids, even though such a transaction may offer our stockholders the opportunity to sell their stock at a price above the prevailing market price.

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OUR OPERATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO BUSINESS INTERRUPTIONS AND CASUALTY LOSSES.

Steel-making, product marketing and raw material operations are subject to unplanned events such as explosions, fires, inclement weather, accidents and transportation interruptions. To the extent not covered by insurance, our cash flows may be adversely impacted by such events.

OUR BUSINESS COULD BE ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY STRIKES OR WORK STOPPAGES BY OUR UNIONIZED EMPLOYEES.

Substantially all hourly employees of our domestic steel, coke and taconite pellet facilities are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the United Steelworkers of America that expires in August 2004 and includes a no-strike provision. Other hourly employees (for example, those engaged in coal mining and transportation activities) are represented by the United Mine Workers of America, United Steelworkers of America and other unions. The majority of USSK employees are represented by a union and are covered by a collective bargaining agreement that expires in February 2004, and is subject to annual wage negotiations. Any potential strikes or work stoppages and the resulting adverse impact on our relationships with our customers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. In addition, mini-mill producers and certain foreign competitors and producers of comparable products do not have unionized work forces. This may place us at a competitive disadvantage.

## RISKS RELATED TO PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION

On December 4, 2001, we announced our support for significant consolidation in the domestic integrated steel industry, contingent upon several factors, including: a strong remedy under Section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 ("Section 201"), creation of a government-sponsored program that would provide relief from the industry's retiree legacy cost burden, and a progressive new labor agreement that would provide for meaningful reductions in operating costs. We have been engaged in discussions with other domestic integrated steel companies, governmental agencies and representatives of the United Steelworkers of America.

On January 17, 2002, we entered into an option agreement with NKK Corporation of Japan. The agreement grants us an option to purchase, either directly or through a subsidiary, all of NKK's National Steel Corporation common stock and to restructure a \$100 million loan previously made to National Steel by an NKK subsidiary. NKK's ownership of National Steel's common stock represents approximately 53% of National's outstanding shares. The option expires on June 15, 2002. National Steel Corporation filed for bankruptcy protection on March 6, 2002.

On March 5, 2002, President Bush imposed tariffs of 8 to 30% on most steel imports, but did not express support for a government-sponsored program to provide relief from the industry's retiree legacy costs. Although we will continue to explore attractive acquisitions, joint ventures and other growth opportunities in the U.S. and Central Europe, the extent of any significant consolidation in the domestic steel industry remains unclear.

CONSOLIDATIONS MAY NOT OCCUR OR MAY BE DELAYED AND THE ANTICIPATED BENEFITS FROM CONSOLIDATION MAY NOT MATERIALIZE.

We will not participate in steel industry consolidation unless it is in the best interest of our customers, shareholders, creditors, employees and other constituencies. The conditions precedent to any consolidation are beyond our control, and we cannot assure you they will be satisfied.

The benefits of any consolidation in large measure flow from anticipated cost savings. We may not be able to achieve all of these savings or may not

achieve them as quickly as we expect. In addition, any rationalization of steel facilities may result in environmental, post-employment, and other shut-down costs.

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ACQUIRED COMPANIES AND ASSETS MAY INCREASE OUR INDEBTEDNESS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURES.

Possible future acquisitions could result in the incurrence of additional debt and related interest expense, underfunded pension and other post-retirement obligations, contingent liabilities and amortization expenses related to intangible assets, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results and cash flow.

WE MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING FINANCING NECESSARY TO PURSUE CONSOLIDATIONS.

We may not be able to obtain financing for acquisitions of other companies or their assets on favorable terms or at all. We may also finance acquisitions through the issuance of additional shares of our common stock that would dilute the ownership interests of our existing stockholders.

Many of the available domestic acquisition targets may require significant capital and operating expenditures to return them to profitability. Financially distressed steel companies typically do not maintain their assets adequately. Such assets may need significant repairs and improvements. We may also have to buy sizable amounts of raw materials, spare parts and other materials for these facilities before they can resume profitable operation.

The potential acquisition candidates are financially distressed steel companies that may not have maintained appropriate environmental programs. Their environmental problems may, therefore, require significant expenditures.

CUSTOMERS MAY PURCHASE LESS FROM A CONSOLIDATED COMPANY THAN THEY DID FROM THE INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS.

Customers may not buy as much steel from us after consolidation as they previously bought from the separate companies in order to diversify their suppliers. They may also insist upon significant price concessions.

INTERNATIONAL ACQUISITIONS MAY EXPOSE US TO ADDITIONAL RISKS.

If we acquire companies or facilities outside the United States, we may be exposed to increased risks including the following:

- economic and political conditions in the countries where the facilities are located and where the products made at those facilities are marketed;
- currency fluctuations;
- uncertain sources of raw materials;
- economic disruptions in less developed economies where many potential acquisition candidates have facilities or market products;
- expenditures necessary to bring such facilities to profitable operation;
- foreign tax risks; and
- expenditures required to comply with potential new environmental requirements.

## RISKS RELATED TO THE SEPARATION

Prior to December 31, 2001, our businesses were owned by USX Corporation ("USX"), now named Marathon Oil Corporation.

USS IS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONTINUING CONTINGENT LIABILITIES OF MARATHON.

We remain contingently liable for debt and other obligations of Marathon in the amount of approximately \$359 million as of December 31, 2001. Pursuant to the financial matters agreement,

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Marathon will indemnify us for any payments we would be required to make in respect of these obligations. Marathon is not limited by agreement with us as to the amount of indebtedness that it may incur and, in the event of the bankruptcy of Marathon, the holders of industrial revenue bonds and other obligations for which we may be liable may declare them immediately due and payable. If this occurs, we may not be able to satisfy those obligations.

Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, USS and each subsidiary of USS that was a member of the USX consolidated group during any taxable period or portion

thereof ending on or before the effective time of the Separation is jointly and severally liable for the federal income tax liability of the entire USX consolidated group for that taxable period. Other provisions of federal law establish similar liability for other matters, including laws governing tax qualified pension plans as well as other contingent liabilities.

THE SEPARATION MAY BE CHALLENGED BY CREDITORS AS A FRAUDULENT TRANSFER OR CONVEYANCE.

If a court in a suit by an unpaid creditor or representative of creditors of Marathon, such as a trustee in bankruptcy, or Marathon, as debtor-in-possession, in a reorganization case under the United States Bankruptcy Code, were to find that:

- the Separation and the related transactions were undertaken for the purpose of hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors, or
- Marathon received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration in connection with the Separation and the transactions related thereto and (1) Marathon was insolvent at the effective time of the Separation and after giving effect thereto, (2) or Marathon as of the effective time of the Separation and after giving effect thereto, intended or believed that it would be unable to pay its debts as they became due, or (3) the capital of Marathon, at the effective time of the Separation and after giving effect thereto, was inadequate to conduct its business,

then the court could determine that the Separation and the related transactions violated applicable provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code and/or applicable state fraudulent transfer or conveyance laws. Such a determination would permit the bankruptcy trustee or debtor-in-possession or unpaid creditors to rescind the Separation and permit unpaid creditors of Marathon to seek recovery from us.

The measure of insolvency for purposes of the foregoing considerations will vary depending upon the law of the jurisdiction that is being applied.

Generally, an entity is considered insolvent if either:

- the sum of its liabilities, including contingent liabilities, is greater than its assets, at a fair valuation; or
- the present fair saleable value of its assets is less than the amount required to pay the probable liability on its total existing debts and liabilities, including contingent liabilities, as they become absolute and matured.

THE SEPARATION MAY BECOME TAXABLE UNDER SECTION 355(e) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE IF 50% OR MORE OF UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION'S SHARES OR MARATHON OIL CORPORATION'S SHARES ARE ACQUIRED AS PART OF A PLAN.

The Separation may become taxable to USX pursuant to section 355(e) of the Internal Revenue Code if 50% or more of either Marathon's shares or our shares are acquired, directly or indirectly, as part of a plan or series of related transactions that include the Separation. If section 355(e) applies, USX would be required to pay a corporate tax based on the excess of the fair market value of the shares distributed over USX's tax basis for such shares. The amount of this tax would be materially greater if the Separation were deemed to be a distribution of Marathon's shares. If an acquisition occurs that results in the Separation being taxable under section 355(e), a Tax Sharing Agreement between USS and Marathon provides that the resulting corporate tax liability will be borne by the entity, either USS or Marathon, that is deemed to have been acquired.

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WE MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A CORPORATE TAX IF THE SEPARATION FAILS TO QUALIFY AS A TAX-FREE TRANSACTION.

Based on representations made by USX, the Internal Revenue Service issued a private letter ruling that the Separation was tax-free to USX and its shareholders. To the extent a breach of one of those representations results in a corporate tax being imposed on USX, the breaching party, either USS or Marathon, will be responsible for payment of the corporate tax. If the Separation fails to qualify as a tax-free transaction through no fault of either USS or Marathon, the resulting tax liability, if any, is likely to be borne by us under the tax sharing agreement.

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RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

| -   | YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, |              |              |                  |                  |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | 2001                    | 2000         | 1999         | 1998             | 1997             |
| <s> Ratio of earnings to fixed charges</s>                                | <c> (a)</c>             | <c> 1.13</c> | <c> 2.33</c> | <c><br/>5.89</c> | <c><br/>5.39</c> |
| Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends |                         |              |              |                  |                  |

 (b) | 1.05 | 2.10 | 5.15 | 4.72 |- -----

- (a) Earnings did not cover fixed charges by \$586 million in 2001.
- (b) Earnings did not cover combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends by \$598\$ million in 2001.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise described in the prospectus supplement, we plan to add the proceeds from the sale of the securities to our general funds. We may use those funds to repay debt, to finance acquisitions, for stock repurchases, for capital expenditures, for investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures, and for working capital.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBT SECURITIES

Any debentures, notes, bonds or other similar debt instruments will be described in a prospectus supplement and will be unsecured obligations of USS. They will rank on par with all other unsecured obligations of USS. The Debt Securities (the "Debt Securities") will be issued under an Indenture, between The Bank of New York, as trustee and USS. A copy of the form of the Indenture is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement.

The following description is only a summary of the material provisions of the Indenture. We urge you to read the Indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as holders of the notes or bonds. See the information under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" to contact us for a copy of the Indenture.

# GENERAL

The Indenture does not limit the principal amount of debt we may issue.

We may issue notes or bonds in traditional paper form, or we may issue a global security. The Debt Securities of any series may be issued in definitive form or, if provided in the related prospectus supplement, may be represented in whole or in part by a Global Security or Securities, registered in the name of a depositary designated by USS. Each Debt Security represented by a Global Security is referred to as a "Book-Entry Security."

Debt Securities may be issued from time to time pursuant to this prospectus, and will be offered on terms determined by market conditions at the time of sale. Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series with the same or various maturities and may be sold at par, a premium or an original issue discount. Debt Securities sold at an original issue discount may bear no interest or interest at a rate that is below market rates. Unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement, Debt Securities denominated in U.S. dollars will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

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Please refer to the prospectus supplement for the specific terms of the Debt Securities offered including the following:

- 1. Designation of an aggregate principal amount, purchase price and denomination;  $\ensuremath{\text{c}}$ 
  - 2. Date of maturity;
- 3. If other than U.S. currency, the currency for which the Debt Securities may be purchased;
- 4. The interest rate or rates and the method of calculating interest;
  - 5. The times at which any premium and interest will be payable;
- The place or places where principal, any premium and interest will be payable;

- 7. Any redemption or sinking fund provisions or other repayment obligations;
- 8. Any index used to determine the amount of payment of principal of and any premium and interest on the Debt Securities;
- 9. The application, if any of the defeasance provisions to the Debt Securities;
- 10. If other than the entire principal amount, the portion of the Debt Securities that would be payable upon acceleration of the maturity thereof;
- 11. If other than the entire principal amount plus accrued interest, the portion of the Change of Control purchase price or prices applicable to purchases of Debt Securities upon a Change of Control;
- 12. Whether the Debt Securities will be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities, and in such case, the depositary for the global securities;
- 13. Any additional covenants applicable to the Debt Securities being offered;
- 15. Any other specific terms including any terms that may be required by or advisable under applicable law.

Except with respect to Book-Entry Securities, Debt Securities may be presented for exchange or registration of transfer, in the manner, at the places and subject to the restrictions set forth in the Debt Securities and the prospectus supplement. Such services will be provided without charge, other than any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith, but subject to the limitations provided in the Indenture.

CERTAIN COVENANTS OF USS IN THE INDENTURE

#### PAYMENT

USS will pay principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Debt Securities at the place and time described in the Debt Securities. (Section 301) Unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement, USS will pay interest on any Debt Security to the person in whose name that security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for that interest payment. (Section 307)

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any paying agent for the payment of principal of or any premium or interest on any Debt Security that remains unclaimed for two years after that amount has become due and payable will be paid to USS at its request. After this occurs, the holder of that security must look only to USS for payment of that amount and not to the Trustee or paying agent. (Section 1003)

## LIENS

If USS or any subsidiary of USS mortgages, pledges, encumbers or subjects to a lien (a "Mortgage,") as security for money borrowed any blast furnace facility or steel producing facility, or

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casters that are part of a plant that includes such a facility, having a net book value in excess of 1% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets at the time of determination (each, a "Principal Property") or any shares of stock or other equity interests in any of USS' subsidiaries that own one or more Principal Properties, USS will secure or will cause such subsidiary to secure the Debt Securities equally and ratably with all indebtedness or obligations secured by the Mortgage then being given and with any other indebtedness of USS or the subsidiary of USS then entitled thereto; provided, however, that this covenant shall not apply in the case of: (a) any Mortgage existing on the date of the Indenture (whether or not such Mortgage includes an after-acquired property provision); (b) any Mortgage, including a purchase money Mortgage, incurred in connection with the acquisition of any Principal Property, the assumption of any Mortgage previously existing on such acquired Principal Property or any Mortgage existing on the property of any corporation when it becomes a subsidiary of USS; (c) any Mortgage on such Principal Property in favor of the United States, or any State, or instrumentality of either, to secure partial, progress or advance payments to USS or any subsidiary of USS under any contract or statute; (d) any Mortgage in favor of the United States, any State, or instrumentality of either, to secure borrowings for the purchase or construction of the Principal Property mortgaged; (e) any Mortgage on any Principal Property arising in connection with or to secure all or any part of the cost of the repair, construction, improvement, alteration or development of the Principal Property or any portion

thereof; or (f) any renewal of or substitution for any Mortgage permitted under the preceding clauses. USS may and may permit its subsidiaries to grant Mortgages or incur liens on Principal Property (or on equity interests in subsidiaries that own Principal Property) covered by the restriction described above so long as the net book value of the Principal Property (or equity interests) so encumbered, together with all property subject to the restriction on certain sale and leasebacks described below, does not at the time such Mortgage or lien is granted exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets. (Section 1005)

"Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" means the aggregate value of all assets of USS and its subsidiaries after deducting (a) all current liabilities (excluding all long-term debt due within one year), (b) all investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and all investments accounted for on the equity basis and (c) all goodwill, patent and trademarks, unamortized debt discount and other similar intangibles (all determined in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and calculated on a basis consistent with USS' most recent audited consolidated financial statements). (Section 101)

#### LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN SALE AND LEASEBACKS

USS will not, nor will it permit any subsidiary to, sell or transfer any Principal Property with the intention of taking back a lease thereof, provided, however, this covenant shall not apply if (a) the lease is to a subsidiary of USS (or to USS in the case of a subsidiary of USS); (b) the lease is for a temporary period by the end of which it is intended that the use of the Principal Property by the lessee will be discontinued; (c) USS or a subsidiary of USS could, as described under the caption "Liens" above, Mortgage such property without equally and ratably securing the Debt Securities; or (d) USS promptly informs the Trustee of such sale, the net proceeds of such sale are at least equal to the fair value (as determined by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of USS) of such Principal Property and USS within 180 days after such sale applies an amount equal to such net proceeds (subject to reduction by reason of credits to which USS is entitled, under the conditions specified in the Indenture) to the retirement or in substance defeasance of funded debt of USS or a subsidiary of USS. This covenant does not apply to sales and leases solely among USS and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. (Section 1006)

#### MERGER AND CONSOLIDATION

USS will not merge or consolidate with any other entity or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any person, firm, corporation or other entity, except that USS may merge or consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to, any other entity if (i) USS is the continuing entity or the successor entity (if other than USS) is organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a State thereof and such entity expressly assumes payment of the principal and interest on all the Debt Securities, and the performance and observance of all of the covenants and conditions of the

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Indenture to be performed by USS and (ii) there is no default under the Indenture. Upon such a succession, USS will be relieved from any further obligations under the Indenture. For purposes of this paragraph, "substantially all of its assets" means, at any date, a portion of the non-current assets reflected in USS' consolidated balance sheet as of the end of the most recent quarterly period that represents at least 66 2/3% of the total reported value of such assets. (Section 801)

## WAIVER OF CERTAIN COVENANTS

Unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement, USS may, with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, omit to comply with any provision of the covenants described under "-- Liens" and "-- Limitations on Certain Sale and Leasebacks" above or under "Purchase of Debt Securities Upon a Change of Control" or in any covenant provided in the terms of those Debt Securities if, before the time for such compliance, holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of that series waive such compliance in that instance or generally.

## PURCHASE OF DEBT SECURITIES UPON A CHANGE IN CONTROL

If any Change in Control (hereinafter defined) of USS occurs, each holder of Debt Securities will have the right, at that holder's option, subject to the terms and conditions of the Indenture, to require USS to become obligated to purchase all of that holder's Debt Securities on the date that is 35 Business Days after the occurrence of such Change in Control (the "Change in Control Purchase Date") at a cash price equal to (i) unless otherwise specified in the terms of such Debt Securities, 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to such Change in Control Purchase Date (except that interest installments due prior to such Change in Control Purchase Date will be payable to the holders of such Debt Securities of record at the close of business on the relevant record dates according to their terms and the provisions of the Indenture), or (ii) such other price or prices as may be

specified in the terms of such Debt Securities (the "Change in Control Purchase Prices"). (Section 1007)

Under the Indenture, a "Change in Control" of USS occurs if (i) any "person" or "group" of persons (excluding USS, any subsidiary, any employee stock ownership plan, any other employee benefit plan of USS or any person holding Voting Stock for any employee benefit plan of USS) acquires "beneficial ownership" (within the meaning of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Exchange Act) of shares of Voting Stock representing at least 35% of the outstanding Voting Power of USS, (ii) during any period of twenty-five consecutive months, commencing before or after the date of the Indenture, individuals who at the beginning of such 25-month period were directors of USS (together with any replacement or additional directors whose election was recommended by incumbent management of USS or who were elected by a majority of directors then in office) cease to constitute a majority of the board of directors of USS, or (iii) any person or group of related persons shall acquire all or substantially all of the assets of USS; provided, a Change in Control shall not have occurred if USS has merged or consolidated with or transferred all or substantially all of its assets to another entity in compliance with the provisions of Section 801 of the Indenture (relating to when USS may merge or transfer assets) and the surviving or successor or transferee entity is no more leveraged than was USS immediately prior to such event. The term "leveraged" means the percentage represented by the total assets of that entity divided by its stockholders' or member's equity, as would be shown on a consolidated balance sheet of that entity prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. The term "substantially all of its assets" used above means, at any date, a portion of the non-current assets reflected in USS' consolidated balance sheet as of the end of the most recent quarterly period that represents at least 66 2/3% of the total reported value of such assets.

"Voting Stock" means stock of USS having ordinary voting power for the election of the directors of USS, other than stock having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency. "Voting Power" means the total voting power represented by all outstanding shares of all classes of Voting Stock. (Section 101)

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To exercise this right to require USS to purchase a holder's Debt Securities after a Change of Control, the holder must deliver, at any time prior to the Change of Control purchase date specified in a notice delivered by USS after that Change of Control, a written notice of purchase to the paying agent specified in USS' notice. The holder's notice must state the numbers of the certificates of any Debt Securities that the holder will deliver to be purchased and that those Debt Securities are to be purchased under the terms and conditions specified in the Indenture and USS' notice.

If a Change in Control occurs, USS intends to comply with any applicable securities laws or regulations, including any applicable requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act. The Change in Control purchase feature of the Debt Securities may in certain circumstances make more difficult or discourage a takeover of USS. The Change in Control purchase feature, however, is not the result of management's knowledge of any specific effort to accumulate shares of Common Stock or to obtain control of USS by means of a merger, tender offer, solicitation or otherwise, or part of a plan by management to adopt a series of anti-takeover provisions. The Change in Control purchase feature is similar to that contained in other debt of USS as a result of negotiations between USS and the underwriters or holders of that debt.

Except as discussed, the Change in Control purchase feature does not afford holders of the Debt Securities protection against possible adverse effects of a reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction involving USS.

Our ability to purchase Debt Securities in the future may be limited by the terms of any then existing borrowing arrangements and by our financial resources.

## EVENTS OF DEFAULT

An Event of Default occurs with respect to any series of Debt Securities when: (i) USS defaults in paying principal of or premium, if any, on any of the Debt Securities of such series when due; (ii) USS defaults in paying interest on the Debt Securities of such series when due, continuing for 30 days; (iii) USS defaults in paying the Change in Control Purchase Price of any of the Debt Securities of such series as and when the same shall become due and payable; (iv) USS defaults in making deposits into any sinking fund payment with respect to any Debt Security of such series when due; (v) failure by USS in the performance of any other covenant or warranty in the Debt Securities of such series or in the Indenture continued for a period of 90 days after notice of such failure as provided in the Indenture; (vi) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization occur; or (vii) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Debt Securities of that series. (Section 501)

USS is required annually to deliver to the Trustee officers' certificates stating whether or not the signers have any knowledge of any default in the

If an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing with respect to any series, the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series then outstanding may declare the Debt Securities of such series to be due and payable. If an Event of Default described in clause (vi) of the first paragraph under "Events of Default" occurs with respect to any series of Debt Securities, the principal amount of all Debt Securities of that series (or, if any securities of that series are original issue discount securities, the portion of the principal amount of such securities as may be specified by the terms thereof) will automatically become due and payable without any declaration by the Trustee or the holders. (Section 502) The Trustee is required to give holders of the Debt Securities of any series written notice of a default with respect to such series as and to the extent provided by the Trust Indenture Act, except that the Trustee may not give such notice of a default described in clause (v) of the first paragraph under "Events of Default" until at least 60 days after the default. As used in this paragraph, a "default" means an event described in the first paragraph under "Events of Default" without including any applicable grace period. (Section 602)

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If at any time after the Debt Securities of such series have been declared due and payable, and before any judgment or decree for the moneys due has been obtained or entered, USS shall pay or deposit with the Trustee amounts sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest upon the Debt Securities of such series and the principal of all Debt Securities of such series which shall have become due, otherwise than by acceleration, together with interest on such principal and, to the extent legally enforceable, on such overdue installments of interest and all other amounts due under the Indenture shall have been paid, and any and all defaults with respect to such series under the Indenture shall have been remedied, then the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series then outstanding, by written notice to USS and the Trustee, may rescind and annul the declaration that the Debt Securities of such series are due and payable. (Section 502) In addition, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series may waive any past default and its consequences with respect to such series, except a default in the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any Debt Securities of such series or a default in the performance of a covenant that cannot be modified under the Indenture without the consent of the holder of each affected Debt Security. (Section 513)

The Trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under the Indenture at the request, order or direction of any of the holders of Debt Securities, unless such holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity. (Section 603) Subject to such provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and certain limitations contained in the Indenture, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of each series at the time outstanding shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Debt Securities of such series. (Section 512)

No holder of Debt Securities will have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the Indenture, for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or for any other remedy under the Indenture unless:

- the holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of that series; and
- the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of that series have made a written request to the Trustee, and offered reasonable indemnity, to the Trustee to institute proceedings as Trustee, the Trustee has failed to institute the proceedings within 60 days and the Trustee has not received from the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debt Securities of that series a direction inconsistent with that request. (Section 507)

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the holder of any Debt Security will have an absolute and unconditional right to receive payment of the principal of and any premium and, subject to the provisions of the Indenture regarding the payment of default interest, interest on that Debt Security on the due dates expressed in that security and to institute suit for the enforcement of payment. (Section 508)

# MODIFICATION OF THE INDENTURE

The Indenture contains provisions permitting USS and the Trustee to modify the Indenture or enter into or modify any supplemental indenture without the consent of the holders of the Debt Securities in regard to matters as shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Debt Securities, including, without limitation, the following: (a) to evidence the succession of another corporation to USS; (b) to add to the covenants of USS further covenants for the

benefit or protection of the holders of any or all series of Debt Securities or to surrender any right or power conferred upon USS by the Indenture; (c) to add any additional events of default with respect to all or any series of Debt Securities; (d) to add to or change any of the provisions of the Indenture to facilitate the issuance of Debt Securities in bearer form with or without coupons, or to permit or facilitate the issuance of Debt Securities in uncertificated form; (e) to add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of the Indenture in respect of one or more series of Debt Securities thereunder, under certain conditions designed to protect the rights of any existing holder

of those Debt Securities; (f) to secure all or any series of Debt Securities; (g) to establish the forms or terms of the Debt Securities of any series; (h) to evidence the appointment of a successor trustee and to add to or change provisions of the Indenture necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts under the Indenture by more than one trustee; (i) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision of the Indenture which may be defective or inconsistent with another provision of the Indenture; (j) to make other amendments that do not adversely affect the interests of the holders of any series of Debt Securities in any material respect; and (k) to add or change or eliminate any provision of the Indenture as shall be necessary or desirable in accordance with any amendments to the Trust Indenture Act. (Section 901)

USS and the Trustee may otherwise modify the Indenture or any supplemental indenture with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of each series of Debt Securities affected thereby at the time outstanding, except that no such modifications shall (i) extend the fixed maturity of any Debt Securities or any installment of interest or premium or any Debt Securities, or reduce the principal amount thereof or reduce the rate of interest or premium payable upon redemption, or reduce the amount of principal of an original issue discount Debt Security or any other Debt Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof, or change the currency in which the Debt Securities are payable or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment after the stated maturity thereof or the redemption date, if applicable, or adversely affect any right of the holder of any Debt Security to require USS to repurchase that security, without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security so affected, (ii) reduce the percentage of Debt Securities of any series, the consent of the holders of which is required for any waiver or supplemental indenture, without the consent of the holders of all Debt Securities affected thereby then outstanding or (iii) modify the provisions of the Indenture relating to the waiver of past defaults or the waiver or certain covenants or the provisions described under " Modification of the Indenture," except to increase any percentage set forth in those provisions or to provide that other provisions of the Indenture may not be modified without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security affected thereby, without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security affected thereby. (Section 902)

## SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE; DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

The Indenture shall be satisfied and discharged if (i) USS shall deliver to the Trustee all Debt Securities then outstanding for cancellation or (ii) all Debt Securities not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation shall have become due and payable, are to become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year and USS shall deposit an amount sufficient to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest to the date of maturity, redemption or deposit (in the case of Debt Securities that have become due and payable), provided that in either case USS shall have paid all other sums payable under the Indenture. (Section 401)

The Indenture provides, if such provision is made applicable to the Debt Securities of a series, that USS may elect either (A) to defease and be discharged from any and all obligations with respect to any Debt Security of such series (except for the obligations to register the transfer or exchange of such Debt Security, to replace temporary or mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Securities, to maintain an office or agency in respect of the Debt Securities and to hold moneys for payment in trust) ("defeasance") or (B) to be released from its obligations with respect to such Debt Security under Sections 801, 803, 1005, 1006, 1007 and 1009 of the Indenture (being the restrictions described above under "Certain Covenants of USS in the Indenture" and USS' obligations described under "Purchase of Debt Securities upon a Change in Control") together with additional covenants that may be included for a particular series and (ii) that Sections 501(4), 501(5) (as to Sections 801, 803, 1005, 1006, 1007 and 1009) and 501(8), as described in clauses (iv), (v) and (vii) under "Events of Default," shall not be Events of Default under the Indenture with respect to such series ("covenant defeasance"), upon the deposit with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee), in trust for such purpose, of money certain U.S. government obligations and/or, in the case of Debt Securities denominated in U.S. dollars, certain state and local government obligations which through the payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms will provide money, in

an amount sufficient to pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such Debt Security, on the scheduled due dates. In the case of defeasance, the holders of such Debt Securities are entitled to receive payments in respect of such Debt Securities solely from such trust. Such a trust may only be established if, among other things, USS has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel (as specified in the Indenture) to the effect that the holders of the Debt Securities affected thereby will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance or covenant defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred. Such Opinion of Counsel, in the case of defeasance under clause (A) above, must refer to and be based upon a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or a change in applicable Federal income tax law occurring after the date of the Indenture. (Section 1304)

#### RECORD DATES

The Indenture provides that in certain circumstances USS may establish a record date for determining the holders of outstanding Debt Securities of a Series entitled to join in the giving of notice or the taking of other action under the Indenture by the holders of the Debt Securities of such Series.

#### GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the State of New York govern the Indenture and will govern the Debt Securities. (Section 112)

#### BOOK-ENTRY SECURITIES

The following description of book-entry securities will apply to any series of Debt Securities issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities except as otherwise described in the prospectus supplement.

Book-entry securities of like tenor and having the same date will be represented by one or more global securities deposited with and registered in the name of a depositary that is a clearing agent registered under the Exchange Act. Beneficial interests in book-entry securities will be limited to institutions that have accounts with the depositary ("participants") or persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests by participants will only be evidenced by, and the transfer of that ownership interest will only be effected through, records maintained by the depositary. Ownership of beneficial interests by persons that hold through participants will only be evidenced by, and the transfer of that ownership interest within such participant will only be effected through, records maintained by the participants. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

Payment of principal of and any premium and interest on book-entry securities represented by a global security registered in the name of or held by a depositary will be made to the depositary, as the registered owner of the global security. Neither USS, the Trustee nor any agent of USS or the Trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the depositary's records or any participant's records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the depositary's records or any participant's records relating to the beneficial ownership interests. Payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a global security held through such participants will be governed by the depositary's procedures, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in "street name," and will be the sole responsibility of such participants.

No global security may be transferred except as a whole by the depositary for that global security.  $\,$ 

A global security representing a book-entry security is exchangeable for definitive Debt Securities in registered form, of like tenor and of an equal aggregate principal amount, only if (a) the depositary notifies

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USS that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for that global security or the depositary ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, (b) USS in its sole discretion determines that the global security shall be exchangeable for definitive Debt Securities in registered form, or (c) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of that Series. Any Global Security that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be exchangeable in whole for definitive Debt Securities in registered form, of like tenor and of an equal aggregate principal amount, and in the authorized denominations for that Series. Such definitive Debt Securities shall be registered in the name or names of such person or persons as the depositary shall instruct the Trustee. It is expected that such instructions may be based upon directions received by the depositary from its participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in such

global security.

Except as provided above, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Debt Securities in definitive form and will not be considered the holders thereof for any purpose under the Indenture, and no global security shall be exchangeable, except for another global security of like denomination and tenor to be registered in the name of the depositary. This means each person owning a beneficial interest in such global security must rely on the procedures of the depositary and, if such person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which such person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the Indenture. USS understands that under existing industry practices, if USS requests any action of holders or an owner of a beneficial interest in such global security desires to give or take any action that a holder is entitled to give or take under the Indenture, the depositary would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take such action, and such participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through such participant to give or take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

## CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE

The Bank of New York is also trustee for our 10 3/4% Senior Notes due August 1, 2008, for our Senior Quarterly Income Debt Securities and for several series of obligations issued by various governmental authorities relating to environmental projects at various USS facilities. USS and its subsidiaries maintain ordinary banking relationships, including loans and deposit accounts, with The Bank of New York and anticipate that they will continue to do so.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a description of the material terms of the capital stock of USS included in its certificate of incorporation. This description is qualified by reference to the certificate of incorporation, and the Rights Agreement (the "Rights Agreement") between USS and Mellon Bank, N.A., as Rights Agent (the "Rights Agent"), that have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

#### GENERAL

The authorized capital stock of USS consists of 14 million shares of preferred stock, without par value, and 200 million shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share. As of December 31, 2001, there were no shares of preferred stock outstanding and 89,195,915 million shares of common stock outstanding.

## PREFERRED STOCK

The preferred stock may be issued without the approval of the holders of common stock in one or more series, from time to time. The designation, powers, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions of any preferred stock will be stated in a resolution providing for the issue of that series adopted by our board of directors and will be described in the appropriate prospectus supplement (if any), including the following:

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- 1. When to issue the preferred stock, whether in one or more series so long as the total number of shares does not exceed 14 million;
- The powers, preferences and relative participation, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limits or restrictions on preferred stock;
- The dividend rate of each series, the terms of payment, the priority of payment versus any other class of stock and whether the dividends will be cumulative;
- 4. Terms of redemption;
- 5. Any convertible features;
- 6. Any voting rights;
- 7. Liquidation preferences; and
- 8. Any other terms.

Holders of preferred stock will be entitled to receive dividends (other than dividends of common stock) before any dividends are payable to holders of common stock.

The future issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of USS.

The holders of common stock will be entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by the USS board of directors out of funds legally available therefor, subject to the rights of any shares of preferred stock at the time outstanding. The holders of common stock will be entitled to one vote for each share on all matters voted on generally by stockholders under our certificate of incorporation, including the election of directors. Holders of common stock do not have any cumulative voting, conversion, redemption or preemptive rights. In the event of dissolution, liquidation or winding up of USS, holders of the common stock will be entitled to share ratably in any assets remaining after the satisfaction in full of the prior rights of creditors, including holders of any then outstanding indebtedness, and subject to the aggregate liquidation preference and participation rights of any preferred stock then outstanding. The issuance of additional shares of authorized stock by USS may occur at such times and under such circumstances as to have a dilutive effect on earnings per share and on the equity ownership of the holders of common stock.

#### STOCK TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

USS maintains its own stock transfer department at the following address: United States Steel Corporation, Shareholders Services Department, 600 Grant Street, Room 611, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2800. Certificates representing shares can also be presented for registration of transfer at Mellon Shareholder Services, 120 Broadway, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10021.

Mellon Investor Services LLC, 500 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 is the Registrar for all the Common Stock.

## RIGHTS PLAN

The following is a brief description of the terms of the stockholders rights plan set forth in the Rights Agreement between USS and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Rights Agent.

The purpose of the Rights Agreement is to:

- give our board of directors the opportunity to negotiate with any persons seeking to obtain control of USS;
- deter acquisitions of voting control of USS without assurance of fair and equal treatment of all USS stockholders; and

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 prevent a person from acquiring in the market a sufficient amount of voting power to be in a position to block an action sought to be taken by our stockholders.

The exercise of the Rights would cause substantial dilution to a person attempting to acquire USS on terms not approved by our board of directors and would therefore significantly increase the price that person would have to pay to complete the acquisition. The Rights Agreement may deter a potential acquisition or tender offer.

Under the Rights Agreement, the Right to purchase from USS one-hundredth of a share of Series A Junior Preferred Stock, no par value (the "Junior Preferred Stock"), at a purchase price of \$110 in cash, subject to adjustment, is attached to each share of common stock.

The Rights will expire at the close of business on December 31, 2011, unless that date is extended or the rights are earlier redeemed or exchanged by USS as described below.

Until the Rights are distributed, they will:

- not be exercisable;
- be represented by the same certificates that represent the common stock;
   and
- trade together with the common stock.

If the Rights are distributed, they will become exercisable, and USS would issue separate certificates representing the Rights, which would trade separately from USS' common stock.

The Rights would be distributed upon the earlier of

- 10 business days following a public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons (an "Acquiring Person") has acquired (except pursuant to a Qualifying Offer (defined in the Rights Agreement as an all-cash tender offer for all outstanding shares of common stock meeting certain prescribed requirements)), or obtained the right to acquire, beneficial ownership of common stock representing 15% or more of the total voting power of all outstanding shares of common stock (the

- 10 business days (or upon such later date as may be determined by the board of directors) following the commencement of a tender offer or exchange offer (other than a Qualifying Offer) that would result in a person or a group beneficially owning common stock representing 15% or more of the total voting power of all outstanding shares of common stock.

However, an "Acquiring Person" will not include USS, any of its subsidiaries, any of its employee benefit plans or any person organized pursuant to those employee benefit plans. The Rights Agreement also contains provisions designed to prevent the inadvertent triggering of the Rights by institutional or certain other stockholders.

If a person or group becomes the beneficial owner of common stock representing 15% or more of the total voting power of all outstanding shares of common stock (except pursuant to a Qualifying Offer), the Rights "flip-in" and entitle each holder of a Right (other than the Acquiring Person and certain related parties) to receive, upon exercise, common stock (or in certain circumstances, cash, property, or other securities of USS), having a value equal to two times the exercise price of the Right. However, Rights are not exercisable until such time as the Rights are no longer redeemable by USS as set forth below.

If at any time following the Stock Acquisition Date, (i) USS consolidates with, or merges with and into, any other person in a transaction in which USS is not the surviving corporation (other than a merger that follows a Qualifying Offer) or another person consolidates with, or merges with or into, USS and USS' common stock is changed into or exchanged for securities of another person or cash or other property, or (ii) 50% or more of USS' assets, earning power or cash flow is sold or transferred, the Rights "flip-over" and entitle each holder of a Right (other than an Acquiring Person and certain related parties) to receive, upon exercise, common stock of the acquiring company having a value equal to two times the exercise price of the Right.

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USS reserves the right, before the occurrence of an event described in the two preceding paragraphs, to require that upon an exercise of Rights, a number of Rights be exercised so that only whole shares of Junior Preferred Stock would be issued.

At any time until the earlier of 10 business days following the Stock Acquisition Date and December 31, 2011 (subject to extension), USS may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$.01 per whole Right payable in stock or cash or any other form of consideration deemed appropriate by its board of directors (the "Redemption Price"). Immediately upon the action of the Board of Directors ordering redemption of the Rights, the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of the Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

The board of directors may, at its option, at any time after any person becomes an Acquiring Person, exchange all or part of the outstanding and exercisable Rights (other than Rights held by the Acquiring Person and certain related parties) for shares of common stock at an exchange ratio of one share of common stock for each Right (subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments). However, the board of directors may not effect such an exchange at any time any person or group beneficially owns common stock representing 50% or more of the total voting power of the common stock then outstanding. Immediately after the board of directors orders such an exchange, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate, and the only right of the holders of the Rights will be to receive shares of common stock at the exchange ratio.

As long as the Rights are attached to shares of common stock, USS will issue Rights on each share of common stock issued prior to the earlier of the rights distribution date and the expiration date of the Rights so that all such shares will have attached Rights.

A holder of Rights will not, as such, have any rights as a shareholder of USS, including rights to vote or receive dividends.

The purchase price payable upon exercise of the Rights is subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution, subject to the qualifications set forth in the rights agreement:

- in the event of a stock dividend on, or a subdivision, combination or reclassification of, the Junior Preferred Stock;
- if holders of Junior Preferred Stock are granted certain rights or warrants to subscribe for Junior Preferred Stock or securities convertible into Junior Preferred Stock at less than the market price of the Junior Preferred Stock; or
- upon the distribution to holders of the Junior Preferred Stock of evidences of indebtedness or assets (excluding regular quarterly cash dividends) or of subscription rights or warrants (other than those

referred to above).

At any time prior to the distribution of the Rights, the board of directors may amend any provision of the Rights Agreement. After the distribution of the Rights, the board of directors may amend the provisions of the Rights Agreement in order to:

- cure any ambiguity;
- correct any defective or inconsistent provision;
- shorten or lengthen any time period under the Rights Agreement, subject to the limitations specified in the rights agreement; or
- make changes that will not adversely affect the interests of the holders of Rights (other than an Acquiring Person and certain related parties);

provided, that no amendment may be made when the Rights are not redeemable.

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The distribution of the Rights will not be taxable to USS or its stockholders. A stockholder may recognize taxable income in the event that the Rights become exercisable for common stock (or other consideration) of USS or common stock of an acquiring company.

This description is only a summary of the material provisions of the rights agreement. We urge you to read the Rights Agreement because it, and not this description, defines your rights as holders of Rights. A copy of the Rights Agreement is available free of charge from the Rights Agent by writing to Mellon Investor Services, LLC at 500 Grant Street, Room 2122, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 or from USS. (See "Where You Can Find More Information.")

DELAWARE LAW, OUR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS CONTAIN PROVISIONS THAT MAY HAVE AN ANTI-TAKEOVER EFFECT

Certain provisions of Delaware law and our certificate of incorporation could make more difficult or delay a change in control of USS by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise and the removal of incumbent directors. These provisions are intended to discourage certain types of coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids, even though such a transaction may offer our stockholders the opportunity to sell their stock at a price above the prevailing market price. Our board of directors believes that these provisions are appropriate to protect the interests of USS and of its stockholders.

Delaware Law. We are governed by the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, Section 203 prohibits a public Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, unless:

- before the business combination, the corporation's board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder's becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the stockholder's becoming an interested stockholder, the stockholder owned at least 85% of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for the purpose of determining the number of shares outstanding those shares owned by the corporation's officers and directors and by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- at or subsequent to the time, the business combination is approved by the corporation's board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of its stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least  $66\ 2/3\%$  of its outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

A "business combination" includes mergers, asset sales or other transactions resulting in a financial benefit to the stockholder. An "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns (or within three years did own) 15% or more of the corporation's voting stock.

Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws. Our certificate of incorporation provides that our board of directors is classified into three classes of directors, each class consisting of approximately one-third of the directors. Directors serve a three-year term, with a different class of directors up for election each year. Under Delaware law, directors of a corporation with a classified board may be removed only for cause unless the corporation's certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Our certificate of incorporation does not provide otherwise. Board classification could prevent a

party who acquires control of a majority of USS' outstanding voting stock from obtaining control of its board of directors until the second annual stockholders' meeting following the date that party obtains that control.

Our certificate of incorporation also provides that any action required or permitted to be taken by its stockholders must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting and may not be taken by written consent.

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Our by-laws provide that special meetings of stockholders may be called only by the board of directors and not by the stockholders. Our by-laws include advance notice and informational requirements and time limitations on any director nomination or any new proposal that a stockholder wishes to make at a meeting of stockholders. In general, a stockholder's notice of a director nomination or proposal will be timely if delivered or mailed to our Secretary at our principal executive offices not less than 45 days and, in certain situations, 90 days, before the annual meeting or within 10 days following the announcement of the date of the meeting. These provisions may preclude stockholders from bringing matters before a meeting or from making nominations for directors at these meetings.

Our by-laws do not include a provision for cumulative voting for directors. Under cumulative voting, a minority stockholder holding a sufficient percentage of a class of shares may be able to ensure the election of one or more directors.

Our certificate of incorporation provides for the issuance of preferred stock, at the discretion of our board of directors, from time to time, in one or more series, without further action by our stockholders, unless approval of our stockholders is deemed advisable by our board of directors or required by applicable law, regulation or stock exchange listing requirements. In addition, our authorized but unissued shares of our common stock will be available for issuance from time to time at the discretion of our board of directors without the approval of our stockholders, unless such approval is deemed advisable by our board of directors or required by applicable law, regulation or stock exchange listing requirements. One of the effects of the existence of authorized, unissued and unreserved shares of our common stock and preferred stock could be to enable our board of directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management that could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of USS by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, and thereby protect the continuity of our management. Such additional shares also could be used to dilute the stock ownership of persons seeking to obtain control of USS.

Our certificate of incorporation provides that vacancies in our board of directors may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors. The certificate of incorporation also provides that directors may be removed from office only with cause and only by the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the shares then entitled to vote at an election of directors. These provisions preclude stockholders from removing directors without cause and filling vacancies with their own nominees.

Our Rights will permit disinterested stockholders to acquire additional shares of USS, or of an acquiring company, at a substantial discount in the event of certain changes in control. See "Description of Capital Stock -- Rights Plan."

Certain provisions described above may have the effect of delaying stockholder actions with respect to certain business combinations. As such, the provisions could have the effect of discouraging open market purchases of our shares of common stock because such provisions may be considered disadvantageous by a stockholder who desires to participate in a business combination.

## LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION MATTERS

Our certificate of incorporation provides that a director is not personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except (1) for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us and our stockholders, (2) for acts and omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. These provisions of our certificate of incorporation are intended to afford directors protection, and limit their potential liability, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. Because of these provisions, stockholders may be unable to recover monetary damages against directors for actions taken by them that constitute negligence or gross negligence or that are in violation of some of their fiduciary duties. These provisions do not affect a director's responsibilities under any other laws, such as the federal securities laws.

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We have obtained directors' and officers' insurance for our directors and officers for specified liabilities.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

The following briefly summarizes the material provisions of the deposit agreement and of the depositary shares and depositary receipts, other than pricing and related terms disclosed for a particular issuance in an accompanying prospectus supplement. You should read the particular terms of any depositary shares and any depositary receipts that we offer and any deposit agreement relating to a particular series of preferred stock which will be described in more detail in a prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will also state whether any of the generalized provisions summarized below do not apply to the depositary shares or depositary receipts being offered. A copy of the form of deposit agreement, including the form of depositary receipt, is incorporated by reference as an exhibit in the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. You can obtain copies of these documents by following the directions on page 29. You should read the more detailed provisions of the deposit agreement and the form of depositary receipt for provisions that may be important to you.

## GENERAL

USS may, at its option, elect to offer fractional shares of preferred stock, rather than full shares of preferred stock. In such event, we will issue receipts for depositary shares, each of which will represent a fraction of a share of a particular series of preferred stock.

The shares of any series of preferred stock represented by depositary shares will be deposited under a deposit agreement between USS and a bank or trust company selected by USS having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50 million, as preferred stock depositary. Each owner of a depositary share will be entitled to all the rights and preferences of the underlying preferred stock, including dividend, voting, redemption, conversion and liquidation rights, in proportion to the applicable fraction of a share of preferred stock represented by such depositary share.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the deposit agreement. Depositary receipts will be distributed to those persons purchasing the fractional shares of preferred stock in accordance with the terms of the applicable prospectus supplement.

# DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

The preferred stock depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions received in respect of the deposited preferred stock to the record holders of depositary shares relating to such preferred stock in proportion to the number of such depositary shares owned by such holders.

The preferred stock depositary will distribute any property received by it other than cash to the record holders of depositary shares entitled thereto. If the preferred stock depositary determines that it is not feasible to make such distribution, it may, with the approval of USS, sell such property and distribute the net proceeds from such sale to such holders.

## REDEMPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

If a series of preferred stock represented by depositary shares is to be redeemed, the depositary shares will be redeemed from the proceeds received by the preferred stock depositary resulting from the redemption, in whole or in part, of such series of preferred stock. The depositary shares will be redeemed by the preferred stock depositary at a price per depositary share equal to the applicable fraction of the redemption price per share payable in respect of the shares of preferred stock so redeemed.

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Whenever USS redeems shares of preferred stock held by the preferred stock depositary, the preferred stock depositary will redeem as of the same date the number of depositary shares representing shares of preferred stock so redeemed. If fewer than all the depositary shares are to be redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by the preferred stock depositary by lot or ratably as the preferred stock depositary may decide.

# VOTING DEPOSITED PREFERRED STOCK

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of any series of deposited preferred stock are entitled to vote, the preferred stock depositary will mail the information contained in such notice of meeting to the record holders of the depositary shares relating to such series of preferred stock. Each record holder of such depositary shares on the record date will be entitled to instruct the preferred stock depositary to vote the amount of the preferred stock represented by such holder's depositary shares. The preferred stock

depositary will try to vote the amount of such series of preferred stock represented by such depositary shares in accordance with such instructions.

USS will agree to take all actions that the preferred stock depositary determines are necessary to enable the preferred stock depositary to vote as instructed. The preferred stock depositary will abstain from voting shares of any series of preferred stock held by it for which it does not receive specific instructions from the holders of depositary shares representing such shares.

## AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

The form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of the deposit agreement may at any time be amended by agreement between USS and the preferred stock depositary. However, any amendment that materially and adversely alters any existing right of the holders of depositary shares (other than certain changes in the fees of the preferred stock depositary) will not be effective unless such amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the depositary shares then outstanding. Every holder of an outstanding depositary receipt at the time any such amendment becomes effective shall be deemed, by continuing to hold such depositary receipt, to consent and agree to such amendment and to be bound by the deposit agreement, as amended thereby. The deposit agreement may be terminated only if:

- all outstanding depositary shares have been redeemed; or
- a final distribution in respect of the preferred stock has been made to the holders of depositary shares in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of USS.

CHARGES OF PREFERRED STOCK DEPOSITARY, TAXES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT CHARGES

USS will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. USS also will pay charges of the depositary in connection with the initial deposit of preferred stock and any redemption of preferred stock. Holders of depositary receipts will pay other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges and such other charges, including a fee for the withdrawal of shares of preferred stock upon surrender of depositary receipts, as are expressly provided in the deposit agreement to be for their accounts.

## RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF DEPOSITARY

The preferred stock depositary may resign at any time by delivering to USS notice of its intent to do so, and USS may at any time remove the preferred stock depositary, any such resignation or removal to take effect upon the appointment of a successor preferred stock depositary and its acceptance of such appointment. Such successor preferred stock depositary must be appointed within 60 days after delivery of the notice of resignation or removal and must be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50 million.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

USS will transmit to the record holders of depositary shares all notices and reports that USS is required to furnish to the holders of the depositary shares

Neither the preferred stock depositary nor USS will be liable under the deposit agreement other than for its negligence or willful misconduct. The preferred stock depositary and USS will not be obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares, depositary receipts or shares of preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. USS and the preferred stock depositary may rely upon written advice of counsel or accountants, or upon information provided by holders of depositary receipts or other persons believed to be competent and on documents believed to be genuine. The preferred stock depositary will not be responsible for any failure to carry out any instruction to vote any shares of preferred stock, as long as that action or non-action is in good faith.

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## DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

USS may issue Warrants for the purchase of Debt Securities, preferred stock or common stock (each a "USS Security," and together the "USS Securities"). Warrants may be issued independently or together with any USS Security offered by any prospectus supplement and may be attached to or separate from any such USS Security. Each series of Warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement (a "Warrant Agreement") to be entered into between USS and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent (the "Warrant Agent"). The Warrant Agent will act solely as an agent of USS in connection with the Warrants and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders or beneficial owners of Warrants. The following summary of certain provisions of

the Warrants does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the provisions of the Warrant Agreement that will be filed with the SEC in connection with the offering of such Warrants.

#### DEBT WARRANTS

The prospectus supplement relating to a particular issue of Warrants to issue Debt Securities ("Debt Warrants") will describe the terms of such Debt Warrants, including the following (if applicable): (a) the title of such Debt Warrants; (b) the offering price for such Debt Warrants; (c) the aggregate number of such Debt Warrants; (d) the designation and terms of the Debt Securities purchasable upon exercise of such Debt Warrants; (e) the designation and terms of the Debt Securities with which such Debt Warrants are issued and the number of such Debt Warrants issued with each such Debt Security; (f) the date from and after which such Debt Warrants and any Debt Securities issued therewith will be separately transferable; (g) the principal amount of Debt Securities purchasable upon exercise of a Debt Warrant and the price at which such principal amount of Debt Securities may be purchased upon exercise (which price may be payable in cash, securities, or other property); (h) the date on which the right to exercise such Debt Warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire; (i) the minimum or maximum amount of such Debt Warrants that may be exercised at any one time; (j) whether the Debt Warrants represented by the Debt Warrant certificates, or Debt Securities that may be issued upon exercise of the Debt Warrants, will be issued in registered or bearer form; (k) information with respect to book-entry procedures; (l) the currency or currency units in which the offering price and the exercise price are payable; (m) a discussion of material United States federal income tax considerations; (n) the redemption or call provisions applicable to such Debt Warrants; and (o) any additional terms of the Debt Warrants, including terms, procedures, and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such Debt Warrants.

## STOCK WARRANTS

The prospectus supplement relating to any particular issue of Warrants to issue preferred stock or common stock will describe the terms of such Warrants, including the following (if applicable): (a) the title of such Warrants; (b) the offering price for such Warrants; (c) the aggregate number of such Warrants; (d) the designation and terms of the preferred stock or common stock purchasable upon exercise of such Warrants; (e) the designation and terms of the USS Securities with which such Warrants are issued and the number of such Warrants issued with each such USS Security; (f) the date from and after which such Warrants and any USS Securities issued therewith will be separately transferable; (g) the number of shares of preferred stock or common stock purchasable upon exercise of a Warrant and the price at which such shares may be purchased upon exercise; (h) the date on which the right to exercise such Warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire; (i) the minimum or maximum amount of such Warrants that may be exercised at any one time; (j) the currency or currency units in which the offering price and the exercise price are payable; (k) a discussion of material United States federal income tax considerations; (1) the antidilution provisions of such Warrants; (m) the redemption or call provisions applicable to such Warrants; and (n) any additional terms of the Warrants, including terms, procedures, and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such Warrants.

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## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

USS files annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our SEC filings are also accessible through the Internet at the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov and on our website at http://www.ussteel.com.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus the information in documents we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents and any future filings we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until all the offered securities are sold:

- (a) USX Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, as amended by Form 10-K/A filed on September 14, 2001 and Form 10-K/A filed on October 11, 2001;
- (b) USX Corporation's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2001, June 30, 2001 and September 30, 2001;
  - (c) USX Corporation's Current Reports on Form 8-K dated January 24,

2001, February 27, 2001, April 24, 2001 (two filings), May 8, 2001, May 29, 2001 (as amended), June 15, 2001, July 2, 2001, July 13, 2001, July 31, 2001, August 1, 2001, August 2, 2001, August 6, 2001, August 14, 2001, August 23, 2001, October 12, 2001, October 22, 2001 (as amended), October 25, 2001, November 2, 2001, November 5, 2001, November 7, 2001, November 14, 2001, November 28, 2001, December 4, 2001, December 9, 2001, December 10, 2001, December 13, 2001, and December 17, 2001 (two filings);

- (d) USS' Current Reports on Form 8-K dated December 31, 2001, January 17, 2002, January 18, 2002, February 8, 2002, February 21, 2002 and March 1, 2002:
- (e) United States Steel LLC's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed December 6, 2001;
- (f) Amendment No. 1 to United States Steel LLC's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed December 31, 2001; and
  - (g) USS' Proxy Statement on Form 14A dated March 11, 2002.

We will provide, upon written or oral request, to each person to whom a prospectus is delivered, including any beneficial owner, a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in the prospectus but not delivered with the prospectus. You may request a copy of these filings at no cost. To do so please contact our Office of the Corporate Secretary, United States Steel Corporation, 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-2800 (telephone: 412-433-4801).

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may offer the offered securities in one or more of the following ways from time to time:

- to or through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters;
- through one or more underwriters without a syndicate for them to offer and sell to the public;
- through dealers or agents;
- to investors directly in negotiated sales or in competitively bid transactions; or
- to holders of other securities in exchanges in connection with acquisitions;

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The prospectus supplement for each series of securities we sell will describe the offering, including:

- the name or names of any underwriters;
- the purchase price and the proceeds to us from that sale;
- any underwriting discounts and other items constituting underwriters' compensation, which in the aggregate will not exceed eight percent of the gross proceeds of the offering;
- any commissions paid to agents;
- the initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers; and
- any securities exchanges on which the securities may be listed.

# UNDERWRITERS

If underwriters are used in a sale, we will execute an underwriting agreement with them regarding those securities. Unless otherwise described in the prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase these securities will be subject to conditions, and the underwriters must purchase all of these securities if any are purchased.

The securities subject to the underwriting agreement may be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold by them from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Underwriters may be deemed to have received compensation from us in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions and may also receive commissions from the purchasers of these securities for whom they may act as agent. Underwriters may sell these securities to or through dealers. These dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agent. Any initial

offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

We may authorize underwriters to solicit offers by institutions to purchase the securities subject to the underwriting agreement from us, at the public offering price stated in the prospectus supplement under delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. If we sell securities under these delayed delivery contracts, the prospectus supplement will state that this is the case and will describe the conditions to which these delayed delivery contracts will be subject and the commissions payable for that solicitation.

In connection with underwritten offerings of the securities, the underwriters may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as follows:

- Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position for the underwriters.
- Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.
- Covering transactions involve purchases of the securities in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions.
- Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a broker/dealer when the securities originally sold by that broker/dealer are repurchased in a covering transaction to cover short positions.

These stabilizing transactions, covering transactions and penalty bids may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would otherwise be in the absence of these transactions. If these transactions occur, they may be discontinued at any time.

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#### AGENTS

We may also sell any of the securities through agents designated by us from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of these securities and will list commissions payable by us to these agents in the prospectus supplement. These agents will be acting on a best efforts basis to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment, unless we state otherwise in the prospectus supplement.

## DIRECT SALES

We may sell any of the securities directly to purchasers. In this case, we will not engage underwriters or agents in the offer and sale of these securities.

In addition, debt securities or shares of common stock or preferred stock may be issued upon the exercise of warrants.

# INDEMNIFICATION

We may indemnify underwriters, dealers or agents who participate in the distribution of securities against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, and may agree to contribute to payments that these underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make.

## NO ASSURANCE OF LIQUIDITY

The securities we offer may be a new issue of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters that purchase securities from us may make a market in these securities. The underwriters will not be obligated, however, to make a market and may discontinue market-making at any time without notice to holders of the securities. We cannot assure you that there will be liquidity in the trading market for any securities of any series.

## VALIDITY OF SECURITIES

The validity of the issuance of the Offered Securities will be passed upon for USS by D. D. Sandman, Esq., Vice Chairman, Chief Legal Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of USS or by R.M. Stanton, Esq., Assistant General Counsel -- Corporate and Assistant Secretary of USS. Messrs. Sandman and Stanton, in their respective capacities as set forth above, are paid salaries by USS, participate in various employee benefit plans offered by USS and own common stock of USS.

## EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of United States Steel Corporation as

of December 31, 2001 and 2000 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001 incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 1, 2002 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of USX Corporation, and the financial statements of the U. S. Steel Group of USX Corporation, as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2000 incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of USX Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2000 have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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#### PART II

## INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

### ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION.

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| Securities and Exchange Commission filing fee | \$ 36,800 |
| Costs of printing and engraving               | 90,000    |
| Accounting fees and expenses                  | 25,000    |
| Miscellaneous expenses                        | 20,000    |
|   |           |
| Total   | \$171,800 |
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All of these foregoing expenses are estimated except for the Securities and Exchange Commission filing fee.

## ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Article V of the Corporation's By-Laws provides that the Corporation shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by law any person who is made or is threatened to be made a party or is involved in any action, suit, or proceeding whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as an officer, director, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise, or nonprofit entity.

The Corporation is empowered by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, subject to the procedures and limitations stated therein, to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, employee, agent or director of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The Corporation may indemnify any such person against expenses (including attorneys' fees) in an action by or in the right of the Corporation under the same conditions, except that no indemnification is permitted without judicial approval if such person is adjudged to be liable to the Corporation. To the extent a director or officer is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the Corporation must indemnify him against the expenses that he actually and reasonably incurred in connection therewith.

Policies of insurance are maintained by the Corporation under which directors and officers of the Corporation are insured, within the limits and subject to the limitations of the policies, against certain expenses in connection with the defense of actions, suits or proceedings, and certain liabilities which might be imposed as a result of such actions, suits or proceedings, to which they are parties by reason of being or having been such directors or officers.

The Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation provides that no director shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty by such director as a director, except (i) for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its

stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

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ITEM 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS.

See Exhibit Index.

## ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS.

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section  $10\,(a)\,(3)$  of the Securities Act of 1933;
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table on the cover of this registration statement;
  - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) USS hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of USS' annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of USS pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, USS has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by USS of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of USS in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, USS will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, THE REGISTRANT CERTIFIES THAT IT HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT IT MEETS ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING ON FORM S-3 AND HAS DULY CAUSED THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT TO BE SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY THE UNDERSIGNED, THEREUNTO DULY AUTHORIZED, IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ON MARCH 12, 2002.

> UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ GRETCHEN R. HAGGERTY

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Senior Vice President & Controller

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IN THE CAPACITIES INDICATED ON MARCH 12, 2002.

/s/ JOHN W. SNOW

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| /s/ THOMAS J. USHER                 | Chairman Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, President and Director |
| Thomas J. Usher                     | (Principal Executive Officer)  |
| /s/ ROY G. DORRANCE                 | Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer<br>and Director                    |
| Roy G. Dorrance                     |  |
| /s/ DAN D. SANDMAN                  | Vice Chairman and Chief Legal & Administrative Officer and Director          |
| Dan D. Sandman                      |  |
| /s/ JOHN P. SURMA JR.               | Vice Chairman & Chief Financial Officer<br>and Director                      |
| John P. Surma Jr.                   |  |
| /s/ GRETCHEN R. HAGGERTY            | Senior Vice President & Controller<br>(Principal Accounting Officer)         |
| Gretchen R. Haggerty                | (Trincipal Accounting Officer)   |
| /s/ J. GARY COOPER                  | Director   |
| J. Gary Cooper                      |  |
| /s/ ROBERT J. DARNALL               | Director   |
| Robert J. Darnall                   |  |
| /s/ SHIRLEY ANN JACKSON             | Director   |
| Shirley Ann Jackson                 |  |
| /s/ CHARLES R. LEE                  | Director   |
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| Paul E. Lego                        |  |
| /s/ JOHN F. MCGILLICUDDY            | Director   |
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| /s/ SETH E. SCHOFIELD               | Director   |
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Director

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John W. Snow

## /s/ DOUGLAS C. YEARLEY

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

<Caption> EXHIBIT NUMBER - -----\*1 Form of Underwriting Agreement. 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of USS dated December 31, 2001, as currently in effect. 3.2 By-laws of USS dated December 31, 2001, as currently in effect. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to USS' Report on Form 8-K dated December 31, 2001.) 4.1 Form of Indenture for Debt Securities with Form of Debt Securities. Form of Deposit Agreement for Depositary Shares. 4.2 Rights Agreement (Incorporated by Reference to Exhibit 4 to 4.3 the Registration Statement of USS on Form 8-A/A filed on December 31, 2001.) Opinion and consent of D. D. Sandman, Esq. 12.1 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges. 12.2 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends. 23.1 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

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Powers of Attorney.

Statement of eligibility of Trustee.

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Consent of D. D. Sandman, Esq. (Included in Exhibit 5.)

Director

<sup>\*</sup> The Company will file as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K (i) any underwriting agreement relating to securities offered hereby, (ii) the instruments setting forth the terms of any debt securities, preferred stock or warrants, (iii) any additional required opinion of counsel to the Company as to the legality of the securities offered hereby or (iv) any required opinion of counsel to the Company as to certain tax matters relative to securities offered hereby.

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### CORRECTED

## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

## UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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 $\label{eq:pursuant} \quad \text{Pursuant to 103(f) of the}$  General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware

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UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify as follows:

FIRST: A Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation") was filed by the sole incorporator of the Corporation with the State of Delaware on December 31, 2001.

SECOND: The Certificate of Incorporation was an inaccurate record of the Corporation's intent in that the second paragraph of Article Seventh of the Certificate of Incorporation contained certain typographical errors.

 $\tt THIRD:$   $\,$  The Certificate of Incorporation in corrected form is set forth in its entirety as Annex I attached hereto.

FOURTH: This Corrected Certificate of Incorporation has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 103(f) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Corrected Certificate of Incorporation to be executed this 5th day of March, 2002.

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Albert E. Ferrara Jr.

Albert E. Ferrara Jr.
Senior Vice President and Treasurer

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ANNEX I

## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

## UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

FIRST: The name of the Corporation (which is hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") is

## UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

SECOND: Its registered office and place of business in the State of Delaware is located at 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, City of Wilmington, County of New Castle. The registered agent in charge thereof upon whom process against the Corporation may be served is Corporation Service Company.

THIRD: The purposes of the Corporation are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Delaware, and without limiting the foregoing to engage in integrated steel operations and to develop, mine, produce, manufacture, construct, transport, buy, hold, sell and generally deal in products, materials, property, both tangible and intangible, and services of all kinds.

FORTH: The total number of shares of capital stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is Two Hundred and Fourteen Million (214,000,000), of which Two Hundred Million (200,000,000) shares shall be Common Stock having a par value of one dollar (\$1.00) per share and Fourteen Million (14,000,000) shares shall be shares of Preferred Stock, without par value (hereinafter called "Preferred Stock").

A statement of the designations of the Preferred Stock or of any series thereof, and the powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, or of the authority of the Board of Directors to fix by resolution or resolutions such designations and other terms not fixed by the Certificate of Incorporation, is as follows:

1. The Preferred Stock may be issued in one or more series, from time to time, with each such series to have such designation, powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, as shall be stated and expressed in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of such series adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, subject to the limitations prescribed by law and in accordance with the provisions hereof, the Board of

Directors being hereby expressly vested with authority to adopt any such resolution or resolutions. The authority of the Board of Directors with respect to each such series shall include, but not be limited to, the determination or fixing of the following:

- (i) The distinctive designation and number of shares comprising such series, which number may (except where otherwise provided by the Board of Directors in creating such series) be increased or decreased (but not below the number of shares then outstanding) from time to time by like action of the Board of Directors;
- (ii) The dividend rate of such series, the conditions and times upon which such dividends shall be payable, the relation which such dividends shall bear to the dividends payable on any other class or classes of stock or series thereof, or any other series of the same class, and whether dividends shall be cumulative or non-cumulative;
- (iii) The conditions upon which the shares of such series shall be subject to redemption by the Corporation and the times, prices and other terms and provisions upon which the shares of the series may be redeemed;
- (iv) Whether or not the shares of the series shall be subject to the operation of a retirement or sinking fund to be applied to the purchase or redemption of such shares and, if such retirement or sinking fund be established, the annual amount thereof and the terms and provisions relative to the operation thereof;
- (v) Whether or not the shares of the series shall be convertible into or exchangeable for shares of any other class or classes, with or without par value, or of any other series of the same class, and, if provision is made for conversion or exchange, the times, prices, rates, adjustments, and other terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange;
- (vi) Whether or not the shares of the series shall have voting rights, in addition to the voting rights provided by law, and, if so, subject to the limitation hereinafter set forth, the terms of such voting rights;
- (vii) The rights of the shares of the series in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or upon the distribution of assets of the Corporation;
- (vii) Any other powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restric-

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tions thereof, of the shares of such series, as the Board of Directors may deem advisable and as shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Certificate of Incorporation.

- 2. The holders of shares of the Preferred Stock of each series shall be entitled to receive, when and as declared by the Board of Directors, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, dividends at the rates fixed by the Board of Directors for such series, and no more, before any dividends, other than dividends payable in Common Stock, shall be declared and paid, or set apart for payment, on the Common Stock with respect to the same dividend period.
  - 3. Whenever, at any time, dividends on the then outstanding

Preferred Stock as may be required with respect to any series outstanding shall have been paid or declared and set apart for payment on the then outstanding Preferred Stock, and after complying with respect to any retirement or sinking fund or funds for any series of Preferred Stock, the Board of Directors may, subject to the provisions of the resolution or resolutions creating any series of Preferred Stock, declare and pay dividends on the Common Stock, and the holders of shares of the Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to share therein.

- 4. The holders of shares of the Preferred Stock of each series shall be entitled upon liquidation or dissolution or upon the distribution of the assets of the Corporation to such preferences as provided in the resolution or resolutions creating such series of Preferred Stock, and no more, before any distribution of the assets of the Corporation shall be made to the holders of shares of the Common Stock.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided by a resolution or resolutions of the Board of Directors creating any series of Preferred Stock or by the General Corporation Law of Delaware, the holders of shares of the Common Stock issued and outstanding shall have and possess the exclusive right to notice of stockholders' meetings and the exclusive power to vote. The holders of shares of the Preferred Stock issued and outstanding shall, in no event, be entitled to more than one vote for each share of Preferred Stock held by them unless otherwise required by law.

FIFTH: The existence of the Corporation is to be perpetual.

SIXTH: The private property of the stockholders shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatever.

SEVENTH: The number of directors of the Corporation shall be fixed from time to time by, or in the manner provided in, its by-laws and may be increased or decreased as therein provided; but the number thereof shall not be less than three.

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The directors of the Corporation shall be divided into three classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. Each class shall consist, as nearly as may be possible, of one-third of the whole number of the Board of Directors. Each of the Class I directors shall hold office until the 2002 annual meeting of the stockholders, each of the Class II directors shall hold office until the 2003 annual meeting of the stockholders, and each of the Class III directors shall hold office until the 2004 annual meeting of the stockholders, and in the case of each class, until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. At each annual election held from and after the 2002 annual meeting of the stockholders, directors elected to succeed those whose terms expire shall be identified as being of the same class as the directors they succeed and shall be elected to hold office for a term to expire at the third annual meeting of the stockholders after their election, and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. If the number of directors is changed, any increase or decrease in directors shall be apportioned among the classes so as to maintain all classes as equal in number as possible, and any additional director elected to any class shall hold office for a term of which shall coincide with the terms of the other directors in such class and until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

In the case of any increase in the number of directors of the Corporation, the additional director or directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

In the case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors from death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacant, and until the election of his successor, shall be elected by a majority of the Board of Directors then in office, though less than a quorum.

Directors of the Corporation may be removed only for cause.

EIGHTH: The Board of Directors shall have power to adopt, amend and repeal the by-laws at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that notice of intention to adopt, amend or repeal the by-laws in whole or in part shall have been included in the notice of meeting; or, without any such notice, by a vote of two-thirds of the directors then in office.

Stockholders may adopt, amend and repeal the by-laws at any regular or special meeting of the stockholders by an affirmation vote of two-thirds of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote thereon, provided that notice of intention to adopt, amend or repeal the by-laws in whole or in part shall have been included in the notice of the meeting.

Any action required to be taken at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation, or any action which may be taken at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders or otherwise, may not be taken without a meeting, prior notice and a vote, and stockholders may not act by written consent.

NINTH: The Board of Directors from time to time shall determine whether and to what extent, and at what times and places, and under what conditions and regulations, the accounts and

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books of the Corporation, or any of them, shall be open to the inspection of the stockholders, and no stockholder shall have any right to inspect any account or book or document of the Corporation, except as conferred by law or authorized by the Board of Directors, or by the stockholders.

TENTH: The directors may from time to time declare such dividends as they shall deem advisable and proper, subject to the provisions of Article Fourth and to such restrictions as may be imposed by law, and pay the same to the stockholders at such times as they shall fix.

The Board of Directors shall have power to issue bonds, debentures, or other obligations, either non-convertible into the Corporation's stock, subject to the provisions of Article Fourth and upon such terms, in such manner and under such conditions in conformity with law, as may be fixed by the Board of Directors prior to the issue of such bonds, debentures or other obligations.

ELEVENTH: No director shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty by such director as a director, except (i) for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve international misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. No amendment to or repeal of this Article Eleventh shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any director of the Corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.

TWELFTH: The powers and authorities hereinbefore conferred upon the Board of Directors are in furtherance and not in limitation of those conferred by the laws of the State of Delaware.

THIRTEENTH: The Corporation reserves the right at any time and from time to time to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights preferences and privileges of whatsoever nature conferred upon stockholders, directors or any other persons whomsoever by and pursuant to this Certificate of Incorporation in its present form or as hereafter amended are granted subject to the rights reserved in this Article.

FOURTEENTH: The name and mailing address of the Sole Incorporator is as follows:

Name Address

Deborah M. Reusch P.O. Box 636 Wilmington, DE 19899

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FIFTEENTH: This Certificate of Incorporation shall be effective as of  $11:59 \ p.m.$  on December 31, 2001.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the Sole Incorporator hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to the GCL, do make this Certificate of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that this is my act and deed and the facts herein stated are true, and accordingly have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of December, 2001.

/s/ Deborah M. Reusch
Deborah M. Reusch
Sole Incorporator

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### UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, ISSUER

AND

### THE BANK OF NEW YORK, TRUSTEE

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INDENTURE, dated as of , , between United States Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), having its principal office at 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-2800, and The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, as Trustee (the "Trustee").

For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of debentures, notes, bonds or other debt instruments (the "Securities" by the holders thereof (the "Holders"), it is mutually agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Securities or of series thereof, as follows:

# ARTICLE ONE DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

#### SECTION 101. DEFINITIONS.

For all purposes of this Indenture, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise express, requires the following shall apply:

- (1) The terms defined in this Article have the meanings assigned to them in this Article and include the plural as well as the singular;
- (2) All other terms used herein which are defined in the Trust Indenture Act, either directly or by reference therein, have the meanings assigned to them therein;
- (3) All accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the term "generally accepted"

accounting principles" with respect to any computation required or permitted hereunder shall mean such accounting principles as are generally accepted at the date of such computation;

- (4) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to an "Article" or a "Section" refers to an Article or a Section, as the case may be, of this Indenture; and
- (5) The words "herein", "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision.

"Act", when used with respect to any Holder, has the meaning specified in Section  $104\,.$ 

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" when used with respect to any specified Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

"Authenticating Agent" means any Person authorized by the Trustee pursuant to Section 614 to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Securities of one or more series.

"Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Corporation or any duly authorized committee of that board.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Corporation to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day", when used with respect to any Place of Payment, means a day that is not a day on which banking institutions in that Place of Payment are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

"Change in Control" shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section 1007(a).

"Change in Control Purchase Date" shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section  $1007\,(a)$  .

"Change in Control Purchase Price" shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section 1007(a).

"Commission" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Corporation" means United States Steel Corporation or its successor.

"Corporation Request" or "Corporation Order" means a written request or order signed in the name of the Corporation by its Chairman of the Board, any Vice Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer or any Vice President, and by its Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Comptroller, any Assistant Comptroller, its Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" means the aggregate value of all assets of the Corporation and its Subsidiaries after deducting therefrom (a) all current liabilities (excluding all long-term debt due within one year), (b) all investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and all investments accounted for on the equity basis, and (c) all goodwill, patents and trademarks, unamortized debt discounts and other similar intangibles (all determined in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and calculated on a basis consistent with the Corporation's most recent audited consolidated financial statements).

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"Corporate Trust Office" means the principal office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be administered, which at the date of original execution of this Indenture is located at The Bank of New York, 101 Barclay Street, Floor 21 West, New York, New York 10286, Attention: Corporate Trust Administration.

"corporation" includes associations, corporations, companies, limited liability companies, and business trusts.

"Defaulted Interest" has the meaning specified in Section 307.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Defeasance" has the meaning specified in Section 1302.

"Defeased Municipal Obligations" means obligations issued by any state, county, city or other unit of local government, or any authority or similar governmental body located in the United States of America, the interest on which is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes provided that:

- (i) such obligations are (a) not subject to redemption prior to their respective stated maturity dates or (b) irrevocable instructions concerning their call and redemption have been given to a trustee or paying agent or escrow agent, and the issuer of such obligations has irrevocably waived the right to redeem them other than as set forth in such instructions;
- (ii) the obligations are secured by cash and/or by U.S. Government Obligations that may be applied only to interest, principal, and premium payments of such obligations;
- (iii) the principal of and interest on the U.S. Government Obligations (plus any cash in the escrow fund) are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the obligations;
- (iv) the U.S. Government Obligations securing such obligations are held by an escrow agent or trustee organized under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof;
- (v) the U.S. Government Obligations are not available to satisfy any other claims, including those against the trustee or escrow agent that holds the U.S. Government Obligations; and
- (vi) the obligations are rated Aaa by Moody's or AAA by S&P.

"Depositary" means, with respect to Securities of any series issuable or issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act that is designated to act as Depositary for such Securities as contemplated by Section 301.

"Dollar" means the coin or currency of the United States as at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

"Establishment Action" shall mean:

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- (i) a resolution duly adopted by the Corporation's Board of Directors establishing one or more series of Securities and authorizing the issuance of any Security or,
- (ii) a resolution or action by a committee, officer or employee of the Corporation, establishing one or more series of Securities and/or authorizing the issuance of any Security, in each case, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the Corporation's Board of Directors.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 501.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and any statute successor thereto, in each case as amended from time to time.

"Foreign Currency" means a currency of the government, or governments, of any country, or countries, other than the United States of America.

"Foreign Government Obligations" means, with respect to the Securities of any series that are denominated in a Foreign Currency, securities that are

- (i) direct obligations of the government, or governments, that issued or caused to be issued such currency for the payment of which obligations its, or their, full faith and credit is pledged or,
- (ii) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of such government, or governments, the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by such government, or governments,

that in either case under clauses (i) or (ii), are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof.

"Global Security" means a Security that evidences all or part of the Securities of any series and bears the legend set forth in Section 204 (or such legend as may be specified as contemplated by Section 301 for such Securities).

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Security is registered in the Security Register.

"Indenture" means this instrument as originally executed and as it may

from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto.

"interest", when used with respect to an Original Issue Discount Security that by its terms bears interest only after Maturity, means interest payable after Maturity.

"Interest Payment Date", when used with respect to any Security, means the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on such Security.

"Lien" means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien or charge of any kind (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement or lease in the nature thereof).

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"Maturity", when used with respect to any Security, means the date on which the principal of such Security or an installment of principal becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise.

"Mortgage" means, as the context may require, (i) to mortgage, pledge, encumber or subject to a lien or (ii) a mortgage, pledge, encumbrance or lien.

"Notice of Default" means a written notice of the kind specified in Section 501(5).

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Board, any Vice Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer or any Vice President, and by the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Comptroller, any Assistant Comptroller, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, of the Corporation, and delivered to the Trustee. One of the officers signing an Officers' Certificate given pursuant to Section 1004 shall be the principal executive, financial or accounting officer of the Corporation.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of counsel, who may be an employee of, or counsel to, the Corporation, and who shall be acceptable to the Trustee.

"Original Issue Discount Security" means any Security that provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 502.

"Outstanding", when used with respect to Securities, means, as of the date of determination, all Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, except:

- (1) Securities theretofore cancelled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;
- (2) Securities for whose payment or redemption money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent (other than the Corporation) in trust or set aside and segregated in trust by the Corporation (if the Corporation shall act as its own Paying Agent) for the Holders of such Securities; provided that, if such Securities are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture or provision therefor satisfactory to the Trustee has been made;
- (3) Securities as to which Defeasance has been effected pursuant to Section 1302; and
- (4) Securities which have been paid pursuant to Section 306 or issued in exchange for or in lieu of which other Securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, other than any such Securities in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Trustee proof satisfactory to it that such Securities are held by a bona fide purchaser in whose hands such Securities are valid obligations of the Corporation;

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provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of the Outstanding Securities have given, made or taken any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action hereunder as of any date,

(A) the principal amount of an Original Issue Discount
Security that shall be deemed to be Outstanding shall
be the amount of the principal thereof that would be
due and payable as of such date of such determination
upon acceleration of the Maturity thereof to such

date pursuant to Section 502,

- (B) if, as of such date, the principal amount payable at the Stated Maturity of a Security is not determinable, the principal amount of such Security that shall be deemed to be Outstanding shall be the amount as specified or determined as contemplated by Section 301,
- (C) the principal amount of a Security denominated in one or more foreign currencies or currency units that shall be deemed to be Outstanding shall be the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined as of such date in the manner provided as contemplated by Section 301, of the principal amount of such Security (or, in the case of a Security described in Clause (A) or (B) above, of the amount determined as provided in such Clause), and
- (D) Securities owned by the Corporation or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Corporation or of such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action, only Securities which the Trustee knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded.

Securities so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not the Corporation or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Corporation or of such other obligor.

"Paying Agent" means the Corporation or any Person authorized by the Corporation to pay the principal of and/or any premium or interest on any Securities on behalf of the Corporation.

"Person" means any individual, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

"Place of Payment", when used with respect to the Securities of any series, means the place or places where the principal of and/or any premium or interest on the Securities of that series are payable as specified as contemplated by Section 301(6).

"Predecessor Security" of any particular Security means every previous Security  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$ 

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evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Security; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Security authenticated and delivered under Section 306 in exchange for or in lieu of a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security.

"Principal Property" means any blast furnace facility or steel producing facility, or casters that are part of a plant that includes such a facility, having a net book value in excess of 1% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets at the time of determination.

"Redemption Date", when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Indenture.

"Redemption Price", when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to this

"Regular Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date on the Securities of any series means the date specified for that purpose as contemplated by Section 301.

"Sale/Leaseback Transaction" means an arrangement relating to property owned by the Corporation or one of its subsidiaries whereby the Corporation or one of its subsidiaries transfers such property to a third party Person and the Corporation or one of its subsidiaries leases it from such Person; provided, however, that this term shall not include leases solely among the Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries.

"Securities" has the meaning stated in the first recital of this

Indenture and more particularly means any Securities authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933 and any statute successor thereto, in each case as amended from time to time.

"Security Register" and "Security Registrar" have the respective meanings specified in Section 305.

"Special Record Date" for the payment of any Defaulted Interest means a date fixed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 307.

"Stated Maturity", when used with respect to any Security or any installment of principal thereof or interest thereon, means the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal or interest is due and payable.

"Subsidiary" means a corporation or other business entity where more than 50% of the outstanding Voting Stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Corporation or by one or more other Subsidiaries, or by the Corporation and one or more other Subsidiaries.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as in force at the date as of which this instrument was executed; provided, however, that if the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is amended after such date, "Trust Indenture Act" means, to the

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extent required by any such amendment, the Trust Indenture  $\operatorname{Act}$  of 1939 as so amended.

"Trustee" means the Person named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this instrument until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" shall mean or include each Person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "Trustee" as used with respect to the Securities of any series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Securities of that series.

"United States" means the United States of America (including the states and the District of Columbia) and its possessions at the relevant date.

"U.S. Government Obligation" means:

- (x) any security that is:
- (i) a direct obligation of the United States of America for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged or
- (ii) an obligation of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America,

that, in either case (i) or (ii), is not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and

(y) any depositary receipt issued by a bank (as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act) as custodian with respect to any U.S. Government Obligation which is specified in Clause (x) above and held by such bank for the account of the holder of such depositary receipt, or with respect to any specific payment of principal of or interest on any U.S. Government Obligation which is so specified and held, provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of principal or interest evidenced by such depositary receipt.

"Vice President", when used with respect to the Corporation or the Trustee, means any vice president, whether or not designated by a number or a word or words added before or after the title "vice president".

"Voting Power" means the total voting power represented by all outstanding shares of all classes of Voting Stock.

"Voting Stock" means a corporation's or other business entity's stock or other equity interests of any class or classes (however designated),

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interests, membership shares or other similar equity interests, having ordinary Voting Power for the election of the directors of such entity, other than stock having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency.

#### SECTION 102. COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES AND OPINIONS.

Upon any application or request by the Corporation to the Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Corporation shall furnish to the Trustee such certificates and opinions as may be required under the Trust Indenture Act. Each such certificate or opinion shall be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate, if to be given by an officer of the Corporation, or an Opinion of Counsel, if to be given by counsel, and shall comply with the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act and any other requirements set forth in this Indenture.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (except for certificates provided for in Section 1004) shall include,

- (1) a statement that each individual signing such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;
- (2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (3) a statement that, in the opinion of each such individual, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- (4) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such individual, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

#### SECTION 103. FORM OF DOCUMENTS DELIVERED TO TRUSTEE.

In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

Any certificate or opinion of an officer of the Corporation may be based, insofar as it relates to legal matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, counsel, unless such officer knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to the matters upon which his certificate or opinion is based are erroneous. Any such certificate or opinion of counsel may be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, an officer or officers of the Corporation stating that the

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information with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Corporation, unless such counsel knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.

Where any Person is required to make, give or execute two or more applications, requests, consents, certificates, statements, opinions or other instruments under this Indenture, they may, but need not, be consolidated and form one instrument.

### SECTION 104. ACTS OF HOLDERS; RECORD DATES.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided or permitted by this Indenture to be given, made or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by, an agent duly appointed in writing; and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is herein expressly required, to the Corporation. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 601) conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Corporation, if made in the manner provided in this Section.

The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by a certificate of a notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to him the execution thereof. Where such execution is by a signer acting in a capacity other than his individual capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his authority. The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner the Trustee deems sufficient.

The Security Register shall prove the ownership of Securities.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act of the Holder of any Security shall bind every future Holder of the same Security and the Holder of every Security issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Trustee or the Corporation in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Security.

The Corporation may, in the circumstances permitted by the Trust Indenture Act, fix any day as the record date for the purpose of determining the Holders of Securities entitled to give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action, or to vote on any action, authorized or permitted to be given or taken by Holders of Securities. If not set by the Corporation prior to the first solicitation of a Holder of Securities made by any Person in respect of any such action, or, in the case of any such vote, prior to such vote, the record date for any such action or vote shall be the 30th day (or, if later, the date of the most recent list of Holders required to be provided) prior to such first solicitation or vote, as the case may be. With regard to any

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record date, only the Holders of Securities on such date (or their duly designated proxies) shall be entitled to give or take, or vote on, the relevant action.

SECTION 105. NOTICES, ETC., TO TRUSTEE AND CORPORATION.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or Act of Holders or other document provided or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with,

- (1) the Trustee by any Holder or by the Corporation shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing to or with the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or
- the Corporation by the Trustee or by any Holder shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to the Corporation addressed to: the address last furnished in writing to the Trustee by the Corporation, or, if no such address has been furnished, Treasurer, United States Steel Corporation, 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-2800.

SECTION 106. NOTICE TO HOLDERS; WAIVER.

Where this Indenture provides for notice to Holders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Holder affected by such event, at the address as it appears in the Security Register, not later than the latest date (if any), and not earlier than the earliest date (if any), prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, to any particular Holder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders. Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, the Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, may waive such notice in writing and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Trustee, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

In case by reason of the suspension of regular mail service or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to give such notice by mail, then such notification as shall be made with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient notification for every purpose hereunder.

SECTION 107. CONFLICT WITH TRUST INDENTURE ACT.

If any provision hereof limits, qualifies or conflicts with a provision of

the Trust Indenture Act that is required under such Act to be a part of and govern this Indenture, the latter provision shall control. If any provision of this Indenture modifies or excludes any provision of the Trust Indenture Act that may be so modified or excluded, the latter provision shall be deemed to apply to this Indenture as so modified or to be excluded, as the case may be.

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SECTION 108. EFFECT OF HEADINGS AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

SECTION 109. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by the Corporation shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 110. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 111. BENEFITS OF INDENTURE.

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Securities, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder and the Holders, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

SECTION 112. GOVERNING LAW.

This Indenture and the Securities shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York.

SECTION 113. LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

In any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity of any Security shall not be a Business Day at any Place of Payment, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or of the Securities (other than a provision of any Security that specifically states that such provision shall apply in lieu of this Section)) payment of interest or principal (and premium, if any) need not be made at such Place of Payment on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at such Place of Payment with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date or Redemption Date, or at the Stated Maturity.

ARTICLE TWO SECURITY FORMS

SECTION 201. FORMS GENERALLY.

The Securities of each series shall be in substantially the form set forth in this Article, or in such other form as shall be established by an Establishment Action or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in each case with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may be required to comply with the rules of any securities exchange or Depositary therefor or as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers executing such Securities, as evidenced by their execution

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thereof. If the form of Securities of any series is established by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of an appropriate record of such action shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Corporation and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Corporation Order contemplated by Section 303 for the authentication and delivery of such Securities.

SECTION 202. FORM OF FACE OF SECURITY.

[Insert any legend required by the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder.]

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

[Insert title of the Series]

No. \$

| existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein called the "Corporation", which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture  |
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| hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to  |
| , or registered assigns, the principal sum of<br>Dollars on [if the Security is to bear interest prior to  |
| Maturity, insert, and to pay interest thereon from or from   |
| the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly  |
| provided for, semi-annually on and in each   |
| year, commencing, at the rate of% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment ][if applicable, insert  |
| , provided that any principal and premium, and any such installment of   |
| interest, which is overdue shall bear interest at the rate of% per annum   |
| (to the extent that the payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable),  |
| from the dates such amounts are due until they are paid or made available for  |
| payment, and such interest shall be payable on demand]. The interest so payable and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as  |
| provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Security  |
| (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ |
| on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be the   |
| or (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not s   |
| punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the   |
| Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whos  |
| name this Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the  |
| close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of  |
| Securities of this series not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record   |
| Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with  |
| the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Securities of this  |
| series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture].   |
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| [If the Security is not to bear interest prior to Maturity, insert   |
| The principal of this Security shall not bear interest except in the case of a default in payment of principal upon acceleration, upon redemption or at States   |
| Maturity and in such case the overdue principal and any overdue premium shall  |
| bear interest at the rate of% per annum  |
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| (to the extent that the payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable),  |
| from the dates such amounts are due until they are paid or made available for payment. Interest on any overdue principal or premium shall be payable on  |
| demand.  |
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| Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and [if applicable, insert any such] interest on this Security will be made at the office or   |
| agency of the Corporation maintained for that purpose in , in  |
| such [coin or currency of the United States of America] [Foreign Currency,   |
| consistent with the provisions below,] as at the time of payment is legal tender $\frac{1}{2}$   |
| for payment of public and private debts [if applicable, insert ; provided,   |
| however, that at the option of the Corporation payment of interest may be made<br>by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address  |
| shall appear in the Security Register or by electronic funds transfer to an  |
| account maintained by the Person entitled thereto as specified in the Security   |
| Register, provided that such Person shall have given the Trustee written   |
| instructions].   |
| [If the security is payable in a foreign currency, insert the  |
| appropriate provision.]  |
| Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Security se   |
| forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes   |
| have the same effect as if set forth at this place.  |
| Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by   |
| the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Securit  |
| shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.  |
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| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this instrument to be duly executed under its corporate seal.   |
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| Dated:   |
| UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION  |
| Ву   |
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SECTION 203. FORM OF REVERSE OF SECURITY.

| more series under an Indecalled the "Indenture", winstrument), between the (herein called the "Trust the Indenture), and refer the respective rights, life of the Corporation, the Interms upon which the Section 1.   | enture, dated as of  | he meaning assigned to it in such nk of New York, as Trustee es any successor trustee under the Indenture for a statement of uties and immunities thereunder of the Securities and of the be, authenticated and delivered. In the face hereof [if applicable, nt to \$]. |
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| to redemption upon not le  | ess than 30 days' notice   | ties of this series are subject e by mail, [if applicable, insert cing with the year and   |
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| Redemption Price equal to<br>applicable, insert on<br>part, at the election of<br>(expressed as percentages  | n operation of the sink of 100% of the principal or after the Corporation, at the of the principal amount,   | ing fund for this series at a amount, and (2)] at any time [if, 20], as a whole or in e following Redemption Prices nt): If redeemed [if applicable, and if redeemed] during the he years indicated,   |
|  |  | edemption Price  |
| together in the case of a through operation of the the Redemption Date, but prior to such Redemption or one or more Predecessorelevant Record Dates refindenture.]  [If applicable to redemption upon not lead to redemption upon  | any such redemption [if sinking fund or otherw interest installments and the sinking fund or otherw interest installments are part of recording to the securities, of recording to the sinking fundamental sinking fundaments. | e year and ending with the nd for this series at the   |
| and (2) at any time [if a in part, at the election redemption otherwise than percentages of the principal principal contents of the principal conten | s of the principal amous<br>applicable, insert of<br>of the Corporation, at<br>a through operation of<br>apal amount) set forth  | ion of the sinking fund nt) set forth in the table below, n or after], as a whole or the Redemption Prices for the sinking fund (expressed as in the table below: If redeemed of the years indicated,  |
| YEAR<br>   | REDEMPTION PRICE FOR REDEMPTION THROUGH OPERATION OF THE SINKING FUND  | REDEMPTION PRICE FOR REDEMPTION OTHERWISE THAN THROUGH OPERATION OF THE SINKING FUND   |
| together in the case of a<br>sinking fund or otherwise<br>interest installments who<br>Date will be payable to t<br>Predecessor Securities, of   | any such redemption (whe) with accrued interestors Stated Maturity is the Holders of such Sector record at the close of pecial Record Dates re   | % of the principal amount, ether through operation of the t to the Redemption Date, but on or prior to such Redemption urities, or one or more of business on the relevant ferred to on the face hereof, all   |
| the redemption onending with the year  | in each year beging of [if applicable,   | fund for this series provides for ning with the year and insert not less than \$ aggregate principal   |

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this series. Securities of this series acquired or redeemed by the Corporation otherwise than through [if applicable, insert -- mandatory] sinking fund payments may be credited against subsequent [if applicable, insert -- mandatory] sinking fund payments otherwise required to be made [if applicable, insert -- ,

in the inverse order in which they become due].]

[If the Security is subject to redemption of any kind, insert -- In the event of redemption of this Security in part only, a new Security or Securities of this series and of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued in the name of the Holder hereof upon the cancellation hereof.]

[If applicable, insert -- The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of [the entire indebtedness of this Security] [or] [certain restrictive covenants and Events of Default with respect to this Security] [, in each case] upon compliance with certain conditions set forth in the Indenture.]

In the event of a Change in Control and subject to and upon compliance with the terms and conditions of the Indenture, each Holder of Securities of this Series will have the right, at that Holder's election made on or prior to the Change in Control Purchase Date with respect to such Change in Control, to require the Corporation to become obligated to purchase all of that Holder's Securities on the later of the Change in Control Purchase Date and the time of delivery of this Security at a Change in Control Purchase Price equal to [100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to the Change in Control Purchase Date, except that interest installments due prior to the Change in Control Purchase Date will be payable to the Holders of record at the close of business on the relevant Record Dates referred to on the face hereof] [if different price applies, insert description], all as provided in the Indenture.[If the Security is not an Original Issue Discount Security, insert --If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of this series shall occur and be continuing, the principal of the Securities of this series may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.]

[If the Security is an Original Issue Discount Security, insert -- If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of this series shall occur and be continuing, an amount of principal of the Securities of this series may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture. Such amount shall be equal to -- insert formula for determining the amount. Upon payment (i) of the amount of principal so declared due and payable and (ii) of interest on any overdue principal, premium and interest (in each case to the extent that the payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable), all of the Corporation's obligations in respect of the payment of the principal of and premium and interest, if any, on the Securities of this series shall terminate.]

[If applicable, insert a paragraph regarding the indexing of the Security.]

The Indenture contains provisions permitting the Corporation and the Trustee to modify the Indenture or any supplemental indenture without the consent of the Holders for one or more of the following purposes: (1) to evidence the succession of another corporation to the Corporation; (2) to add to the covenants of the Corporation further covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions; (3) to add additional events of default for the benefit of Holders of all or any series of Securities; (4) to add to or change

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provisions of the Indenture to allow the issuance of Securities in other forms; (5) to add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of the Indenture in respect of one or more series of Securities thereunder, under certain conditions specified therein; (6) to secure the Securities pursuant to the requirements of Section 1005 of the Indenture or otherwise; (7) to establish the form or terms of Securities of any series as permitted by Sections 201 and 301 of the Indenture; (8) to evidence the appointment of a successor Trustee; and (9) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision of the Indenture which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision of the Indenture, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the Indenture that do not materially adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect.

The Indenture also permits, with certain exceptions set forth therein, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Corporation and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Corporation and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Corporation with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, the

Holder of this Security shall not have the right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or for any other remedy thereunder, unless such Holder shall have previously given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of this series, the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Securities of this series at the time Outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default as Trustee and offered the Trustee reasonable indemnity, and the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in principal amount of Securities of this series at the time Outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request, and shall have failed to institute any such proceeding, for 60 days after receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity. The foregoing shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Holder of this Security for the enforcement of any payment of principal hereof or any premium or interest hereon on or after the respective due dates expressed herein or, subject to compliance with the Indenture, the Change in Control Purchase Price on or after the date as and when the same shall become due and payable pursuant to Sections 1007 and 1008 of the Indenture.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Corporation, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on this Security at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth,  ${\bf r}$ 

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the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Security Register, upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Corporation in any place where the principal of and any premium and interest on this Security are payable, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Corporation and the Security Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Securities of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of  $\S$ \_\_\_\_\_ and any integral multiple thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Corporation or the Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Corporation, the Trustee and any agent of the Corporation or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security be overdue, and neither the Corporation, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

All terms used in this Security that are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

SECTION 204. FORM OF LEGEND FOR GLOBAL SECURITIES.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for the Securities evidenced thereby, every Global Security authenticated and delivered hereunder shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

This Security is a Global Security within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of a Depositary or a nominee thereof. This Security may not be exchanged in whole or in part for a Security registered, and no transfer of this Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name of any Person other than such Depositary or a nominee thereof, except in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture.

SECTION 205. FORM OF TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION.

The Trustee's certificates of authentication shall be in substantially the following form:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

The Bank of New York,

As Trustee

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|    | Authorized | Officer |

ARTICLE THREE

### ARTICLE THREE THE SECURITIES

SECTION 301. AMOUNT UNLIMITED; ISSUABLE IN SERIES.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

The Securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series. The terms of each series of Securities shall be either

- (i) established in an Establishment Action or
- (ii) established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the issuance of Securities of any series.

Such Establishment Action or supplemental indenture shall provide:

- (1) the title of the Securities of the series (which shall distinguish the Securities of the series from Securities of any other series) and a statement that the Securities will be offered pursuant to this Indenture;
- (2) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the series which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of the series pursuant to Section 304, 305, 306, 906 or 1107 and except for any Securities that, pursuant to Section 303, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder) and the price (expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount thereof) at which the Securities of the series will be issued;
- (3) the Person to whom any interest on a Security of the series shall be payable, if other than the Person in whose name that Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest;
- (4) the date or dates on which the principal of any Securities of the series is payable;
- (5) the rate or rates at which any Securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which any such interest shall accrue, the Interest Payment Dates on which any such interest shall be payable and the Regular Record Date for any such interest payable on any Interest Payment Date;

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- (6) the place or places where the principal of and/or any premium or interest on any Securities of the series shall be payable;
- (7) the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, the currency or currencies (including currency units) in which and the other terms and conditions upon which any Securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Corporation and, if other than by a Board Resolution, the manner in which any election by the Corporation to redeem the Securities shall be evidenced;
- (8) the obligation, if any, of the Corporation to redeem or purchase any Securities of the series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of the Holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which any Securities of the series shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;
- (9) if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which any Securities of the series shall be issuable;
- (10) if the amount of principal of or any premium or interest on any Securities of the series may be determined with reference

to an index, pursuant to a formula or other method, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;

- (11) if other than the currency of the United States of America, the currency, currencies or currency units in which the principal of or any premium or interest on any Securities of the series shall be payable and the manner of determining the equivalent thereof in the currency of the United States of America for any purpose, including for purposes of the definition of "Outstanding" in Section 101;
- if the principal of or any premium or interest on any Securities of the series is to be payable, at the election of the Corporation or the Holder thereof, in one or more currencies or currency units other than that or those in which such Securities are stated to be payable, the currency, currencies or currency units in which the principal of or any premium or interest on such Securities as to which such election is made shall be payable, the periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which such election is to be made and the amount so payable (or the manner in which such amount shall be determined);
- (13) if other than the entire principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of any Securities of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 502;
- (14) if the principal amount payable at the Stated Maturity of any Securities of the series will not be determinable as of any one or more dates prior to the Stated Maturity, the amount which shall be deemed to be the principal amount of such Securities as of any such date for any purpose

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thereunder or hereunder, including the principal amount thereof which shall be due and payable upon any Maturity other than the Stated Maturity or which shall be deemed to be Outstanding as of any date prior to the Stated Maturity (or, in any such case, the manner in which such amount deemed to be the principal amount shall be determined);

- if applicable, that the Securities of the series, in whole or any specified part, shall be defeasible pursuant to Section 1302 or Section 1303 or both such Sections (or, if defeasible by another method, such other method) and, if other than by an action pursuant to a Board Resolution, the manner in which any election by the Corporation to defease such Securities shall be evidenced;
- if applicable, that any Securities of the series shall be issuable in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and, in such case, the respective Depositaries for such Global Securities, the form of any legend or legends which shall be borne by any such Global Security in addition to or in lieu of that set forth in Section 204 and any circumstances in addition to or in lieu of those set forth in Clause (2) of the last paragraph of Section 305 in which any such Global Security may be exchanged in whole or in part for Securities registered, and any transfer of such Global Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name or names of Persons other than the Depositary for such Global Security or a nominee thereof;
- (17) any addition to or change in the Events of Default which applies to any Securities of the series and any change in the right of the Trustee or the requisite Holders of such Securities to declare the principal amount thereof due and payable pursuant to Section 502;
- (18) any addition to or change in the covenants set forth in Article Ten which applies to Securities of the series;
- (19) if other than 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest, the Change of Control Purchase Price or Prices applicable to purchases of Securities of the series pursuant to Section 1007; and
- (20) any other terms of the series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, except as permitted by Section 901(5)).

Establishment Action referred to above or in any indenture supplemental hereto. The Corporation shall provide to the Trustee a copy of any such Establishment Action.

SECTION 302. DENOMINATIONS.

The Securities of each series shall be issuable only in registered form without coupons and only in such denominations as shall be specified as contemplated by Section 301. In the absence of any such specified denomination with respect to the Securities of any series, the Securities of such series shall be issuable in denominations

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of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof.

SECTION 303. EXECUTION, AUTHENTICATION, DELIVERY AND DATING.

The Securities shall be executed on behalf of the Corporation by its Chairman of the Board, any Vice Chairman of the Board, its President or one of its Vice Presidents, under its corporate seal reproduced thereon attested by its Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer or its Secretary or one of its Assistant Secretaries. The signature of any of these officers on the Securities may be manual or facsimile. The seal of the Corporation may be in the form of a facsimile thereof and may be impressed, affixed, imprinted or otherwise reproduced on the Security.

Securities bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who were at any time the proper officers of the Corporation shall bind the Corporation, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Securities or did not hold such offices at the date of such Securities.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Corporation may deliver Securities of any series executed by the Corporation to the Trustee for authentication, together with a Corporation Order for the authentication and delivery of such Securities, and the Trustee in accordance with the Corporation Order shall authenticate and deliver such Securities. If the form or terms of the Securities of the series have been established by one or more Establishment Actions as permitted by Sections 201 and 301, in authenticating such Securities, and accepting the additional responsibilities under this Indenture in relation to such Securities, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 601) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating,

- (1) if the form of such Securities has been established by an Establishment Action as permitted by Section 201, that such form has been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture;
- (2) if the terms of such Securities have been established by an Establishment Action as permitted by Section 301, that such terms have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture; and
- that such Securities, when authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and issued by the Corporation in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Corporation enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

If such form or terms have been so established, the Trustee shall not be required to authenticate such Securities if the issue of such Securities pursuant to this Indenture will affect the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Securities and this Indenture or otherwise in a manner which is not reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 301 and of the preceding paragraph, if

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all Securities of a series are not to be originally issued at one time, it shall not be necessary to deliver the Establishment Action otherwise required pursuant to Section 301 or the Corporation Order and Opinion of Counsel otherwise required pursuant to such preceding paragraph at or prior to the authentication of each Security of such series if such documents are delivered at or prior to the authentication upon original issuance of the first Security of such series to be issued.

Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication.

No Security shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Security a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Trustee by manual signature, and such certificate upon any Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Security shall have been authenticated and delivered hereunder but never issued and sold by the Corporation, and the Corporation shall deliver such Security to the Trustee for cancellation as provided in Section 309, for all purposes of this Indenture such Security shall be deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder and shall never be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

#### SECTION 304. TEMPORARY SECURITIES.

Pending the preparation of definitive Securities of any series, the Corporation may execute, and upon Corporation Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Securities which are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise produced, in any authorized denomination, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Securities in lieu of which they are issued and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers executing such Securities may determine, as evidenced by their execution of such Securities.

If temporary Securities of any series are issued, the Corporation will cause definitive Securities of that series to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Securities of such series, the temporary Securities of such series shall be exchangeable for definitive Securities of such series upon surrender of the temporary Securities of such series at the office or agency of the Corporation in a Place of Payment for that series, without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Securities of any series, the Corporation shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor one or more definitive Securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations and of like tenor and aggregate principal amount. Until so exchanged, the temporary Securities of any series shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities of such series and tenor.

#### SECTION 305. REGISTRATION, REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE.

The Corporation shall cause to be kept in an office or agency of the Corporation in a Place of Payment a register (the register maintained in any such office or agency of the Corporation in a Place of Payment being herein sometimes collectively referred to as the "Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Corporation shall provide for the registration of Securities and of transfers

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of Securities. The Trustee, or any other party serving in such capacity with the Trustee's consent, is hereby appointed "Security Registrar" for the purpose of registering Securities and transfers of Securities as herein provided.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Security of a series at the office or agency of the Corporation in a Place of Payment for that series, the Corporation shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations and of like tenor and aggregate principal amount.

At the option of the Holder, Securities of any series may be exchanged for other Securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations and of like tenor and aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Corporation shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities that the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

All Securities issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities shall be the valid obligations of the Corporation, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Securities surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

Every Security presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange shall (if so required by the Corporation or the Trustee) be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Corporation and the Security Registrar duly executed, by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities, but the Corporation may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 304, 906 or 1107 not involving any transfer.

If the Securities of any series (or of any series and specified tenor) are to be redeemed in part, the Corporation shall not be required (A) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Securities of that series (or of that series and specified tenor, as the case may be) during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of any such Securities selected for redemption under Section 1103 and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (B) to register the transfer of or exchange any Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part.

 $\,$  The provisions of the following clauses shall apply only to Global Securities:

(1) Each Global Security authenticated under this Indenture shall be registered in the name of the Depositary designated for such Global Security or a nominee thereof and delivered to such Depositary or a nominee thereof or custodian therefor, and each such Global Security shall constitute a single Security for all purposes of this Indenture.

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- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, no Global Security may be exchanged in whole or in part for Securities registered, and no transfer of a Global Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name of any Person other than the Depositary for such Global Security or a nominee thereof unless
  - (A) such Depositary
    - (i) has notified the Corporation that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such Global Security or
    - (ii) has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act,
  - (B) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default with respect to such Global Security or
  - (C) there shall exist such circumstances, if any, in addition to or in lieu of the foregoing as have been specified for this purpose as contemplated by Section 301.
- (3) Subject to Clause (2) above, any exchange of a Global Security for other Securities may be made in whole or in part, and all Securities issued in exchange for a Global Security or any portion thereof shall be registered in such names as the Depositary for such Global Security shall direct.
- (4) Every Security authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for or in lieu of, a Global Security or any portion thereof, whether pursuant to this Section, Section 304, 306, 906 or 1107 or otherwise, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Security, unless such Security is registered in the name of a Person other than the Depositary for such Global Security or a nominee thereof.

SECTION 306. MUTILATED, DESTROYED, LOST AND STOLEN SECURITIES.

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee, the Corporation shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a new Security of the same series and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

If there shall be delivered to the Corporation and the Trustee

- (i) evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security and  $\,$
- (ii) such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them and any agent of either of them harmless,

then, in the absence of notice to the Corporation or the Trustee that such Security has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Corporation shall execute and the Trustee

amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Corporation in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay such Security.

Upon the issuance of any new Security under this Section, the Corporation may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Security of any series issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Corporation, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of that series duly issued because

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities.

SECTION 307. PAYMENT OF INTEREST; INTEREST RIGHTS PRESERVED.

Except as otherwise provided as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to any series of Securities, interest on any Security which is payable, and is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name that Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest.

Any interest on any Security of any series which is payable, but is not punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date (herein called "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on the relevant Regular Record Date by virtue of having been such Holder, and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Corporation, at its election in each case, as provided in Clause (1) or (2) below:

(1) The Corporation may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the Persons in whose names the Securities of such series (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Corporation shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Security of such series and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Corporation shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the

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benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this Clause provided. Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest that shall be not more than 15 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Corporation of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Corporation, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be given to each Holder of Securities of such series in the manner set forth in Section 106, not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been so mailed, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names the Securities of such series (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on such Special Record Date and shall no longer be payable pursuant to the following Clause (2).

(2) The Corporation may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on the Securities of any series in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, if, after notice given by the Corporation to the Trustee of the proposed payment pursuant to this Clause, such manner of payment shall be

deemed practicable by the Trustee.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, each Security delivered under this Indenture upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Security shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Security.

SECTION 308. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS.

Prior to due presentment of a Security for registration of transfer, the Corporation, the Trustee and any agent of the Corporation or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name such Security is registered as the owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and any premium and (subject to Section 307) any interest on such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security be overdue, and neither the Corporation, the Trustee nor any agent of the Corporation or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

SECTION 309. CANCELLATION.

All Securities surrendered for payment, redemption, registration of transfer or exchange or for credit against any sinking fund payment shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee, be delivered to the Trustee and shall be promptly cancelled by it. The Corporation may at any time deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Corporation may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and may deliver to the Trustee (or to any other Person for delivery to the Trustee) for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated hereunder which the Corporation has not issued and sold, and all

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Securities so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Trustee. No Securities shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Securities cancelled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. Until directed otherwise by a Corporation Order, all cancelled Securities held by the Trustee shall be conspicuously marked as such and, if destroyed, the Trustee shall deliver to the Corporation a certificate with respect to such destruction.

SECTION 310. COMPUTATION OF INTEREST.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of any series, interest on the Securities of each series shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

## ARTICLE FOUR SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

SECTION 401. SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE.

This Indenture shall upon Corporation Request cease to be of further effect with respect to any (or all) series of Securities (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of Securities herein expressly provided for), and the Trustee, at the expense of the Corporation, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to such Securities, when

- (1) either
  - (A) all such Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than
    - (i) Securities which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 306 and
    - (ii) Securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Corporation and thereafter repaid to the Corporation or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 1003)

have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

- (B) all such Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation
  - (i) have become due and payable, or
  - (ii) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or

(iii) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of

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notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Corporation,

and the Corporation, in the case of (i), (ii) or (iii) above, has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose money in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal and any premium and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Securities which have become due and payable) or to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be;

- (2) the Corporation has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Corporation; and
- (3) the Corporation has delivered to the Trustee an Officers'
  Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all
  conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the
  satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to
  such Securities have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the obligations of the Corporation to the Trustee under Section 607, the obligations of the Trustee to any Authenticating Agent under Section 614 and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of Clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 402, Article Six and the last paragraph of Section 1003 shall survive.

SECTION 402. APPLICATION OF TRUST MONEY.

Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 1003, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 401 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Corporation acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal and any premium and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee.

## ARTICLE FIVE REMEDIES

SECTION 501. EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

"Event of Default", wherever used herein with respect to Securities of any series, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

- (1) default in the payment of any interest upon any Security of that series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days; or
- (2) default in the payment of the principal of or any premium on any Security

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of that series at its Maturity; or

- (3) default in the payment of the Change in Control Purchase Price of any of the Securities of such series as and when the same shall become due and payable pursuant to Section 1007; or
- (4) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due by the terms of a Security of that series; or
- (5) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of the Corporation in this Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty a default in whose performance or whose breach is elsewhere in this Section specifically dealt with or which has expressly been included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of series of Securities other than that series), and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 90 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Corporation by the Trustee or to the Corporation and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to

be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; or

- (6) the entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of a decree or order
  - (A) for relief in respect of the Corporation in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law;
  - (B) adjudging the Corporation a bankrupt or insolvent or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Corporation under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law;
  - (C) appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of the Corporation or of any substantial part of its property; or
  - (D) ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order for relief or any such other decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 90 consecutive days;

or

(7) (A) the commencement by the Corporation of a voluntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law to be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent;

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- (B) the consent by the Corporation to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of it in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or the consent by it to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it;
- (C) the filing by the Corporation of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or the consent by the Corporation to the filing of such petition;
- (D) the consent by the Corporation to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of the Corporation or of any substantial part of its property;
- (E) the making by the Corporation of an assignment for the benefit of creditors;
- (F) the admission by the Corporation in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due; or,
- (G) the taking of corporate action by the Corporation in furtherance of any such action;

or

(8) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Securities of that series.

#### SECTION 502. ACCELERATION OF MATURITY; RESCISSION AND ANNULMENT.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in Section 501(6) or 501(7)) with respect to Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, then in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series may declare the principal amount of all the Securities of that series (or, if any Securities of that series are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount of such Securities as may be specified by the terms thereof) to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Corporation (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), and upon any such declaration such principal amount (or specified amount) shall become

immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default specified in Section 501(6) or 501(7) with respect to Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs, the principal amount of all the Securities of that series (or, if any Securities of that series are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount of such Securities as may be specified by the terms thereof) shall automatically, and without any declaration or other action on the part of the Trustee or any Holder, become immediately due and payable.

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to Securities of any series has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Trustee as hereinafter in this Article provided, the Holders

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of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series, by written notice to the Corporation and the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if

- the Corporation has paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay
  - (A) all overdue interest on all Securities of that series,
  - (B) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Securities of that series which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and any interest thereon at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Securities,
  - (C) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue interest at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Securities, and
  - (D) all sums paid or advanced by the Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel;

and

(2) all Events of Default with respect to Securities of that series, other than the non-payment of the principal of Securities of that series that have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 513.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

SECTION 503. COLLECTION OF INDEBTEDNESS AND SUITS FOR ENFORCEMENT BY TRUSTEE.

The Corporation covenants that if

- (1) default is made in the payment of any interest on any Security when such interest becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days, or
- (2) default is made in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Security at the Maturity thereof,

the Corporation will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities, the whole amount then due and payable on such Securities for principal and any premium and interest and, to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, interest on any overdue principal and premium and on any overdue interest, at the rate or rates (or yield to maturity in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities) prescribed therefor in such Securities, and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the

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Trustee, its agents and counsel, except as a result of the Trustee's negligence or bad faith.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series by such appropriate judicial proceedings as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy.

SECTION 504. TRUSTEE MAY FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM.

In case of any judicial proceeding relative to the Corporation (or any

other obligor upon the Securities), its property or its creditors, the Trustee shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise, to take any and all actions authorized under the Trust Indenture Act in order to have claims of the Holders and the Trustee allowed in any such proceeding. In particular, the Trustee shall be authorized to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same; and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 607 except as a result of its negligence or bad faith.

No provision of this Indenture shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of any Holder thereof or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding; provided, however, that the Trustee may, on behalf of the Holders, vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar official and be a member of a creditors' or other similar committee.

SECTION 505. TRUSTEE MAY ENFORCE CLAIMS WITHOUT POSSESSION OF SECURITIES.

All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Securities may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Securities or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, after provision for the payment of the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel (except no such provision shall be made respecting compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances made as a result of Trustee's negligence), be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

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SECTION 506. APPLICATION OF MONEY COLLECTED.

Any money collected by the Trustee pursuant to this Article shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money on account of principal or any premium or interest, upon presentation of the Securities and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

FIRST: To the payment of costs and expenses of collection, reasonable compensation to the Trustee, its agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee except as a result of its negligence or bad faith.

SECOND: In case the principal of the outstanding Securities of any series in respect of which such moneys have been collected shall not have become due, to the payment of interest on the Securities of such series, in the order of maturity of the installments of such interest, with interest (to the extent that such interest has been collected by the Trustee) upon the overdue installments of interest at the same rate or the yield to maturity (in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities) specified on the Securities of such series, such payments to be made ratably to the persons entitled thereto, without discrimination or preference.

THIRD: In case the principal of the outstanding Securities of any series in respect of which such moneys have been collected shall have become due, by declaration, or otherwise, to the payment of the whole amount then owing and unpaid upon the Securities of such series for principal, premium (if any) and interest, with interest upon the overdue principal, premium (if any) and (to the extent that such interest has been collected by the Trustee) upon overdue installments of interest at the same rate or the yield to maturity (in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities) specified on the Securities of such series; and in case such moneys shall be insufficient to pay in full the whole amount so due and unpaid upon the Securities of such series, then to the payment of such principal, premium (if any) and interest, without preference or priority of principal and premium (if any), or of any installment of interest over any other installment of interest, or of any Security of such series over any other Security of such series, ratably to the aggregate of such principal and accrued and unpaid interest.

SECTION 507. LIMITATION ON SUITS.

No Holder of any Security of any series shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless

- (1) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of that series;
- (2) The Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder;
- (3) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity

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against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;

- (4) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and
- (5) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Trustee during such 60-day period by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series;

it being understood and intended that no one or more of such Holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other of such Holders, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all of such Holders.

SECTION 508. UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT OF HOLDERS TO RECEIVE PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM AND INTEREST.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the Holder of any Security shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and any premium and (subject to Section 307) interest on such Security on the respective Stated Maturities expressed in such Security (or, in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 509. RESTORATION OF RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.

If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceeding, the Corporation, the Trustee and the Holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

SECTION 510. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CUMULATIVE.

Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities in the last paragraph of Section 306, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

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SECTION 511. DELAY OR OMISSION NOT WAIVER.

No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of any Securities to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may

SECTION 512. CONTROL BY HOLDERS.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Securities of such series, provided that

- (1) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture, and
- (2) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction.

SECTION 513. WAIVER OF PAST DEFAULTS.

The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series may on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of such series waive any past default hereunder with respect to such series and its consequences, except a default:

- in the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any Security of such series, or
- (2) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which under Article Nine cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security of such series affected.

Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

SECTION 514. UNDERTAKING FOR COSTS.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Trustee, a court may require any party litigant in such suit to file an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and may assess costs against any such party litigant, in the manner and to the extent provided in the Trust Indenture Act; provided that neither this Section nor the Trust Indenture Act shall be deemed to authorize any court to require such an undertaking or to make such an assessment in any suit instituted by the Corporation.

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SECTION 515. WAIVER OF USURY, STAY OR EXTENSION LAWS.

The Corporation covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any usury, stay or extension law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Corporation (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

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SECTION 601. CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The duties and responsibilities of the Trustee shall be as provided by the Trust Indenture Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it. Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 602. NOTICE OF DEFAULTS.

If a default occurs hereunder with respect to Securities of any series, the Trustee shall give the Holders of Securities of such series notice of such default as and to the extent provided by the Trust Indenture Act; provided, however, that in the case of any default of the character specified in Section 501(5) with respect to Securities of such series, no such notice to Holders shall be given until at least 60 days after the occurrence thereof. For the purpose of this Section, the term "default" means any event or events, as the case may be, specified in Section 501, not including periods of grace, if any, provided for therein.

SECTION 603. CERTAIN RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE.

Subject to the provisions of Section 601:

- (1) the Trustee may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, action, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;
- (2) any request or direction of the Corporation mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Corporation Request or Corporation Order, and any resolution of the Board of Directors or Establishment Action may

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be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution or Establishment Action, as the case may be;

- (3) whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely upon an Officers' Certificate;
- (4) the Trustee may consult with counsel and the written advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon;
- (5) the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction;
- (6) the Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, action, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Corporation, personally or by agent or attorney;
- (7) the Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder; and
- (8) the Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken by it in good faith and believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.

SECTION 604. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RECITALS OR ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES.

The recitals contained herein and in the Securities, except the Trustee's certificates of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Corporation, and neither the Trustee nor any Authenticating Agent assumes any responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or the Securities. Neither the Trustee nor any Authenticating Agent shall be accountable for the use or application by the Corporation of Securities or the proceeds thereof.

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SECTION 605. TRUSTEE MAY HOLD SECURITIES.

The Trustee, any Authenticating Agent, any Paying Agent, any Security Registrar or any other agent of the Corporation, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and, subject to Sections 608 and 613, may otherwise deal with the Corporation with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee, Authenticating Agent, Paying Agent, Security Registrar or such other agent.

SECTION 606. MONEY HELD IN TRUST.

Money held by the Trustee, or any Paying Agent, in trust hereunder need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. Neither the Trustee nor any Paying Agent shall be under any liability for interest on any money received by it hereunder except as otherwise agreed in writing with

SECTION 607. COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENT, INDEMNIFICATION.

The Corporation agrees as follows:

- (1) to pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation as shall be agreed in writing between the Corporation and the Trustee for all services rendered by it hereunder (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);
- (2) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to reimburse the Trustee upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee in accordance with any provision of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to its negligence or bad faith; and
- (3) to indemnify the Trustee for, and to hold it harmless against, any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder and the costs and expenses of enforcing this right to indemnification.

If any action, suit or proceeding is brought against any Trustee in connection with any claim for which it is entitled to indemnity hereunder, it shall promptly (but no later than ten days following service) notify the Corporation in writing enclosing a copy of all papers served. All counsel employed to defend any such claim shall be retained directly by the Corporation and may serve as counsel to the Corporation and/or one or more Trustees. Absent a conflict of interest, the Corporation shall not be required to pay the fees and expenses of more than one law firm in connection with its obligations hereunder. A Trustee entitled to indemnification may, in addition to counsel engaged by the Corporation, engage counsel to represent such party at that party's sole expense. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the Corporation shall not be liable

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to pay any settlement agreed to without its written consent.

SECTION 608. CONFLICTING INTERESTS.

If the Trustee has or shall acquire a conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act, the Trustee shall either eliminate such interest or resign, to the extent and in the manner provided by, and subject to the provisions of, the Trust Indenture Act and this Indenture. To the extent permitted by the Trust Indenture Act, the Trustee shall not be deemed to have a conflicting interest by virtue of being a trustee under this Indenture with respect to Securities of more than one series or a trustee under the indenture dated July 27, 2001 between the Corporation and the Trustee.

SECTION 609. CORPORATE TRUSTEE REQUIRED; ELIGIBILITY.

There shall at all times be one (and only one) Trustee hereunder with respect to the Securities of each series, which may be Trustee hereunder for Securities of one or more other series. Each Trustee shall be a Person that is eligible pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act to act as such and has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. If any such Person publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section and to the extent permitted by the Trust Indenture Act, the combined capital and surplus of such Person shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article.

SECTION 610. RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL; APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR.

- (a) No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 611.
- (b) The Trustee may resign at any time with respect to the Securities of one or more series by giving written notice thereof to the Corporation. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee required by Section 611 shall not have been delivered to the Trustee

within 30 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

(c) The Trustee may be removed at any time with respect to the Securities of any series by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series, delivered to the Trustee and to the Corporation. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee required by Section 611 shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 30 days after the giving of such notice of removal, the Trustee being removed may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

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- (d) If at any time:
  - (1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with Section 608 after written request therefor by the Corporation or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months, or
  - (2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 609 and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Corporation or by any such Holder, or
  - (3) the Trustee shall become incapable of acting or shall be adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent or a receiver of the Trustee or of its property shall be appointed or any public officer shall take charge or control of the Trustee or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation.

then, in any such case,

- (A) the Corporation by a Board Resolution may remove the Trustee with respect to all Securities, or
- (B) subject to Section 514, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee with respect to all Securities and the appointment of a successor Trustee or Trustees.
- (e) If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for any cause, with respect to the Securities of one or more series, the Corporation, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee or Trustees with respect to the Securities of that or those series (it being understood that any such successor Trustee may be appointed with respect to the Securities of one or more or all of such series and that at any time there shall be only one Trustee with respect to the Securities of any particular series) and shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 611. If, within one year after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall be appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series delivered to the Corporation and the retiring Trustee, the successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 611, become the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series and to that extent supersede the successor Trustee appointed by the Corporation. If no successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall have been so appointed by the Corporation or the Holders and accepted appointment in the manner required by Section 611, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security of such series for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others

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similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

(f) The Corporation shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series and each appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series to all Holders of Securities of such series in the manner provided in Section 106. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

SECTION 611. ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY SUCCESSOR.

In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to all Securities, every such successor Trustee so appointed shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Corporation and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee; but, on the request of the Corporation or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its charges, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring Trustee and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder.

In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more (but not all) series, the Corporation, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series shall execute and deliver an indenture supplemental hereto wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (1) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, (2) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all Securities, shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series as to which the retiring Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the retiring Trustee, and (3) shall add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, it being understood that nothing herein or in such supplemental indenture shall constitute such Trustees co-trustees of the same trust and that each such Trustee shall be trustee of a trust or trusts hereunder separate and apart from any trust or trusts hereunder administered by any other such Trustee; and upon the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates; but, on request of the Corporation or any successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and

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money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates.

Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Corporation shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in the first or second preceding paragraph, as the case may be.

No successor Trustee shall accept its appointment unless at the time of such acceptance such successor Trustee shall be qualified and eligible under this Article.

SECTION 612. MERGER, CONVERSION, CONSOLIDATION OR SUCCESSION TO BUSINESS.

Any corporation into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto. In case any Securities shall have been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Securities so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee had itself authenticated such Securities.

SECTION 613. PREFERENTIAL COLLECTION OF CLAIMS AGAINST CORPORATION.

If and when the Trustee shall be or become a creditor of the Corporation (or any other obligor upon the Securities), the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act regarding the collection of claims against the Corporation (or any such other obligor).

SECTION 614. APPOINTMENT OF AUTHENTICATING AGENT.

The Trustee may appoint an Authenticating Agent or Agents with respect to one or more series of Securities which shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Securities of such series issued upon original issue and upon exchange, registration of transfer or partial redemption thereof or pursuant to Section 306, and Securities so authenticated shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture and shall be valid and obligatory for all purposes as if authenticated by the Trustee hereunder. Wherever reference is made in this Indenture to the authentication and delivery of Securities by the Trustee or the Trustee's certificate of authentication, such reference shall be deemed to include authentication and delivery on behalf of the Trustee by an Authenticating Agent and a certificate of authentication executed on behalf of the Trustee by an Authenticating Agent. Each Authenticating Agent must be acceptable to the Corporation and shall at all times be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to act as Authenticating Agent, having a combined capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. If such Authenticating Agent publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of said

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supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such Authenticating Agent shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time an Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, such Authenticating Agent shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in this Section.

Any corporation into which an Authenticating Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which such Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate agency or corporate trust business of an Authenticating Agent, shall continue to be an Authenticating Agent, provided such corporation shall be otherwise eligible under this Section, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent.

In case at the time such successor to any Authenticating Agent with respect to any series shall succeed to such Authenticating Agent, any of the Securities of such series shall have been authenticated but not delivered, any such successor to such Authenticating Agent may adopt the certificate of authentication of any predecessor Authenticating Agent and deliver such Securities so authenticated; and in case at that time any of the Securities of such series shall not have been authenticated, any successor to any Authenticating Agent may authenticate such Securities either in the name of any predecessor hereunder or in the name of successor Authenticating Agent; and in all such cases such certificate shall have the full force which it is anywhere in the Securities of such series or in this Indenture provided that the certificate of the predecessor Authenticating Agent shall have; provided, however, that the right to adopt the certificate of authentication of any predecessor Authenticating Agent or to authenticate Securities in the name of any predecessor Authenticating Agent shall apply only to its successor or successors by merger, conversion or consolidation.

An Authenticating Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Trustee and to the Corporation. The Trustee may at any time terminate the agency of an Authenticating Agent by giving written notice thereof to such Authenticating Agent and to the Corporation. Upon receiving such a notice of resignation or upon such a termination, or in case at any time such Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the Trustee may appoint a successor Authenticating Agent which must be acceptable to the Corporation and shall give notice of such appointment in the manner provided in Section 106 to all Holders of Securities of the series with respect to which such Authenticating Agent will serve. Any successor Authenticating Agent upon acceptance of its appointment hereunder shall become vested with all the rights, powers and duties of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as an Authenticating Agent. No successor Authenticating Agent shall be appointed unless eligible under the provisions of this Section.

Any Authenticating Agent by the acceptance of its appointment shall be deemed to have agreed with the Trustee that: it will perform and carry out the duties of an Authenticating Agent as herein set forth; it will keep and maintain and furnish to the Trustee from time to time as requested by the Trustee appropriate records of all transactions carried out by it as Authenticating Agent and will furnish the Trustee such other information and reports as the Trustee may reasonably require; it is eligible for

Trustee against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Trustee and will defend any claim asserted against the Trustee by reason of acts or failures to act of the Authenticating Agent but it shall have no liability for any action taken by it at the specific written direction of the Trustee.

The Trustee agrees to pay to each Authenticating Agent from time to time reasonable compensation for its services under this Section, and the Trustee shall be entitled to be reimbursed for such payments, subject to the provisions of Section 607.

If an appointment with respect to one or more series is made pursuant to this Section, the Securities of such series may have endorsed thereon, in addition to the Trustee's certificate of authentication, an alternative certificate of authentication in the following form:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

The Bank of New York, As Trustee

| Ву                      |
|-------------------------|
| As Authenticating Agent |
| Ву                      |
| Authorized Officer      |

# ARTICLE SEVEN HOLDERS' LISTS AND REPORTS BY TRUSTEE AND CORPORATION

SECTION 701. CORPORATION TO FURNISH TRUSTEE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF HOLDERS.

The Corporation will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee

- (1) semi-annually, not later than June 30 and December 31 in each year, a list, in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of Securities of each series as of a date no more than 15 days prior to the date such list is furnished, and
- (2) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after the receipt by the Corporation of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such list is furnished;

excluding from any such list names and addresses received by the Trustee in its

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capacity as Security Registrar.

SECTION 702. PRESERVATION OF INFORMATION; COMMUNICATIONS TO HOLDERS.

The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, the names and addresses of Holders contained in the most recent list furnished to the Trustee as provided in Section 701 and the names and addresses of Holders received by the Trustee, or its designee, in its capacity as Security Registrar. The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 701 upon receipt of a new list so furnished.

The rights of Holders to communicate with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under the Securities, and the corresponding rights and privileges of the Trustee, shall be as provided by the Trust Indenture Act.

Every Holder of Securities, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Corporation and the Trustee that neither the Corporation nor the Trustee nor any agent of either of them shall be held accountable by reason of any disclosure of information as to names and addresses of Holders made pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 703. REPORTS BY TRUSTEE.

The Trustee shall transmit to Holders such reports concerning the Trustee and its actions under this Indenture as may be required pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act at the times and in the manner provided pursuant thereto.

Reports so required to be transmitted at stated intervals of not more than 12 months shall be transmitted no later than sixty days after each May 1 following the date of first issuance.

A copy of each such report shall, at the time of such transmission to Holders, be filed by the Trustee with each stock exchange upon which any Securities are listed, with the Commission and with the Corporation. (The Corporation will notify the Trustee when any Securities are listed on any stock exchange pursuant to Section 704.)

SECTION 704. REPORTS BY CORPORATION.

The Corporation shall file with the Trustee and the Commission, and transmit to Holders, such information, documents and other reports, and such summaries thereof, as may be required pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act at the times and in the manner provided pursuant to such Act; provided that any such information, documents or reports required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act shall be filed with the Trustee within 15 days after the same is so required to be filed with the Commission.

The Corporation shall notify the Trustee when any Securities are listed on any stock exchange.

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## ARTICLE EIGHT

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE, TRANSFER OR LEASE

SECTION 801. CORPORATION MAY CONSOLIDATE, ETC., ONLY ON CERTAIN TERMS.

The Corporation covenants that it will not merge or consolidate with any other Person or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any Person, except that the Corporation may merge or consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to, any other Person, provided that.

- (1) (a) the Corporation shall be the continuing Person or
  - (b) (i) the successor Person (if other than the Corporation) shall be a Person organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a State thereof and
    - (ii) such Person shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on all the Securities, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the covenants and conditions of this Indenture to be performed by the Corporation

and

(2) the Corporation or such successor Person, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance of any such covenant or condition and no event which with the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both would constitute an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

For purposes of this Section 801, "substantially all of its assets" shall mean, at any date, a portion of the non-current assets reflected in the Corporation's consolidated balance sheet as of the end of the most recent quarterly period that represents at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the total reported value of such assets.

SECTION 802. SUCCESSOR SUBSTITUTED.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor Person of the obligations under this Indenture and the Securities in accordance with Section 801, such successor Person shall succeed to and be substituted for the Corporation, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a party hereto, and the Corporation shall thereupon be relieved of any further obligations or liabilities hereunder and upon the Securities and the Corporation as the predecessor Person may thereupon or at any time thereafter be dissolved, wound-up or liquidated. Such successor Person thereupon may cause to be signed, and may issue either in its own name or in the name of the predecessor corporation, any or all of the Securities issuable hereunder which theretofore shall not have been signed by the Corporation and delivered to the Trustee and, upon the order of such successor Person, instead of the Corporation, and subject to all the terms, conditions and limitations in this

Indenture prescribed, the Trustee shall authenticate and shall deliver any Securities which previously shall have been signed and delivered by the officers of the Corporation to the Trustee for authentication and any Securities which such successor Person thereafter shall cause to be signed and delivered to the Trustee for that purpose. All the Securities so issued shall in all respects have the same legal rank and benefit under this Indenture as the Securities theretofore or thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture as though all of such Securities had been issued at the date of the execution hereof.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance such changes in phraseology and form (but not in substance) may be made in the Securities thereafter to be issued as may be appropriate.

SECTION 803. TRUSTEE ENTITLED TO OPINION.

The Trustee, subject to the provisions of Sections 601 and 603, may receive an Opinion of Counsel as conclusive evidence that any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance, and any such assumption, complies with the provisions of this Article Eight.

# ARTICLE NINE SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

SECTION 901. SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITHOUT CONSENT OF HOLDERS.

Without the consent of any Holders, the Corporation, when authorized by its Board of Directors, and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) to evidence the succession of another Person to the Corporation and the assumption by any such successor of the covenants of the Corporation herein and in the Securities; or
- (2) to add to the covenants of the Corporation for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such covenants are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such covenants are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series) or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Corporation; or
- (3) to add any additional Events of Default for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such additional Events of Default are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such additional Events of Default are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series); or
- (4) to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the issuance of Securities in bearer form, registrable or not registrable as to principal, and with or without interest coupons, or to permit or facilitate the issuance of Securities in uncertificated form; or

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- (5) To add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture in respect of one or more series of Securities, provided that any such addition, change or elimination
  - (A) shall neither
    - (i) apply to any Security of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture and entitled to the benefit of such provision nor
    - (ii) modify the rights of the Holder of any such Security with respect to such provision

or

(B) shall become effective only when there is no such Security Outstanding;

or

- (6) to secure the Securities pursuant to the requirements of Section 1005 or to otherwise secure the Securities of any series; or
- (7) to establish the form or terms of Securities of any series as permitted by Sections 201 and 301; or
- (8) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this

Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 611; or

- (9) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision herein which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision herein; or
- (10) to make such amendments that do not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of any series in any material respect; or
- (11) to add, change or eliminate any provision of this Indenture as shall be necessary or desirable in accordance with any amendments to the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 902. SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITH CONSENT OF HOLDERS.

With the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of each series affected by such supplemental indenture, by Act of said Holders delivered to the Corporation and the Trustee, the Corporation, when authorized by its Board of Directors, and the Trustee may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of modifying in any

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manner the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected thereby,

- change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest or premium on, any Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon or any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, or reduce the amount of the principal of an Original Issue Discount Security or any other Security which would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 502, or change the coin or currency in which any Security or any premium or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), or adversely affect any right of the Holder of any Security to require the Corporation to repurchase such Security
- (2) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series, the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences) provided for in this Indenture, or
- (3) modify any of the provisions of this Section, Section 513 or Section 1010, except to increase any percentage set forth in such Sections or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected thereby; provided, however, that this clause shall not be deemed to require the consent of any Holder with respect to changes in the references to "the Trustee" and concomitant changes in this Section and Section 1010.

A supplemental indenture that changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture that has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of Securities, or which modifies the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Securities of any other series.

It shall not be necessary for any Act of Holders under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

SECTION 903. EXECUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 601) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture. The Trustee

which affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

SECTION 904. EFFECT OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture under this Article, this Indenture shall be modified in accordance therewith, and such supplemental indenture shall form a part of this Indenture for all purposes; and every Holder of Securities theretofore or thereafter authenticated and delivered hereunder shall be bound thereby.

SECTION 905. CONFORMITY WITH TRUST INDENTURE ACT.

Every supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article shall conform to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 906. REFERENCE IN SECURITIES TO SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

Securities of any series authenticated and delivered after the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Article may, and shall if required by the Trustee, bear a notation in form approved by the Trustee as to any matter provided for in such supplemental indenture. If the Corporation shall so determine, new Securities of any series so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Trustee and the Corporation, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Corporation and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Securities of such series.

# ARTICLE TEN

SECTION 1001. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM AND INTEREST.

The Corporation covenants and agrees for the benefit of each series of Securities that it will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid the principal of (including any amount in respect of original issue discount) and any premium and interest on each of the Securities of such series at the Place of Payment, at the respective times and in the manner provided in the Securities and this Indenture. The principal of, premium, and interest on the Securities shall be payable only in accordance with the terms of the relevant Security.

SECTION 1002. MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE OR AGENCY.

The Corporation will maintain an office or agency where Securities of that series may be presented or surrendered for payment, where Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Corporation in respect of the Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. The Corporation will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Corporation shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, or an affiliate of the Trustee, and the Corporation hereby appoints the Trustee as its agent to receive all such

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presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

The Corporation may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Securities of one or more series may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Corporation of its obligation to maintain an office or agency for such purposes. The Corporation will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

SECTION 1003. MONEY FOR SECURITIES PAYMENTS TO BE HELD IN TRUST.

If the Corporation shall at any time act as its own Paying Agent with respect to any series of Securities, it will, on or before each due date of the principal of or any premium or interest on any of the Securities of that series, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto a sum sufficient to pay the principal and any premium and interest so becoming due until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided and will promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

Whenever the Corporation shall have one or more Paying Agents for any series of Securities, it will, prior to each due date of the principal of or any premium or interest on any Securities of that series, deposit with a Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay such amount, such sum to be held as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Corporation will promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

The Corporation will cause each Paying Agent, other than the Trustee or the Corporation, for any series of Securities to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section, that such Paying Agent will (1) comply with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act applicable to it as a Paying Agent and (2) during the continuance of any default by the Corporation (or any other obligor upon the Securities of that series) in the making of any payment in respect of the Securities of that series, upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums held in trust by such Paying Agent for payment in respect of the Securities of that series. Each of the Corporation and the Trustee, having agreed to the foregoing on its behalf as a Paying Agent by its execution and delivery of this instrument, has hereby satisfied the provisions of this paragraph with respect to itself as a Paying Agent.

The Corporation may at any time, for the purpose of obtaining the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture or for any other purpose, pay, or by Corporation Order direct any Paying Agent to pay, to the Trustee all sums held in trust by the Corporation or such Paying Agent, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the same trusts as those upon which such sums were held by the Corporation or such Paying Agent; and, upon such payment by any Paying Agent to the Trustee, such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such money.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Corporation, in trust for the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any

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Security of any series and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Corporation on Corporation Request, or (if then held by the Corporation) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Security shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, look only to the Corporation for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Corporation as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Corporation cause to be published once, in a newspaper published in the English language, customarily published on each Business Day and of general circulation in New York, New York, notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Corporation free of the trust formerly impressed upon it.

# SECTION 1004. STATEMENT BY OFFICERS AS TO DEFAULT.

The Corporation will deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Corporation ending after the date hereof, an Officers' Certificate, stating whether or not to the best knowledge of the signers thereof the Corporation is in default in the performance and observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture (without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided hereunder) and, if the Corporation shall be in default, specifying all such defaults and the nature and status thereof of which they may have knowledge.

# SECTION 1005. MORTGAGE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

If the Corporation or any Subsidiary of the Corporation shall Mortgage as security for any indebtedness for money borrowed any Principal Property or any shares of stock or other equity interests in any of the Corporation's Subsidiaries that own, directly or indirectly one or more Principal Properties, the Corporation will secure or will cause such Subsidiary to secure each series of the Securities equally and ratably with all indebtedness or obligations secured by the Mortgage then being given and with any other indebtedness of the Corporation or such Subsidiary then entitled thereto, provided, however, that this covenant shall not apply in the case of the following:

- (a) any Mortgage existing on the date of this Indenture (whether or not such Mortgage includes an after-acquired property provision);
- (b) any Mortgage, including a purchase money Mortgage, incurred in connection with the acquisition of any Principal Property (for purposes hereof the creation of any Mortgage within one hundred eighty (180) days after the acquisition or completion of construction of such Principal Property shall be deemed to be incurred in connection with the acquisition of such Principal Property), the assumption of any Mortgage previously existing on such acquired property or any Mortgage existing on the property of any corporation when such corporation becomes a Subsidiary of the Corporation;

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States of America, any State, or any agency, department, political subdivision or other instrumentality of either, to secure partial, progress or advance payments to the Corporation or any Subsidiary of the Corporation pursuant to the provisions of any contract or any statute;

- (d) any Mortgage on any Principal Property in favor of the United States of America, any State, or any agency, department, political subdivision or other instrumentality of either, to secure borrowings by the Corporation or any Subsidiary of the Corporation for the purchase or construction of the property Mortgaged;
- (e) any Mortgage on any Principal Property arising in connection with or to secure all or any part of the cost of the repair, construction, improvement, alteration, or development of such Principal Property or any portion thereof; or
- (f) any renewal of or substitution for any Mortgage permitted under the preceding clauses.

Notwithstanding the foregoing restriction contained in this Section 1005 and in Section 1006, the Corporation may and may permit its Subsidiaries to, without equally and ratably securing the Securities, (1) Mortgage any Principal Property or any shares of stock or other equity interests in any of the Corporation's Subsidiaries that owns, directly or indirectly, one or more Principal Properties or (2) sell or transfer any Principal Property with the intention of taking back a lease on such Principal Property, in each case, provided that at the time of such event, and after giving effect thereto, the sum of the aggregate net book value of Principal Property or share of stock or other equity interests so Mortgages (other than Mortgages permitted pursuant to Section 1005(b)) and the aggregate net book value of all Principal Property not then subject to a sale/leaseback transaction specified in Section 1006(a) (not including any sale/leaseback transaction permitted pursuant to Section 1006(b)) does not exceed ten percent (10%) of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

SECTION 1006. SALES AND LEASE BACK OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES.

The Corporation will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary of the Corporation to, sell or transfer any Principal Property with the intention of taking back a lease of such Principal Property, provided, however, this covenant shall not apply if:

- (a) the lease is to a Subsidiary of the Corporation (or to the Corporation in the case of a Subsidiary),
- (b) the lease is for a temporary period by the end of which it is intended that the use of such Principal Property by the lessee will be discontinued;
- (c) the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation could, in accordance with Section 1005, Mortgage such Principal Property without equally and ratably securing the Securities; or
- (d) (i) the Corporation promptly informs the Trustee of such sale,

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- (ii) the net proceeds of such sale are at least equal to the fair value (as determined by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors) of such Principal Property and
- (iii) the Corporation shall, and in any such case the Corporation covenants that it will, within one hundred and eighty (180) days after such sale, apply an amount equal to the net proceeds of such sale to the retirement of debt of the Corporation, or of a Subsidiary of the Corporation in the case of property of such Subsidiary, maturing by its terms more than one (1) year after the date on which it was originally incurred (herein called "funded debt"); provided that the amount to be applied to the retirement of funded debt of the Corporation or of a Subsidiary of the Corporation shall be reduced by the amount below if, within seventy-five (75) days after such sale, the Corporation shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate:
  - (aa) stating that on a specified date after such sale the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, voluntarily retired a specified principal amount of funded debt,

- (bb) stating that such retirement was not effected by payment at maturity or pursuant to any applicable mandatory sinking fund or prepayment provision (other than provisions requiring retirement of any funded debt of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, under the circumstances referred to in this Section 1006), and
- (cc) stating the then optional redemption or prepayment price applicable to the funded debt so retired or, if there is no such price applicable, the amount applied by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, to the retirement of such funded debt.

In the event of such a sale or transfer the Corporation shall deliver to the Trustee a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors referred to in the parenthetical phrase contained in subclause (e)(ii) of this Section 1006 and an Officers' Certificate setting forth all material facts under this Section 1006. For the purposes of this Section 1006 the term retirement of such funded debt shall include the "in substance defeasance" of such funded debt in accordance with then applicable accounting rules.

SECTION 1007. CHANGE IN CONTROL.

- (a) If there shall have occurred a Change in Control, Securities shall be purchased by the Corporation, at the option of the Holder thereof, at a purchase price (the "Change in Control Purchase Price") equal to
  - (i) unless otherwise specified in the terms of such Securities, one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount thereof, together

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with accrued interest to the Change in Control Purchase Date referred to below (except that interest installments due prior to the Change in Control Purchase Date will be payable to the Holders of such Securities of record at the close of business on the relevant record dates according to their terms and the provisions of Section 307), or

(ii) such other price or prices as may be specified in the terms of such Securities;

in each case as of the date that is thirty-five (35) Business Days after the occurrence of the Change in Control (the "Change in Control Purchase Date"), subject to satisfaction by or on behalf of the Holder of the requirements set forth in Section  $1007\,(c)$ .

A "Change in Control" shall be deemed to have occurred at such time as any of the following events shall occur:

- (1) any Person or group of Persons shall have acquired "beneficial ownership" (within the meaning of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Exchange Act, as amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder) of shares of Voting Stock representing at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the outstanding Voting Power of the Corporation,
- (2) during any period of twenty-five (25) consecutive months, commencing before or after the date of this Indenture, individuals who at the beginning of such twenty-five month period were directors of the Corporation (together with any replacement or additional directors whose election was recommended by incumbent management of the Corporation or who were elected by a majority of directors then in office) cease to constitute a majority of the board of directors of the Corporation, or
- (3) any person or group of related persons shall acquire all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation;

provided that a Change in Control shall not be deemed to have occurred pursuant to clause (3) above if the Corporation shall have merged or consolidated with or transferred all or substantially all of its assets to another entity in compliance with the provisions of Section 801 and the surviving or successor or transferee entity is no more leveraged than was the Corporation immediately prior to such event. For purposes of this definition, the term "leveraged" when used with respect to any entity shall mean the percentage represented by the total assets of that corporation divided by its stockholders' equity (or members' equity, as the case may be), in each case determined and as would be shown in a consolidated balance sheet of such entity prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

For purposes of this Section 1007, "substantially all of its assets" shall mean, at any date, a portion of the non-current assets reflected in the Corporation's consolidated balance sheet as of the end of the most recent quarterly period that represents at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the total reported value of such assets.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 1007, a Change in Control shall not be deemed to have occurred by virtue of: the Corporation, any Subsidiary of the Corporation, any employee

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stock ownership plan or any other employee benefit plan of the Corporation or any such Subsidiary, or any person holding Voting Stock for or pursuant to the terms of any such employee benefit plan, acquiring beneficial ownership of shares of Voting Stock, whether representing thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the outstanding Voting Power of the Corporation or otherwise.

- (b) Within fifteen (15) Business Days after the occurrence of a Change in Control, the Corporation shall mail a written notice of Change in Control by first-class mail to the Trustee and to each Holder (and to beneficial owners as required by applicable law) of Securities of any series and shall cause a copy of such notice to be published in a daily newspaper of national circulation. The notice shall state:
  - (1) the events causing a Change in Control (specifying such events) and the date of such Change in Control;
  - (2) the date by which the Change in Control Purchase Notice pursuant to this Section 1007 must be given;
  - (3) the Change in Control Purchase Date;
  - (4) the Change in Control Purchase Price;
  - (5) the name and address of the Paying Agent for such series;
  - (6) that on the Change in Control Purchase Date each Security of such series surrendered in accordance with this Section 1007 and the terms of such Security for payment at the Change in Control Purchase Price will be purchased by the Corporation at such price and, if applicable, that interest thereon will cease to accrue on and after such date;
  - (7) the procedures the Holder must follow to exercise rights under this Section 1007, including procedures to be followed by a Holder acting as a Holder of record on behalf of more than one beneficial owner in exercising rights specified in this Section 1007 with respect to less than all such beneficial owners; and
  - (8) the procedures for withdrawing a Change in Control Purchase Notice.
- (c) A Holder of Securities of any series may exercise its rights specified in Section 1007(a) by delivering a written notice of purchase (a "Change in Control Purchase Notice") to the Paying Agent for such series at its

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address set forth on the notice sent pursuant to Section 1007(b)(5) at any time prior to the close of business on the Change in Control Purchase Date with respect to such Change of Control, stating:

- (1) the certificate number or numbers of the Security or Securities which the Holder will deliver to be purchased; and
- (2) that such Security or Securities shall be purchased pursuant to the terms and conditions specified herein and in the Corporation's notice pursuant to Section 1007(b).

A Holder may, but is not required to, use the Form of Change in Control Purchase Notice attached hereto as  $\operatorname{Exhibit} A$ .

The delivery of such Security or Securities to such Paying Agent prior to, on or after the Change in Control Purchase Date (together with all necessary endorsements) at the offices of such Paying Agent shall be a condition to the receipt by the Holder of the Change in Control Purchase Price therefor, provided, however, that such Change in Control Purchase Price shall be so paid pursuant to this Section 1007 only if the Security or Securities so delivered to the Paying Agent shall conform in all respects to the description thereof set

forth in the related Change in Control Purchase Notice.

The Corporation shall establish procedures to permit a Holder of a Security or Securities acting as a Holder of record on behalf of more than one beneficial owner to exercise the rights specified in this Section 1007 with respect to less than all such beneficial owners.

Any purchase by the Corporation contemplated pursuant to the provisions of this Section 1007 shall be consummated by the delivery of the consideration to be received by the Holder promptly following the later of the Change in Control Purchase Date and the time of delivery of the Security.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any Holder of Securities of a series delivering to the Paying Agent for such series the Change in Control Purchase Notice contemplated by this Section 1007(c) shall have the right to withdraw such Change in Control Purchase Notice at any time prior to the close of business on the Change in Control Purchase Date by delivery of a written notice of withdrawal to such Paying Agent in accordance with Section 1008. A Holder may, but is not required to, use the Form of Notice of Withdrawal of Change in Control Purchase Notice attached hereto as Exhibit B.

SECTION 1008. CHANGE IN CONTROL PURCHASE PRICE.

Upon receipt by the Corporation of the Change in Control Purchase Notice specified in Section 1007(c), the Holder of the Security in respect of which such notice was given shall (unless such notice is withdrawn as specified in the following two paragraphs) thereafter be entitled to receive solely the Change in Control Purchase Price with respect to such Security. Such price shall be paid to such Holder promptly following the later of:

(i) the Change in Control Purchase Date with respect to such Security

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(provided the conditions in Section 1007(c) have been satisfied) and

(y) the time of delivery of such Security to the Paying Agent therefor by the Holder thereof in the manner required by Section 1007(c).

A Change in Control Purchase Notice may be withdrawn by means of a written notice of withdrawal signed by the Holder delivered to the office of such Paying Agent at its address set forth on the notice sent pursuant to Section 1007(b)(5) at any time prior to the close of business on the Change in Control Purchase Date specifying the certificate number or numbers of the Security or Securities in respect of which such notice of withdrawal is being submitted.

A Holder may, but is not required to, use the Form of Notice of Withdrawal of Change in Control Purchase Notice attached hereto as Exhibit B.

SECTION 1009. DEPOSIT OF CHANGE IN CONTROL PURCHASE PRICE.

On or before the Business Day immediately preceding the Change in Control Purchase Date, the Corporation shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent (or, if the Corporation or a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of either of them is acting as the Paying Agent, shall segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 1003) an amount of money sufficient to pay the aggregate Change in Control Purchase Price of all the Securities which are to be purchased as of the Change in Control Purchase Date.

SECTION 1010. WAIVER OF CERTAIN COVENANTS.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of such series, the Corporation may, with respect to the Securities of any series, omit in any particular instance to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in any covenant provided pursuant to Section 301(18), 901(2) or 901(7) for the benefit of the Holders of such series or in any of Sections 1005 through 1009, inclusive, if before the time for such compliance the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series shall, by Act of such Holders, either waive such compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such term, provision or condition, but no such waiver shall extend to or affect such term, provision or condition except to the extent so expressly waived, and, until such waiver shall become effective, the obligations of the Corporation and the duties of the Trustee in respect of any such term, provision or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

# ARTICLE ELEVEN REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

SECTION 1101. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

Securities of any series that are redeemable before their Stated Maturity shall be redeemable in accordance with their terms and (except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for such Securities) in accordance with this Article.

SECTION 1102. ELECTION TO REDEEM: NOTICE TO TRUSTEE.

The election of the Corporation to redeem any Securities shall be evidenced by a

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Board Resolution or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 301 for such Securities. In case of any redemption at the election of the Corporation of less than all the Securities of any series (including any such redemption affecting only a single Security), the Corporation shall, at least 60 days prior to the Redemption Date fixed by the Corporation (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date, of the principal amount of Securities of such series to be redeemed and, if applicable, of the tenor of the Securities to be redeemed. In the case of any redemption of Securities prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption provided in the terms of such Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture, the Corporation shall furnish the Trustee with an Officers' Certificate evidencing compliance with such restriction.

SECTION 1103. SELECTION BY TRUSTEE OF SECURITIES TO BE REDEEMED.

If less than all the Securities of any series are to be redeemed (unless all the Securities of such series and of a specified tenor are to be redeemed or unless such redemption affects only a single Security), the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the Outstanding Securities of such series not previously called for redemption, by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which may provide for the selection for redemption of a portion of the principal amount of any Security of such series, provided that the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of any Security shall be in an authorized denomination (which shall not be less than the minimum authorized denomination or any integral multiple thereof) for such Security. If less than all the Securities of such series and of a specified tenor are to be redeemed (unless such redemption affects only a single Security), the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the Outstanding Securities of such series and specified tenor not previously called for redemption in accordance with the preceding sentence.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Corporation in writing of the Securities selected for redemption as aforesaid and, in case of any Securities selected for partial redemption as aforesaid, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed

The provisions of the two preceding paragraphs shall not apply with respect to any redemption affecting only a single Security, whether such Security is to be redeemed in whole or in part. In the case of any such redemption in part, the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of the Security shall be in an authorized denomination (which shall not be less than the minimum authorized denomination) for such Security.

For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any Securities redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of such Securities which has been or is to be redeemed.

SECTION 1104. NOTICE OF REDEMPTION.

Notice of redemption shall be given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date, to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed, at his address appearing in the Security Register.

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All notices of redemption shall state:

- (1) the Redemption Date,
- (2) the Redemption Price,
- (3) if less than all the Outstanding Securities of any series consisting of more than a single Security are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption of any such Securities, the principal amounts) of the particular Securities to be redeemed and, if less than all the Outstanding Securities of any series consisting of a single Security are to be redeemed, the principal amount of the particular Security to be redeemed,
- (4) that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon each such Security to be redeemed and, if applicable, that interest thereon will cease to accrue on and after said date,

- (5) the place or places where each such Security is to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price, and
- (6) that the redemption is for a sinking fund, if such is the case.

Notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed at the election of the Corporation shall be given by the Corporation or, at the Corporation's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Corporation and shall be irrevocable.

SECTION 1105. DEPOSIT OF REDEMPTION PRICE.

Prior to any Redemption Date, the Corporation shall deposit with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent (or, if the Corporation is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 1003) an amount of money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of, and (except if the Redemption Date shall be an Interest Payment Date) accrued interest on, all the Securities which are to be redeemed on that date.

SECTION 1106. SECURITIES PAYABLE ON REDEMPTION DATE.

Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Securities so to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless the Corporation shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest) such Securities shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of any such Security for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Security shall be paid by the Corporation at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the Redemption Date; provided, however, that, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301, installments of interest whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the Redemption Date will be payable to the Holders of such Securities, or one or more Predecessor Securities, registered as such at the close of business on the relevant Record Dates according to their terms and the provisions of Section 307.

If any Security called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof

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for redemption, the principal and any premium shall, until paid, bear interest from the Redemption Date at the rate prescribed therefor in the Security.

SECTION 1107. SECURITIES REDEEMED IN PART.

Any Security that is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at a Place of Payment therefor (with, if the Corporation or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Corporation and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing), and the Corporation shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Security without service charge, a new Security or Securities of the same series and of like tenor, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Security so surrendered.

# ARTICLE TWELVE SINKING FUNDS

SECTION 1201. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to any sinking fund for the retirement of Securities of any series except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for such Securities.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of any Securities is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment", and any payment in excess of such minimum amount provided for by the terms of such Securities is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment". If provided for by the terms of any Securities, the cash amount of any sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 1202. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Securities as provided for by the terms of such Securities.

SECTION 1202. SATISFACTION OF SINKING FUND PAYMENTS WITH SECURITIES.

The Corporation

- (1) may deliver Outstanding Securities of a series (other than any previously called for redemption) and
- (2) may apply as a credit Securities of a series which have been redeemed either at the election of the Corporation pursuant to the terms of such Securities or through the application of permitted optional sinking fund payments pursuant to the terms of such

Securities,

in each case in satisfaction of all or any part of any sinking fund payment with respect to any Securities of such series required to be made pursuant to the terms of such Securities as and to the extent provided for by the terms of such Securities; provided that the Securities to be so credited have not been previously so credited. The Securities to be so credited shall be received and credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the Redemption Price, as specified in the Securities so to be redeemed, for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such sinking fund

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payment shall be reduced accordingly.

SECTION 1203. REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES FOR SINKING FUND.

Not less than 45 days prior to each sinking fund payment date for any Securities, the Corporation will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing sinking fund payment for such Securities pursuant to the terms of such Securities, the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by payment of cash and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by delivering and crediting Securities pursuant to Section 1202 and will also deliver to the Trustee any Securities to be so delivered. Not less than 15 nor more than 45 days prior to each such sinking fund payment date, the Trustee shall select the Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 1103 and cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the name of and at the expense of the Corporation in the manner provided in Section 1104. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Securities shall be made upon the terms and in the manner stated in Sections 1106 and 1107.

# ARTICLE THIRTEEN DEFEASANCE

SECTION 1301. CORPORATION'S OPTION TO EFFECT DEFEASANCE.

The Corporation may elect, at its option at any time, to have Section 1302 or Section 1303 applied to any Securities or any series of Securities, as the case may be, designated pursuant to Section 301 as being defeasible pursuant to such Section 1302 or 1303, in accordance with any applicable requirements provided pursuant to Section 301 and upon compliance with the conditions set forth in this Article. Any such election shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 301 for such Securities.

SECTION 1302. DEFEASANCE AND DISCHARGE.

Upon the Corporation's exercise of its option (if any) to have this Section applied to any Securities or any series of Securities, as the case may be, the Corporation shall be deemed to have been discharged from its obligations with respect to such Securities as provided in this Section on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 1304 are satisfied (a "Defeasance"). Defeasance means that the Corporation shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by such Securities and to have satisfied all its other obligations under such Securities and this Indenture insofar as such Securities are concerned (and the Trustee, at the expense of the Corporation, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), subject to the following which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

- (1) The rights of Holders of such Securities to receive, solely from the trust fund described in Section 1304 and as more fully set forth in such Section, payments in respect of the principal of and any premium and interest on such Securities when payments are due,
- (2) The Corporation's obligations with respect to such Securities under Sections 304, 305, 306, 1002 and 1003,

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- (3) The rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and
- (4) This Article.

Subject to compliance with this Article, the Corporation may exercise its option (if any) to have this Section applied to any Securities notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option (if any) to have Section 1303 applied to such Securities.

SECTION 1303. COVENANT DEFEASANCE.

Upon the Corporation's exercise of its option (if any) to have this Section applied to any Securities or any series of Securities, as the case may

- (1) the Corporation shall be released from its obligations under Section 801, Section 803, Sections 1005 through 1007, inclusive, Section 1009 and any covenants provided pursuant to Section 301(18), 901(2) or 901(6) for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities, and
- (2) the occurrence of any event specified in Sections 501(4), 501(5) (with respect to any of Section 801, Section 803, Sections 1005 through 1007, inclusive, Section 1009 and any such covenants provided pursuant to Section 301(18), 901(2) or 901(6)) and 501(8) shall be deemed not to be or result in an Event of Default,

in each case with respect to such Securities as provided in this Section on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 1304 are satisfied (hereinafter called "Covenant Defeasance"). For this purpose, such Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to such Securities, the Corporation may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such specified Section (to the extent so specified in the case of Section 501(5)), whether directly or indirectly by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such Section or by reason of any reference in any such Section to any other provision herein or in any other document, but the remainder of this Indenture and such Securities shall be unaffected thereby.

SECTION 1304. CONDITIONS TO DEFEASANCE OR COVENANT DEFEASANCE.

The following shall be the conditions to the application of Section 1302 or Section 1303 to any Securities or any series of Securities, as the case may be:

- (1) The Corporation shall irrevocably have deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee (or another trustee which satisfies the requirements contemplated by Section 609 and agrees to comply with the provisions of this Article applicable to it) as trust funds in trust for the purpose of making the following payments, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefits of the Holders of such Securities,
  - (A) Money in an amount (in such currency, currencies or currency unit or units in which the Securities of such series are payable), or

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- (B) In the case of Securities denominated in Dollars, U.S.
  Government Obligations, or, in the case of Securities
  denominated in a Foreign Currency, Foreign Government
  Obligations, that through the scheduled payment of principal
  and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms
  will provide, not later than one day before the due date of
  any payment, money in an amount, or
- (C) In the case of Securities denominated in Dollars, Defeased Municipal Obligations, that through the scheduled payment of principal and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide, not later than one day before the due date of any payment, money in an amount, or
- (D) A combination thereof,

in each case sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge, and which shall be applied by the Trustee (or any such other qualifying trustee) to pay and discharge, the principal of and any premium and interest on such Securities on the respective Stated Maturities, in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and such Securities.

- (2) In the event of an election to have Section 1302 apply to any Securities or any series of Securities, as the case may be, the Corporation shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that
  - (A) the Corporation has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or
  - (B) since the date of this instrument, there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law,

in either case (A) or (B) to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion shall confirm that, the Holders of such Securities will not recognize gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit, Defeasance and discharge to be effected with respect to such Securities and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would be the case if such deposit, Defeasance and discharge

- (3) In the event of an election to have Section 1303 apply to any Securities or any series of Securities, as the case may be, the Corporation shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Holders of such Securities will not recognize gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and Covenant Defeasance to be effected with respect to such Securities and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would be the case if such deposit and Covenant Defeasance were not to occur.
- (4) No event which is, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become,

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an Event of Default with respect to such Securities or any other Securities shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such deposit or, with regard to any such event specified in Sections 501(6) and (7), at any time on or prior to the 90th day after the date of such deposit (it being understood that this condition shall not be deemed satisfied until after such 90th day).

- (5) Such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not cause the Trustee to have a conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act (assuming all Securities are in default within the meaning of such Act).
- (6) Such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not result in a breach or constitute a default under, any other agreement or instrument to which the Corporation is a party or by which it is bound.
- (7) Such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not result in the trust arising from such deposit constituting an investment company within the meaning of the Investment Corporation Act of 1940 (and any statute successor thereto) unless such trust shall be registered under such Act or exempt from registration thereunder.
- (8) The Corporation shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent with respect to such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.

SECTION 1305. DEPOSITED MONEY, U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS AND DEFEASED MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS TO BE HELD IN TRUST; MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 1003, all money, U.S. Government Obligations (including the proceeds thereof), Defeased Municipal Obligations (including the proceeds thereof) and Foreign Government Obligations (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee or other qualifying trustee (solely for purposes of this Section and Section 1306, the Trustee and any such other trustee are referred to collectively as the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 1304 in respect of any Securities shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any such Paying Agent (including the Corporation acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Securities, of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal and any premium and interest, but money so held in trust need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Corporation shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the U.S. Government Obligations and Foreign Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Section 1304 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of Outstanding Securities.

Anything in this Article to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Corporation from time to time upon Corporation Request any money, U.S.  $\,$ 

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Government Obligations, Defeased Municipal Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations held by it as provided in Section 1304 with respect to any Securities that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, are in excess of the amount thereof which would then be required to be deposited to effect the Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance, as the case may be, with respect to such Securities.

If the Trustee or the Paying Agent is unable to apply any money in accordance with this Article with respect to any Securities by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the obligations under this Indenture and such Securities from which the Corporation has been discharged or released pursuant to Section 1302 or 1303 shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to this Article with respect to such Securities, until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all money held in trust pursuant to Section 1305 with respect to such Securities in accordance with this Article; provided, however, if the Corporation makes any payment of principal of or any premium or interest on any such Security following such reinstatement of its obligations, the Corporation shall be subrogated to the rights (if any) of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money so held in trust.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed, and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested, all as of the day and year first above written.

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|  | UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION  |
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| Assistant Secretary                    |  |
|  | The Bank of New York   |
|  | Ву:  |
| Attest:                                |  |
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| Assistant Secretary                    |  |
| Commonwealth of<br>Pennsylvania        |  |
| County of Allegheny ss.: }             |  |
| <del>-</del>                           | did depose and say that he/she is ion, one of the corporations described in ment; that he/she knows the seal of said aid instrument is such corporate seal; the Board of Directors of said |
| State of New York                      |  |
| County of New York ss.: }              |  |
| me known, who, being by me duly sworn, | the corporations described in and which he/she knows the seal of said aid instrument is such corporate seal; the Board of Directors of said  |

[DATE]

United States Steel Corporation 600 Grant Street Room 611 Pittsburgh, PA 15219-4776

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter represents a Change in Control Purchase Notice as defined in and pursuant to Section 1007(c) of the Indenture dated as of , between United States Steel Corporation (the "Corporation") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (the "Trustee"), relating to Securities of the Corporation (the "Securities").

- The certificate number[s] of the Security or Securities which the undersigned will deliver to be purchased is/are]
- The undersigned elects to exercise the undersigned's option to have the above designated Security or Securities purchased pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in the Securities.

Very truly yours,

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EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CHANGE IN CONTROL

PURCHASE NOTICE

[DATE]

United States Steel Corporation 600 Grant Street Room 611 Pittsburgh, PA 15219-4776

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby withdraws the Change in Control Purchase Notice as defined in and pursuant to Section 1008 of the Indenture dated as of , between United States Steel Corporation (the "Corporation") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (the "Trustee"), relating to Securities of the Corporation (the "Securities"), previously delivered to you by the undersigned.

The following information is supplied by the undersigned with respect to the election of withdrawal:

The certificate number[s] of the Security or Securities in respect of which such notice of withdrawal is being submitted [is/are]

Very truly yours,

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AMONG

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

\_\_\_\_\_, AS DEPOSITARY

AND

# THE HOLDERS FROM TIME TO TIME OF THE DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS DESCRIBED HEREIN

# WITH RESPECT TO: [INSERT DESIGNATION OF PREFERRED STOCK] TABLE OF CONTENTS

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| DEPOSIT AGREEMENT dated as of, among United States Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation,, a corporation, and the holders from time to time of the Receipts described herein. | .e |
WHEREAS it is desired to provide, as hereinafter set forth in this Deposit Agreement, for the deposit of shares of [insert designation of preferred stock], par value \$1.00 per share, of United States Steel Corporation with the Depositary for the purposes set forth in this Deposit Agreement and for the issuance hereunder of Receipts evidencing Depositary Shares in respect of the Stock so deposited; and

WHEREAS the Receipts are to be substantially in the form of Exhibit A annexed hereto, with appropriate insertions, modifications and omissions, as hereinafter provided in this Deposit Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01. DEFINED TERMS.

"Certificate" shall mean the Certificate of Designations filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware establishing the Stock as a series of preferred stock of the Corporation.

"Corporation" shall mean United States Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its successors.

"Deposit Agreement" shall mean this Deposit Agreement, as amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Depositary" shall mean  $\_$ \_\_\_\_\_, and any successor as Depositary hereunder.

"Depositary Shares" shall mean Depositary Shares, each representing one of a share of Stock and evidenced by a Receipt.

"Depositary's Agent" shall mean an agent appointed by the Depositary pursuant to Section 7.05.

"Depositary's Office" shall mean the principal office of the Depositary in New York City, at which at any particular time its depositary receipt business shall be administered.

"Receipt" shall mean one of the Depositary Receipts issued hereunder, whether in definitive or temporary form.

"record holder" as applied to a Receipt shall mean the person in whose name a Receipt is registered on the books of the Depositary maintained for such purpose.

"Registrar" shall mean any bank or trust company that shall be appointed pursuant to Section 7.05 to register ownership and transfers of Receipts as herein provided.

"Stock" shall mean shares of the Corporation's [insert designation of preferred stock], par value \$1.00 per share.

"Transfer Agent" shall be as defined in Section 7.05.

# ARTICLE II

FORM OF RECEIPTS, DEPOSIT OF STOCK, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY, TRANSFER, SURRENDER AND REDEMPTION OF RECEIPTS

SECTION 2.01. FORM AND TRANSFER OF RECEIPTS.

Definitive Receipts shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A annexed to this Deposit Agreement, with appropriate insertions, modifications and omissions, as hereinafter provided. Pending the preparation of definitive Receipts, the Depositary, upon the written order of the Corporation or any holder of Stock, as the case may be, delivered in compliance with Section 2.02, shall execute and deliver temporary Receipts that are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise substantially of the tenor of the definitive Receipts in lieu of which they are issued and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the persons executing such Receipts may determine, as evidenced by their execution of such Receipts. If temporary Receipts are issued, the Corporation and the Depositary will cause definitive Receipts to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Receipts, the temporary Receipts shall be exchangeable for definitive Receipts upon surrender of the temporary Receipts at any office described in the third paragraph of Section 2.02, without charge to the holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Receipts, the Depositary shall execute and deliver in exchange therefor definitive Receipts representing the same number of Depositary Shares as represented by the surrendered temporary Receipt or Receipts. Such exchange shall be made at the Corporation's expense and without any charge therefor. Until so exchanged, the temporary Receipts shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Agreement, and with respect to the Stock, as definitive Receipts.

Receipts shall be executed by the Depositary by the manual signature of a duly authorized officer of the Depositary; provided, that such signature may be a facsimile if a Registrar for the Receipts (other than the Depositary) shall have been appointed and such Receipts are countersigned by manual signature of a duly authorized officer of the Registrar. No Receipt shall be entitled to any benefits under this Deposit Agreement or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless it shall have been executed manually by a duly authorized officer of the Depositary or, if a Registrar for the Receipts (other than the Depositary) shall have been appointed, by manual or facsimile signature of a duly

Receipts shall be in denominations of any number of whole Depositary Shares. Receipts may be endorsed with or have incorporated in the text thereof such legends or recitals or changes not inconsistent with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement as may be required by the Depositary or required to comply with any applicable law or any regulation thereunder or with the rules and regulations of any securities exchange upon which the Stock, the Depositary Shares or the Receipts may be listed or to conform with any usage with respect thereto, or to indicate any special limitations or restrictions to which any particular Receipts are subject.

Title to Depositary Shares evidenced by a Receipt that is properly endorsed, or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer, shall be transferable by delivery with the same effect as in the case of a negotiable instrument; provided, however, that until transfer of a Receipt shall be registered on the books of the Depositary as provided in Section 2.04, the Depositary may, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, treat the record holder thereof at such time as the absolute owner thereof for the purpose of determining the person entitled to distributions of dividends or other distributions or to any notice provided for in this Deposit Agreement and for all other purposes.

SECTION 2.02. DEPOSIT OF STOCK; EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RECEIPTS IN RESPECT THEREOF.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, the Corporation or any holder of Stock may from time to time deposit shares of Stock by delivery to the Depositary of a certificate or certificates representing the Stock to be deposited, properly endorsed or accompanied, if required by the Depositary, by a duly executed instrument of transfer or endorsement, in form satisfactory to the Depositary, together with all such certifications as may be required by the Depositary in accordance with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement, and together with a written order of the Corporation or such holder, as the case may be, directing the Depositary to execute and deliver to, or upon the written order of, the person or persons stated in such order a Receipt or Receipts for the number of Depositary Shares representing such deposited Stock.

Deposited Stock shall be held by the Depositary at the Depositary's Office or at such other place or places as the Depositary shall determine. Upon receipt by the Depositary of a certificate or certificates representing the Stock to be deposited in accordance with the provisions of this Section, together with the other documents required as above specified, and upon recordation of such Stock on the books of the registrar for the Stock in the name of the Depositary or its nominee, the Depositary, subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, shall execute and deliver, to or upon the order of the person or persons named in the written order delivered to the Depositary referred to in the first paragraph of this Section, a Receipt or Receipts for the number of Depositary Shares representing the Stock so deposited and registered in such name or names as may be requested by such person or persons.

The Depositary shall execute and deliver such Receipt or Receipts at the Depositary's Office or such other offices, if any, as the Depositary may designate.

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Delivery at other offices shall be at the risk and expense of the person requesting such delivery.

SECTION 2.03. REDEMPTION OF STOCK.

Whenever the Corporation shall elect to redeem shares of Stock in accordance with the provisions of the Certificate, it shall (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Depositary) give the Depositary not less than 40 nor more than 70 days' notice of the date of such proposed redemption of Stock, which notice shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Corporation stating that such redemption of Stock is in accordance with the provisions of the Certificate. Such notice, if given more than 60 days prior to the redemption date, shall be in addition to the notice required to be given for redemption pursuant to the Certificate. On the date of such redemption, provided that the Corporation shall then have paid in full to the Depositary the redemption price of the Stock held by the Depositary to be redeemed, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon, the Depositary shall redeem the number of Depositary Shares representing such Stock. The Depositary shall mail notice of such redemption and the proposed simultaneous redemption of the number of Depositary Shares representing the Stock to be redeemed, first-class postage prepaid, not less than 30 and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption of such Stock and Depositary Shares (the "Redemption Date"), to the record holders of the Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares to be so redeemed, at the addresses of such holders as they appear on the records of the Depositary; but neither failure to mail any such notice to one or more such holders nor any defect in any notice to one or more such holders shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for redemption as to other holders. Each such notice shall state: (i) the Redemption Date; (ii) the number of Depositary Shares to be redeemed and, if less than all the Depositary Shares held by any such holder are to be redeemed, the number of such Depositary Shares held by such holder to be

so redeemed; (iii) the redemption price; (iv) the place or places where Receipts evidencing Depositary Shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; and (v) that dividends in respect of the Stock represented by the Depositary Shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate on such Redemption Date. In case less than all the outstanding Depositary Shares are to be redeemed, the Depositary Shares to be so redeemed shall be selected by lot or pro rata (subject to rounding to avoid fractions of the Depositary Shares) as may be determined by the Depositary to be equitable.

Notice having been mailed by the Depositary as aforesaid, from and after the Redemption Date (unless the Corporation shall have failed to redeem the shares of Stock to be redeemed by it as set forth in the Corporation's notice provided for in the preceding paragraph) all dividends in respect of the shares of Stock so called for redemption shall cease to accumulate, the Depositary Shares being redeemed from such proceeds shall be deemed no longer to be outstanding, all rights of the holders of Receipts evidencing such Depositary Shares (except the right to receive the redemption price, including any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon) shall, to the extent of such Depositary Shares, cease and terminate and, upon surrender of the Receipts evidencing any such Depositary Shares (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Depositary shall so require) in accordance with such notice, such Depositary Shares shall be redeemed by the Depositary at a redemption price per Depositary Share equal of the redemption price per share paid in respect of the shares of Stock, plus accrued and unpaid dividends thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

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If less than all the Depositary Shares evidenced by a Receipt are called for redemption, the Depositary will deliver to the holder of such Receipt upon its surrender to the Depositary, together with the redemption payment, a new Receipt evidencing the Depositary Shares evidenced by such prior Receipt and not called for redemption.

# SECTION 2.04. REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER OF RECEIPTS.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, the Depositary shall register on its books from time to time transfers of Receipts upon any surrender thereof by the holder in person or by duly authorized attorney, properly endorsed or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer. Thereupon the Depositary and the Registrar shall execute a new Receipt or Receipts evidencing the same aggregate number of Depositary Shares as those evidenced by the Receipt or Receipts surrendered and deliver such new Receipt or Receipts to or upon the order of the person entitled thereto.

SECTION 2.05. SPLIT-UPS AND COMBINATIONS OF RECEIPTS; SURRENDER OF RECEIPTS AND WITHDRAWAL OF STOCK.

Upon surrender of a Receipt or Receipts at the Depositary's Office or at such other offices as it may designate for the purpose of effecting a split-up or combination of such Receipt or Receipts, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, the Depositary shall execute and deliver a new Receipt or Receipts in the authorized denomination or denominations requested, evidencing the aggregate number of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipt or Receipts surrendered.

Any holder of a Receipt or Receipts representing any number of whole shares of Stock may withdraw the Stock by surrendering such Receipt or Receipts, at the Depositary's Office or at such other offices as the Depositary may designate for such withdrawals. Thereafter, without unreasonable delay, the Depositary shall deliver to such holder, or to the person or persons designated by such holder as hereinafter provided, the number of whole shares of Stock represented by the Receipt or Receipts so surrendered for withdrawal, but holders of such whole shares of Stock will not thereafter be entitled to deposit such Stock hereunder or to receive Depositary Shares therefor; provided, however, that a record holder who withdraws Stock in order to demand appraisal rights available under Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL"), will, subject to certain conditions described below, be entitled to redeposit such Stock with the Depositary and to receive Receipts evidencing Depositary Shares therefor in the event (i) such record holder subsequently withdraws such demand for appraisal pursuant to Section 262(e) of the DGCL, (ii) appraisal rights are not available for such Stock pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL or (iii) such record holder loses or otherwise fails to perfect his rights to appraisal. In order to redeposit Stock with the Depositary, such a record holder must deliver the certificates for such Stock, properly endorsed or accompanied, if required by the Depositary, by a duly executed instrument of transfer or endorsement, in form satisfactory to the Depositary, together with instructions that such Stock be so deposited, to the Depositary's office or to such other offices as the Depositary may designate by not later than the 30th day after the earlier of (i) the withdrawal of such demand for appraisal by such record holder, (ii) notice by the Corporation that appraisal rights are not available for such Stock or (iii) the date on which such record holder loses or otherwise fails to perfect his rights to appraisal.

The Corporation will notify any record holder of Receipts who so withdraws Stock if appraisal rights in respect of Stock are not available. Any shares so redeposited must be free and clear of any lien, security interest or pledge and a holder may be required to provide certification of the foregoing and such other certifications as may be required by the Depositary in accordance with this Agreement. If required by the Depositary, Stock presented for redeposit shall also be accompanied by (A) an agreement or assignment, or other instrument satisfactory to the Depositary, which will provide for the prompt transfer to the Depositary of any dividend or right to subscribe for additional Stock or to receive other property which such record holder may thereafter receive upon or in respect of such redeposited Stock, or in lieu thereof, such agreement of indemnity or other agreement as shall be satisfactory to the Depositary, and (B) a proxy or proxies entitling the Depositary to vote such redeposited Stock for any and all purposes until the Stock is transferred and recorded on the register of stockholders of the Corporation in the name of the Depositary or its nominee. If a Receipt delivered by the holder to the Depositary in connection with such withdrawal shall evidence a number of Depositary Shares in excess of the number of Depositary Shares representing the number of whole shares of Stock to be so withdrawn, the Depositary shall at the same time, in addition to such number of whole shares of Stock to be so withdrawn, deliver to such holder a new Receipt evidencing such excess number of Depositary Shares.

Delivery of the Stock being withdrawn may be made by the delivery of such certificates, documents of title and other instruments as the Depositary may deem appropriate. If the Stock being withdrawn is to be delivered to a person or persons other than the record holder of the Receipt or Receipts being surrendered for withdrawal of Stock, such holder shall execute and deliver to the Depositary a written order so directing the Depositary and the Depositary may require that the Receipt or Receipts surrendered by such holder for withdrawal of such shares of Stock be properly endorsed in blank or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer in blank.

Delivery of the Stock represented by Receipts surrendered for withdrawal shall be made by the Depositary at the Depositary's office or at such other offices as the Depositary may designate, except that, at the request, risk and expense of the holder surrendering such Receipt or Receipts and for the account of the holder thereof, such delivery may be made at such other place as may be designated by such holder.

SECTION 2.06. LIMITATIONS ON EXECUTION AND DELIVERY, TRANSFER, SURRENDER AND EXCHANGE OF RECEIPTS.

As a condition precedent to the execution and delivery, registration of transfer, split-up, combination, surrender or exchange of any Receipt, the Depositary, any of the Depositary's Agents or the Corporation may require (a) payment to it of a sum sufficient for the payment (or, in the event that the Depositary or the Corporation shall have made such payment, the reimbursement to it) of any charges or expenses payable by the holder of a Receipt pursuant to Section 5.07, (b) the production of evidence satisfactory to it as to the identity and genuineness of any signature and (c) compliance with such regulations, if any, as the Depositary or the Corporation may establish consistent with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement.

The deposit of Stock may be refused, the delivery of Receipts against Stock may be suspended, the registration of transfer of Receipts may be refused and the registration of transfer, surrender or exchange of outstanding Receipts may be

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suspended (i) during any period when the register of stockholders of the Corporation is closed or (ii) if any such action is deemed necessary or advisable by the Depositary, any Depositary's Agents or the Corporation, at any time or from time to time, because of any requirement of law or of any government or governmental body or commission or under any provision of this Deposit Agreement.

SECTION 2.07. LOST RECEIPTS, ETC.

In case any Receipt shall be mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen, the Depositary in its discretion may execute and deliver a Receipt of like form and tenor in exchange and substitution for such mutilated Receipt, or in lieu of and in substitution for such destroyed, lost or stolen Receipt, upon (i) the filing by the holder thereof with the Depositary of evidence satisfactory to the Depositary of such destruction or loss or theft of such Receipt, of the authenticity thereof and of his or her ownership thereof and (ii) the furnishing of the Depositary with reasonable indemnification satisfactory to it.

SECTION 2.08. CANCELLATION AND DESTRUCTION OF SURRENDERED RECEIPTS.

All Receipts surrendered to the Depositary or any Depositary's Agent shall be canceled by the Depositary. Except as prohibited by applicable law or regulation, the Depositary is authorized to destroy all Receipts so canceled.

CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS OF HOLDERS OF RECEIPTS AND THE CORPORATION

# SECTION 3.01. FILING PROOFS, CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION.

Any holder of a Receipt may be required from time to time to file such proof of residence, or other matters or other information, to execute such certificates and to make such representations and warranties as the Depositary or the Corporation may reasonably deem necessary or proper. The Depositary or the Corporation may withhold the delivery, or delay the registration of transfer, redemption or exchange, of any Receipt or the withdrawal of the Stock represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by any Receipt or the distribution of any dividend or other distribution or the sale of any rights or of the proceeds thereof until such proof or other information is filed or such certificates are executed or such representations and warranties are made.

#### SECTION 3.02. PAYMENT OF TAXES OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CHARGES.

Holders of Receipts shall be obligated to make payments to the Depositary of certain charges and expenses, as provided in Section 5.07. Registration of transfer of any Receipt or any withdrawal of Stock represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by such Receipt may be refused until any such payment due is made, and any dividends, interest payments or other distributions may be withheld or any part of or all the Stock or other property represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by such Receipt and not theretofore sold may be sold for the account of the holder thereof (after attempting by reasonable means to notify such holder prior to such sale), and such dividends, interest payments or other distributions or the proceeds of any such sale may be applied to any payment of such charges or expenses, the holder of such Receipt remaining liable for any deficiency.

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#### SECTION 3.03. WARRANTY AS TO STOCK.

The Corporation hereby represents and warrants that the Stock, when issued, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Such representation and warranty shall survive the deposit of the Stock and the issuance of Receipts.

# ARTICLE IV THE DEPOSITED SECURITIES; NOTICES

# SECTION 4.01. CASH DISTRIBUTIONS.

Whenever the Depositary shall receive any cash dividend or other cash distribution on Stock, the Depositary shall, subject to Sections 3.01 and 3.02, distribute to record holders of Receipts on the applicable record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.04 such amounts of such dividend or distribution as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipts held by such holders; provided, however, that in case the Corporation or the Depositary shall be required to withhold and shall withhold from any cash dividend or other cash distribution in respect of the Stock an amount on account of taxes, the amount made available for distribution or distributed in respect of Depositary Shares shall be reduced accordingly. The Depositary shall distribute or make available for distribution, as the case may be, only such amount, however, as can be distributed without attributing to any holder of Depositary Shares a fraction of one cent, and any balance not so distributable shall be held by the Depositary (without liability for interest thereon) and shall be added to and be treated as part of the next sum received by the Depositary for distribution to record holders of Receipts then outstanding.

# SECTION 4.02. DISTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN CASH, RIGHTS, PREFERENCES OR PRIVILEGES.

Whenever the Depositary shall receive any distribution other than cash and other than any rights, preferences or privileges described in Section 4.03, upon Stock, the Depositary shall, subject to Sections 3.01 and 3.02, distribute to record holders of Receipts on the applicable record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.04 such amounts of the securities or property received by it as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipts held by such record holders, in any manner that the Depositary may deem equitable and practicable for accomplishing such distribution. If in the opinion of the Depositary such distribution cannot be made proportionately among such record holders, or if for any other reason (including any requirement that the Corporation or the Depositary withhold an amount on account of taxes) the Depositary deems, after consultation with the Corporation, such distribution not to be feasible, the Depositary may, with the approval of the Corporation, adopt such method as it deems equitable and practicable for the purpose of effecting such distribution, including the sale (at public or private sale) of the securities or property thus received, or any part thereof, at such place or places and upon such terms as it may deem proper. The net proceeds of any such sale shall be, subject to Sections 3.01 and 3.02, distributed or made available for distribution, as the case may be, by the Depositary to record holders of Receipts as provided by Section 4.01 in the case of a distribution received in cash. The Depositary shall not make any distribution of securities received in respect of the Stock unless the Corporation shall have provided an opinion of counsel stating that such securities have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or do not need to be so registered.

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SECTION 4.03. SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS, PREFERENCES OR PRIVILEGES.

If the Corporation shall at any time offer or cause to be offered to the persons in whose names Stock is recorded on the books of the Corporation any rights, preferences or privileges to subscribe for or to purchase any securities or any rights, preferences or privileges of any other nature, such rights, preferences or privileges shall in each such instance be made available by the Depositary to the record holders of Receipts in such manner as the Depositary may determine, either by the issue to such record holders of warrants representing such rights, preferences or privileges or by such other method as may be approved by the Depositary in its discretion with the approval of the Corporation; provided, however, that in case either (i) the Depositary determines that it is not lawful or (after consultation with the Corporation) not feasible to make such rights, preferences or privileges available to holders of Receipts by the issue of warrants or otherwise, or (ii) with respect to any portion of the rights, preferences or privileges of a holder of Receipts, the Depositary is instructed that such holder does not desire to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges, then the Depositary, in its discretion (with the approval of the Corporation, in any case where the Depositary has determined that it is not feasible to make such rights, preferences or privileges available), may (if applicable laws and the terms of such rights, preferences or privileges permit such transfer) sell such rights, preferences or privileges at public or private sale, at such place or places and upon such terms as it may deem proper. The net proceeds of any such sale shall be, subject to Sections 3.01 and 3.02, distributed by the Depositary to the record holders of Receipts entitled thereto as provided by Section 4.01 in the case of a distribution received in cash. The Depositary shall not make any distribution of any such rights, preferences or privileges unless the Corporation shall have provided an opinion of counsel stating that such rights, preferences or privileges have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or do not need to be so registered.

If registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of the securities to which any rights, preferences or privileges relate is required in order for holders of Receipts to be offered or sold the securities to which such rights, preferences or privileges relate, the Corporation agrees with the Depositary that it will file promptly a registration statement pursuant to such Act with respect to such rights, preferences or privileges and securities and use all reasonable efforts and take all steps available to it to cause such registration statement to become effective sufficiently in advance of the expiration of such rights, preferences or privileges to enable such holders to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges. In no event shall the Depositary make available to the holders of Receipts any right, preference or privilege to subscribe for or to purchase any securities unless and until such a registration statement shall have become effective, or unless the offering and sale of such securities to such holders are exempt from registration under the provisions of such Act.

If any other action under the laws of any jurisdiction or any governmental or administrative authorization, consent or permit is required in order for such rights, preferences or privileges to be made available to holders of Receipts, the Corporation agrees with the Depositary that the Corporation will use all reasonable efforts to take such action or obtain such authorization, consent or permit sufficiently in advance of the expiration of such rights, preferences or privileges to enable such holders to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges.

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SECTION 4.04. NOTICE OF DIVIDENDS, ETC.; FIXING OF RECORD DATE FOR HOLDERS OF RECEIPTS.

Whenever any cash dividend or other cash distribution shall become payable or any distribution other than cash shall be made, or if rights, preferences or privileges shall at any time be offered, with respect to Stock, or whenever the Depositary shall receive notice of any meeting at which record holders of Stock are entitled to vote or of which holders of Stock are entitled to notice, or whenever the Depositary and the Corporation shall decide it is appropriate, the Depositary shall in each such instance fix a record date (which shall be the same date as the record date fixed by the Corporation with respect to the Stock) for the determination of the record holders of Receipts who shall be entitled to receive such dividend, distribution, rights, preferences or privileges or the net proceeds of the sale thereof, or to give instructions for the exercise of voting rights at any such meeting, or who shall be entitled to notice of such meeting or for any other appropriate reasons.

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the record holders of Stock are entitled to vote, the Depositary shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, mail to the record holders of Receipts a notice which shall contain (i) such information as is contained in such notice of meeting and (ii) a statement that the record holders may, subject to any applicable restrictions, instruct the Depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the amount of Stock represented by their respective Depositary Shares (including an express indication that instructions may be given to the Depositary to give a discretionary proxy to a person designated by the Corporation) and a brief statement as to the manner in which such instructions may be given. Upon the written request of the record holders of Receipts on the relevant record date, the Depositary shall endeavor insofar as practicable to vote or cause to be voted, in accordance with the instructions set forth in such requests, the maximum number of whole shares of Stock represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by all Receipts as to which any particular voting instructions are received. The Corporation hereby agrees to take all action that may be deemed necessary by the Depositary in order to enable the Depositary to vote such Stock or cause such Stock to be voted. In the absence of specific instructions from the record holder of a Receipt, the Depositary will abstain from voting (but, at its discretion, not from appearing at any meeting with respect to such Stock unless directed to the contrary by the holders of all the Receipts) to the extent of the Stock represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by such

SECTION 4.06. CHANGES AFFECTING DEPOSITED SECURITIES AND RECLASSIFICATIONS, RECAPITALIZATIONS, ETC.

Upon any change in par or stated value, split-up, combination or any other reclassification of the Stock, or upon any recapitalization, reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation affecting the Corporation or to which it is a party, the Depositary may in its discretion with the approval of, and shall upon the instructions of, the Corporation, and (in either case) in such manner as the Depositary may deem equitable, (i) make such adjustments as are certified by the Corporation in (x) the fraction of an interest represented by one Depositary Share in one share of Stock and (y) the ratio of the redemption price per Depositary Share to the redemption price of a share of Stock, in each case as may be necessary fully to reflect the effects of such

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change in par or stated value, split-up, combination or other reclassification of Stock, or of such recapitalization, reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation and (ii) treat any securities which shall be received by the Depositary in exchange for or upon conversion of or in respect of the Stock as new deposited securities so received in exchange for or upon conversion or in respect of such Stock. In any such case the Depositary may in its discretion, with the approval of the Corporation, execute and deliver additional Receipts, or may call for the surrender of all outstanding Receipts to be exchanged for new Receipts specifically describing such new deposited securities. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, holders of Receipts shall have the right from and after the effective date of any such change in par or stated value, split-up, combination or other reclassification of the Stock or any such recapitalization, reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation to surrender such Receipts to the Depositary with instructions to convert, exchange or surrender the Stock represented thereby only into or for, as the case may be, the kind and amount of shares of stock and other securities and property and cash into which the Stock represented by such Receipts might have been converted or for which such Stock might have been exchanged or surrendered immediately prior to the effective date of such transaction.

SECTION 4.07. INSPECTION OF REPORTS.

The Depositary shall make available for inspection by record holders of Receipts at the Depositary's Office, and at such other places as it may from time to time deem advisable, any reports and communications received from the Corporation which are received by the Depositary as the holder of Stock.

SECTION 4.08. LISTS OF RECORD HOLDERS OF RECEIPTS.

Promptly upon request from time to time by the Corporation, the Depositary shall furnish to it a list, as of a recent date, of the names, addresses and holdings of Depositary Shares of all persons in whose names Receipts are registered on the books of the Depositary.

# ARTICLE V

THE DEPOSITARY, THE DEPOSITARY'S AGENTS, THE REGISTRAR AND THE CORPORATION

SECTION 5.01. MAINTENANCE OF OFFICES, AGENCIES AND TRANSFER BOOKS BY THE DEPOSITARY; REGISTRAR.

The Depositary shall maintain at the Depositary's Office facilities for the execution, delivery, registration and registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of Receipts, and at the offices of the Depositary's Agents, if any, facilities for the delivery, registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of Receipts, all in accordance with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement.

The Depositary shall keep books at the Depositary's Office for the registration and registration of transfer of Receipts, which books at all reasonable times shall be open for inspection by the record holders of Receipts; provided, that any such holder requesting to exercise such right shall certify to the Depositary that such inspection shall be for a proper purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as an owner of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipts. The Depositary may close such books,

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at any time or from time to time, when deemed expedient by it in connection with the performance of its duties hereunder. The Depositary may, with the approval of the Corporation, appoint a Registrar for registration of the Receipts or the Depositary Shares evidenced thereby. If the Receipts or the Depositary Shares evidenced thereby or the Stock represented by such Depositary Shares shall be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the Depositary will appoint a Registrar (acceptable to the Corporation) for registration of such Receipts or Depositary Shares in accordance with any requirements of such Exchange. Such Registrar (which may be the Depositary if so permitted by the requirements of such Exchange) may be removed and a substitute registrar appointed by the Depositary upon the request or with the approval of the Corporation. If the Receipts, such Depositary Shares or such Stock are listed on one or more other stock exchanges, the Depositary will, at the request of the Corporation, arrange such facilities for the delivery, registration, registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of such Receipts, such Depositary Shares or such Stock as may be required by law or applicable stock exchange regulation.

SECTION 5.02. PREVENTION OF OR DELAY IN PERFORMANCE BY THE DEPOSITARY, THE DEPOSITARY'S AGENTS, THE REGISTRAR, THE TRANSFER AGENT OR THE CORPORATION.

Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent nor any Registrar nor any Transfer Agent nor the Corporation shall incur any liability to any holder of any Receipt if by reason of any provision of any present or future law, or regulation thereunder, of the United States of America or of any other governmental authority or, in the case of the Depositary, the Depositary's Agent or the Registrar, by reason of any provision, present or future, of the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation (including the Certificate) or by reason of any act of God or war or other circumstance beyond the control of the relevant party, the Depositary, the Depositary's Agent, the Registrar, the Transfer Agent or the Corporation shall be prevented or forbidden from, or subjected to any penalty on account of, doing or performing any act or thing which the terms of this Deposit Agreement provide shall be done or performed; nor shall the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, any Registrar, any Transfer Agent or the Corporation incur any liability to any holder of a Receipt (i) by reason of any nonperformance or delay, caused as aforesaid, in the performance of any act or thing which the terms of this Deposit Agreement provide shall or may be done or performed, or (ii) by reason of any exercise of, or failure to exercise, any discretion provided for in this Deposit Agreement except, in case of any such exercise or failure to exercise discretion not caused as aforesaid, if caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the party charged with such exercise or failure to exercise.

SECTION 5.03. OBLIGATIONS OF THE DEPOSITARY, THE DEPOSITARY'S AGENTS, THE REGISTRAR, THE TRANSFER AGENT AND THE CORPORATION.

Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent nor any Registrar nor any Transfer Agent nor the Corporation assumes any obligation or shall be subject to any liability under this Deposit Agreement to holders of Receipts other than for its negligence or willful misconduct.

Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent nor any Registrar nor any Transfer Agent nor the Corporation shall be under any obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any action, suit or other proceeding in respect of the Stock, the Depositary Shares or the Receipts which in its opinion may involve it in expense or liability unless

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indemnity satisfactory to it against all expense and liability be furnished as often as may be required.

Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent nor any Registrar nor any Transfer Agent nor the Corporation shall be liable for any action or any failure to act by it in reliance upon the written advice of legal counsel or accountants, or information from any person presenting Stock for deposit, any holder of a Receipt or any other person believed by it in good faith to be competent to give such information. The Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, any Registrar, any Transfer Agent and the Corporation may each rely and shall each be protected in acting upon any written notice, request, direction or other document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.

The Depositary and any Depositary's Agent shall not be responsible for any failure to carry out any instruction to vote any of the shares of Stock or for

the manner or effect of any such vote made, as long as any such action or non-action is in good faith. The Depositary undertakes, and any Registrar and Transfer Agent shall be required to undertake, to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Agreement, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Agreement against the Depositary, any Registrar or any Transfer Agent. The Depositary will indemnify the Corporation against any liability that may arise out of acts performed or omitted by the Depositary or its agents due to its or their negligence or bad faith. The Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Registrar and any Transfer Agent may own and deal in any class of securities of the Corporation and its affiliates and in Receipts. The Depositary may also act as transfer agent or registrar of any of the securities of the Corporation and its affiliates.

SECTION 5.04. RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF THE DEPOSITARY; APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY.

The Depositary may at any time resign as Depositary hereunder by notice of its election to do so delivered to the Corporation, such resignation to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment as hereinafter provided. The Corporation may at any time remove the Depositary by notice of such removal delivered to the Depositary, such removal to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment as hereinafter provided.

In case at any time the Depositary acting hereunder shall resign or be removed, the Corporation shall, within 60 days after the delivery of the notice of resignation or removal, as the case may be, appoint a successor Depositary, which shall be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States of America and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. If no successor Depositary shall have been so appointed and have accepted appointment within 60 days after delivery of such notice, the resigning or removed Depositary may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Depositary. Every successor Depositary shall execute and deliver to its predecessor and to the Corporation an instrument in writing accepting its appointment hereunder, and thereupon such successor Depositary, without any further act or deed, shall become fully vested with all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor and for all purposes shall be the Depositary under this Deposit Agreement, and such predecessor, upon payment of all sums due it

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and on the written request of the Corporation, shall execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor all rights and powers of such predecessor hereunder, shall duly assign, transfer and deliver all right, title and interest in the Stock to such successor, and shall deliver to such successor a list of the record holders of all outstanding Receipts. Any successor Depositary shall promptly mail notice of its appointment to the record holders of Receipts.

Any corporation into or with which the Depositary may be merged, consolidated or converted shall be the successor of such Depositary without the execution or filing of any document or any further act, and notice thereof shall not be required hereunder. Such successor Depositary may authenticate the Receipts in the name of the predecessor Depositary or in the name of the successor Depositary.

SECTION 5.05. CORPORATE NOTICES AND REPORTS.

The Corporation agrees that it will transmit to the record holders of Receipts, in each case at the addresses furnished to it pursuant to Section 4.08, all notices and reports (including without limitation financial statements) required by law, by the rules of any national securities exchange upon which the Stock, the Depositary Shares or the Receipts are listed or by the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation (including the Certificate) to be furnished by the Corporation to holders of Receipts. Such transmission will be at the Corporation's expense.

SECTION 5.06. INDEMNIFICATION BY THE CORPORATION.

The Corporation shall indemnify the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, any Registrar and any Transfer Agent against, and hold each of them harmless from, any loss, liability or expense (including the costs and expenses of defending itself) that may arise out of (a) acts performed or omitted in connection with this Agreement and the Receipts by (i) the Depositary, any Registrar, any Transfer Agent or any of their respective agents (including any Depositary's Agent), except for any liability arising out of negligence or bad faith on the respective parts of any such person or persons, or (ii) the Corporation or any of its agents, or (b) the offer, sale or registration of the Receipts or the Stock pursuant to the provisions hereof. The obligations of the Corporation set forth in this Section 5.06 shall survive any succession of any Depositary, Registrar, Transfer Agent or Depositary's Agent.

The Corporation shall pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. The Corporation shall pay all charges of the Depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the Stock and the initial issuance of the Depositary Shares and any redemption of the Stock at the option of the Corporation. All other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges and fees for the withdrawal of Stock upon surrender of Receipts shall be at the expense of holders of Depositary Shares. The Depositary's fee for the withdrawal of Stock shall be at the rate of \$ per 100 Depositary Receipts. If, at the request of a holder of Receipts, the Depositary incurs charges or expenses for which it is not otherwise liable hereunder, such holder will be liable for such charges and expenses. All other charges and expenses of the Depositary and any Depositary's Agent hereunder and of any Registrar and Transfer Agent (including, in each case, fees and expenses of counsel)

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incident to the performance of their respective obligations hereunder will be paid upon consultation and agreement between the Depositary and the Corporation as to the amount and nature of such charges and expenses. The Depositary shall present its statement for charges and expenses to the Corporation once every three months or at such other intervals as the Corporation and the Depositary may agree.

# ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

SECTION 6.01. AMENDMENT.

The form of the Receipts and any provisions of this Deposit Agreement may at any time and from time to time be amended by agreement between the Corporation and the Depositary in any respect which they may deem necessary or desirable; provided, however, that no such amendment (other than any change in the fees of any Depositary, Registrar or Transfer Agent, which shall go into effect not sooner than three months after notice thereof to the record holders of the Receipts) which shall materially and adversely alter the rights of the holders of Receipts shall be effective unless such amendment shall have been approved by the record holders of at least a majority of the Depositary Shares then outstanding. Every holder of an outstanding Receipt at the time any such amendment becomes effective shall be deemed, by continuing to hold such Receipt, to consent and agree to such amendment and to be bound by the Deposit Agreement as amended thereby.

SECTION 6.02. TERMINATION.

This Agreement may be terminated by the Corporation or the Depositary only after (i) all outstanding Depositary Shares shall have been redeemed pursuant to Section 2.03 or (ii) there shall have been made a final distribution in respect of the Stock in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation and such distribution shall have been distributed to the holders of Depositary Shares pursuant to Section 4.01 or 4.02, as applicable.

Upon the termination of this Deposit Agreement, the Corporation shall be discharged from all obligations under this Deposit Agreement except for its obligations to the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, any Registrar and any Transfer Agent under Sections 5.06 and 5.07.

# ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 7.01. COUNTERPARTS.

This Deposit Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by each of the parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which counterparts, when so executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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SECTION 7.02. EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF PARTIES.

This Deposit Agreement is for the exclusive benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors hereunder, and shall not be deemed to give any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim to any other person whatsoever.

SECTION 7.03. INVALIDITY OF PROVISIONS.

In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Deposit Agreement or in the Receipts should be or become invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein or therein shall in no way be affected, prejudiced or disturbed thereby.

SECTION 7.04. NOTICES.

Any and all notices to be given to the Corporation hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt at 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, Attention: Treasurer, or at any other address of which the Corporation shall have notified the Depositary in writing.

Any and all notices to be given to the Depositary hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt at  $\_$ \_\_\_\_\_, or at any other address of which the Depositary shall have notified the Corporation in writing.

Any and all notices to be given to any record holder of a Receipt hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or sent by mail or by telegram or telex confirmed by letter, addressed to such record holder at the address of such record holder as it appears on the books of the Depositary, or if such holder shall have filed with the Depositary a written request that notices intended for such holder be mailed to some other address, at the address designated in such request.

Delivery of a notice sent by mail or by telegram or telex shall be deemed to be effected at the time when a duly addressed letter containing the same (or a confirmation thereof in the case of a telegram or telex message) is deposited, postage prepaid, in a post office letterbox. The Depositary or the Corporation may, however, act upon any telegram or telex message received by it from the other or from any holder of a Receipt, notwithstanding that such telegram or telex message shall not subsequently be confirmed by letter or as aforesaid.

SECTION 7.05. DEPOSITARY'S AGENTS.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Depositary may from time to time appoint Depositary's Agents to act in any respect for the Depositary for the purposes of this Deposit Agreement and may at any time appoint additional Depositary's Agents and vary or terminate the appointment of such Depositary's Agents. The Depositary will notify the Corporation of any such action.

The Corporation has authorized the appointment of, and has requested the Depositary to appoint hereunder, \_\_\_\_\_, as transfer agent (the "Transfer

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Agent") for the Depositary Shares. The Depositary hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_\_ as Transfer Agent and Registrar for the Depositary Shares and delegates to \_\_\_\_\_ the duties of the Depositary hereunder customarily performed by a transfer agent, a registrar and a depositary. Without otherwise affecting the liability of the Depositary hereunder, it is hereby agreed that if shall have agreed in writing to be bound by all the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement and to assume the obligations of the Depositary hereunder to be performed by it, then in no event shall the Depositary be liable for any acts or omissions of \_\_\_\_\_ as Transfer Agent, Registrar or Depositary's Agent with respect to the Depositary Shares.

SECTION 7.06. HOLDERS OF RECEIPTS ARE PARTIES.

The holders of Receipts from time to time shall be parties to this Deposit Agreement and shall be bound by all of the terms and conditions hereof and of the Receipts by acceptance of delivery thereof.

SECTION 7.07. GOVERNING LAW.

THIS DEPOSIT AGREEMENT AND THE RECEIPTS AND ALL RIGHTS HEREUNDER AND THEREUNDER AND PROVISIONS HEREOF AND THEREOF SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 7.08. INSPECTION OF DEPOSIT AGREEMENT.

Copies of this Deposit Agreement shall be filed with the Depositary and the Depositary's Agents and shall be open to inspection during business hours at the Depositary's office and the respective offices of the Depositary's Agents, if any, by any holder of a Receipt.

SECTION 7.09. HEADINGS.

The headings of articles and sections in this Deposit Agreement and in the form of the Receipt set forth in Exhibit A hereto have been inserted for convenience only and are not to be regarded as a part of this Deposit Agreement or the Receipts or to have any bearing upon the meaning or interpretation of any provision contained herein or in the Receipts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation and the Depositary have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above set forth, and all holders of Receipts shall become parties hereto by and upon acceptance by them of delivery of Receipts issued in accordance with the terms hereof.

CORPORATION: DEPOSITARY:

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

| By:            | By:            |
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| [Name & Title] | [Name & Title] |

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EXHIBIT A
[FORM OF DEPOSITARY RECEIPT]

DEPOSITARY RECEIPT FOR DEPOSITARY SHARES EACH REPRESENTING A ONE-\_\_\_\_\_ INTEREST (SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT) IN A SHARE OF \_\_\_\_\_\_, par value \$1.00 per share

OF

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION (Incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware)

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| OF   |          |          |      |         |       |     |          |   |

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ corporation, as Depositary (the "Depositary"), hereby certifies that \_\_\_\_\_\_ is the registered owner of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Depositary Shares ("Depositary Shares"), each Depositary Share representing a one-\_\_\_\_ (as such fraction may from time to time be adjusted as provided in the Deposit Agreement, as defined below) interest in a share of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Stock") of United States Steel Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation") deposited with, and held by, the Depositary. The rights, preferences and limitations of the Stock are set forth in the Certificate of Designations adopted by the Corporation's Board of Directors (the "Authorizing Resolutions"), copies of which are on file at the Depositary's office at

- 2. THE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT. Depositary Receipts (the "Receipts"), of which this Receipt is one, are made available upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Deposit Agreement, dated as of  $\_$  (the "Deposit Agreement"), among the Corporation, the Depositary and all holders from time to time of (the "Deposit Agreement"), Receipts. The Deposit Agreement (copies of which are on file at the Depositary's Office) sets forth the rights of holders of Receipts and the rights and duties of the Depositary in respect of the Stock deposited, and any and all money and other property from time to time held thereunder. The statements made in this Receipt are summaries of certain provisions of the Deposit Agreement and are subject to the detailed provisions thereof, to which reference is hereby made. The holder of this Receipt from time to time shall be deemed to be a party to the Deposit Agreement and shall be bound by, and entitled to all of the rights and benefits under, all the terms and conditions hereof and of the Deposit Agreement by acceptance of delivery of this Receipt. Unless otherwise expressly herein provided, all defined terms shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Deposit Agreement.
- 3. REDEMPTION. Wherever the Corporation shall be permitted and shall elect, under the Certificate of Designation relating to the Stock (the "Certificate"), to redeem shares of the Stock, it shall give the Depositary not less than 40 nor more than 70 days' notice thereof. The Depositary shall mail notice of such redemption and the simultaneous redemption of the corresponding Depositary Shares not less than 30 and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the holders of record of Receipts representing the number of Depositary Shares to be redeemed. Each such notice shall state: (a) the date of such proposed redemption; (b) the number of Depositary Shares to be redeemed; (c) the redemption price (which shall include full cumulative dividends thereon to the redemption date); (d) the place or places where Receipts evidencing Depositary Shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; and (e) that dividends in respect of the Stock represented by the Depositary Shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate at the close of business on such redemption date. In case less than all the outstanding Depositary Shares are to be redeemed, the Depositary Shares to be so redeemed shall be selected by lot or pro rata as may be determined by the Depositary to be equitable. From and after the date set for redemption, all dividends in respect of the Depositary Shares so called for redemption shall cease to accrue, such Depositary Shares shall no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of Receipts

representing such Depositary Shares (except the right to receive the redemption price) shall cease and terminate. From and after the redemption date, upon surrender in accordance with the redemption notice of the Receipts representing any such Depositary Shares (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Depositary shall so require), such Depositary Share shall be redeemed by the Depositary at the redemption price per share equal to one-\_\_\_\_\_ (1/\_th) of the redemption price per share paid in respect of the shares of Stock plus any money or other property represented thereby.

- 4. TRANSFERS, SPLIT-UPS, COMBINATIONS. This Receipt is transferable on the books of the Depositary upon surrender of this Receipt to the Depositary, properly endorsed or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer, and upon such transfer the Depositary shall execute a new Receipt to or upon the order of the person entitled thereto, as provided in the Deposit Agreement. This Receipt may be split into other Receipts or combined with other Receipts into one Receipt, representing the same aggregate number of Depositary Shares as the Receipt or Receipts surrendered.
- 5. SUSPENSION OF DELIVERY, TRANSFER, ETC. The transfer or surrender of this Receipt may be suspended during any period when the register of stockholders of the Corporation is closed or if any such action is deemed necessary or advisable by the Depositary, any agent of the Depositary, or the Corporation at any time or from time to time because of any requirement of law or of any government or governmental body or commission, or under any provision of the Deposit Agreement.
- 6. PAYMENT OF TAXES OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CHARGES. If any tax or other government charge shall become payable by or on behalf of the Depositary with respect to this Receipt, such tax (including transfer taxes, if any) or governmental charge shall be payable by the holder hereof. Transfer of this Receipt may be refused until such payment is made, and any dividends, interest payments or other distributions may be withheld or any part of or all the Stock or other property represented by this Receipt and not theretofore sold may be sold for the account of the holder thereof (after attempting by reasonable means to notify such holder prior to such sale), and such dividends, interest payments or other distributions or the proceeds of any such sale may be applied to any payment of such tax or charge, the holder of this Receipt remaining liable for any deficiency.

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- 7. WARRANTY BY COMPANY. The Corporation has warranted that the Stock, when issued, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
- 8. AMENDMENT. The form of the Receipts and any provisions of the Deposit Agreement may at any time and from time to time be amended by agreement between the Corporation and the Depositary in any respect which they may deem necessary or desirable; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no such amendment which shall materially and adversely alter the rights of the holders of Receipts shall be effective unless such amendment shall have been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the Depositary Shares then outstanding. A holder of a Receipt at the time any such amendment so becomes effective shall be deemed, by continuing to hold such Receipt, to consent and agree to such amendment and to be bound by the Deposit Agreement as amended thereby.
- 9. CHARGES OF DEPOSITARY. The Corporation will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements, and all charges of the Depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the Stock and the initial issuance of the Depositary Shares and redemption of the Stock at the option of the Corporation. All other transfer and other taxes and other governmental charges shall be at the expense of holders of Depositary Shares. All other charges and expenses of the Depositary and any agent of the Depositary will be paid in consultation and agreement between the Depositary and the Corporation.
- 10. TITLE OF RECEIPTS. This Receipt (and the Depositary Shares evidenced hereby), when properly endorsed or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer, is transferable by delivery with the same effect as in the case of a negotiable instrument; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that until transfer of a Receipt shall be registered on the books of the Depositary, the Depositary may, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, treat the record holder hereof at such time as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of determining the person entitled to distributions of dividends or other distributions or to any notice provided for in the Deposit Agreement, and for all other purposes.
- 11. DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS. Whenever the Depositary receives any cash dividend or other cash distribution on the Stock, the Depositary will, subject to the provisions of the Deposit Agreement, make such distribution to the Receipt holders as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of Depositary Shares held by them; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the amount distributed will be reduced by any amounts required to be withheld by the Corporation or the Depositary on account of taxes. Other distributions received on the Stock may be distributed to holders of Receipts as provided in the Deposit Agreement.
  - 12. FIXING OF RECORD DATE. Whenever any cash dividend or other cash

distribution shall become payable or any distribution other than cash shall be made, or if rights, preferences or privileges shall at any time be offered, with respect to Stock, or whenever the Depositary shall receive notice of any meeting at which holders of Stock are entitled to vote or of which holders of Stock are entitled to notice, the Depositary shall in each instance fix a record date (which shall be the record date fixed by the Corporation with respect to the Stock), for the determination of the holders of Receipts who shall be entitled to receive such dividend, distribution, rights, preferences or

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privileges or the net proceeds of the sale thereof, or to give instructions for the exercise of voting rights at any such meeting, or who shall be entitled to notice of such meeting.

- 13. VOTING RIGHTS. Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which holders of Stock are entitled to vote, the Depositary shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, mail to the record holders of Receipts a notice which shall contain (i) such information as is contained in such notice of meeting and (ii) a statement informing holders of Receipts that they may instruct the Depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the amount of Stock represented by their respective Depositary Shares and a brief statement as to the manner in which such instructions may be given. Upon the written request of a holder of a Receipt on such record date, the Depositary shall endeavor insofar as practicable to vote or cause to be voted the amount of Stock represented by such Receipt in accordance with the instructions set forth in such request. In the absence of specific instructions from the holder of a Receipt, the Depositary will abstain from voting (but, at its discretion, not from appearing at any meeting with respect to such Stock unless directed to the contrary by the holders of Receipts) to the extent of the Stock represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by such Receipt.
- 14. CHANGES AFFECTING DEPOSITED SECURITIES. Upon any change in par or stated value, split-up, combination or any other reclassification of the Stock or upon any recapitalization, reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation affecting the Corporation or to which it is a party, or upon the sale of all or substantially all the Corporation's assets, the Depositary may in its discretion with the approval of the Corporation, and in such manner as the Depositary may deem equitable, (i) make such adjustments in (x) the fraction of an interest represented by one Depositary Share in one share of Stock and (y) the ratio of the redemption price of a share of Stock, in each case as may be necessary fully to reflect the effect of such change and (ii) treat any securities which shall be received by the Depositary in exchange for or upon conversion or in respect of the Stock as new deposited securities so received in exchange for or upon conversion or in respect of such Stock. In any such case the Depositary may in its discretion, with the approval of the Corporation, execute and deliver additional Receipts, or may call for the surrender of outstanding Receipts to be exchanged for new Receipts specifically describing such new deposited securities.
- 15. LIABILITY AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE DEPOSITARY, THE DEPOSITARY'S AGENTS OR THE COMPANY. Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent nor any Registrar nor the Corporation assumes any obligation or shall be subject to any liability under this Deposit Agreement to any holder of any Receipt, other than for its gross negligence or willful misconduct. Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent nor any Registrar nor the Corporation shall incur any liability to any holder of any Receipt if by reason of any provision of any present or future law or regulation thereunder of the United States of America or any other governmental authority or, in the case of the Depositary, the Depositary's Agent or the Registrar, by reason of any provision, present or future, of the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation (including the Certificate) or by reason of any act of God or war or other circumstances beyond their control, the Depositary, the Depositary's Agent, the Registrar or the Corporation shall be prevented or forbidden from doing or performing any act or thing which the terms of this Deposit Agreement provide shall be done or performed; nor shall the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, any Registrar or the Corporation incur any liability to any holder of a Receipt by reason of nonperformance or

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delay, caused as aforesaid, in performance of any act or thing which by the terms of the Deposit Agreement it is provided shall or may be done or performed, or by reason of any exercise of, or failure to exercise, any discretion provided for in the Deposit Agreement, other than for its gross negligence or willful misconduct. Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent nor the Corporation assumes any obligation or shall be subject to any liability under the Deposit Agreement to holders of Receipts other than to use its best judgment and good faith in the performance of such duties as are specifically set forth in the Deposit Agreement. Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent nor any Registrar nor the Corporation shall be under any obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any action, suit or other proceeding in respect of the Stock, the Depositary Shares or the Receipts, which in its opinion may involve it in expense or liability, unless indemnity satisfactory to it against all expense and liability be furnished. The Deposit Agreement contains various other

exculpancy, indemnification and related provisions, to which reference is hereby made.

- 16. RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF DEPOSITARY. The Depositary may at any time (a) resign by written notice of its election to do so delivered to the Corporation, such resignation to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment, or (b) be removed by the Corporation effective upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment.
- 17. TERMINATION OF DEPOSIT AGREEMENT. The Deposit Agreement may be terminated by the Corporation or the Depositary only upon or after the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) all outstanding Depositary Shares shall have been redeemed or (ii) there shall have been made a final distribution in respect of the Stock in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation and such distribution shall have been distributed to the holders of Receipts. Upon the termination of the Deposit Agreement, the Corporation shall be discharged from all obligations thereunder except for its obligations to the Depositary with respect to indemnification, charges and expenses.
- 18. GOVERNING LAW. This Receipt and the Deposit Agreement and all rights hereunder and thereunder and provisions hereof and thereof shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

This Receipt shall not be entitled to any benefits under the Deposit Agreement or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless this Receipt shall have been executed manually by a duly authorized signatory of the Depositary or, if a Registrar for the Receipts (other than the Depositary) shall have been appointed, by facsimile by the Depositary provided this Receipt is countersigned manually by the signature of a duly authorized signatory of such Registrar.

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The Corporation will furnish without charge to each stockholder who so requests the powers, designations, preferences and rights of each class of stock or series thereof and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights.

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March 12, 2002

Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N. W. Washington, D.C. 20549

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am the Vice Chairman and Chief Legal & Administrative Officer of United States Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation (hereinafter the "Corporation"), and have served as counsel to the Corporation in connection with the preparation of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (hereinafter the "Registration Statement") for the proposed issue of the Corporation's: (1) Debt Securities (the "Debt Securities"), (2) Preferred Stock, (3) Depositary Shares ("Depositary Shares"), (4) Common Stock ("Common Stock"), or (5) Warrants to purchase Debt Securities, Preferred Stock or Common Stock (the "Warrants") or any combination of the foregoing at an aggregate public offering price of \$400,000,000. The Preferred Stock and the Common Stock are collectively referred to as the "Shares." The Depositary Shares are to be issued pursuant to a deposit agreement between the Corporation and a depositary (the "Depositary Agreement"). The Warrants are to be issued pursuant to a warrant agreement between the Corporation and a warrant agent (the "Warrant Agreement").

I am familiar with the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation and its By-laws. I have also examined, or caused those acting under my supervision to have examined, the Registration Statement, the form of Indenture between the Corporation and The Bank of New York pursuant to which the Debt Securities will be issued (the "Indenture"), and such other records and documents, including certificates of government officials and corporate officers, that I have deemed necessary or desirable in rendering the opinion set forth below. In rendering such opinion, I have presumed the genuineness of all documents examined and the accuracy of all statements of fact contained therein.

Based upon the foregoing, I am of the opinion that:

- When the Debt Securities have been duly authorized and are executed and authenticated in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and delivered to holders against receipt of payment (or, if delivered to holders upon exercise of Warrants, when delivered in accordance with the Warrant Agreement), the Debt Securities will be legal, valid and binding obligations of the Corporation enforceable against it in accordance with the terms thereof and entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.
- When the Shares have been duly authorized and delivered against receipt of payment (or, if delivered to holders upon exercise of Warrants, when delivered in accordance with the Warrant Agreement), the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- 3. When a Depositary Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Corporation and the depositary party thereto and the Securities and Exchange Commission
  March 12, 2002
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Depositary Shares have been duly authorized and duly issued in accordance with such Depositary Agreement and when duly paid for and delivered in accordance with the procedures described in the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating to such sale, the Depositary Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

4. When a Warrant Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Corporation and the Warrants have been duly authorized and duly executed in accordance with such Warrant Agreement and when duly paid for and delivered in accordance with the procedures described in the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating to such sale, the Warrants will be legal, valid and binding obligations of the Corporation enforceable against it in accordance with and subject to the terms thereof and of such Warrant Agreement and entitled to the benefits of the Warrant Agreement.

The opinions set forth above are qualified to the extent such enforceability may be limited by any bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and by general principles of equity.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

Dan D. Sandman

# UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, LLC COMPUTATION OF RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES TOTAL ENTERPRISE BASIS--UNAUDITED CONTINUING OPERATIONS (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|   | Year Ended December 31 |         |         |              |               |
|---|------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|---------------|
|   | 2001                   | 2000    | 1999    | 1998         | 1997          |
| <pre><s> Portion of rentals representing interest Capitalized interest Other interest and fixed charges</s></pre> | <c></c>                | <c></c> | <c></c> | <c></c>      | <c></c>       |
|   | \$ 45                  | \$ 48   | \$ 46   | \$ 52        | \$ 47         |
|   | 1                      | 3       | 7       | 6            | 7             |
|   | 153                    | 115     | 74      | 47           | 91            |
| Total fixed charges (A)   | \$ 199                 | \$ 166  | \$ 127  | \$ 105       | \$ 145        |
|   | ====                   | ====    | ====    | ====         | ====          |
| Pretax income (loss) with applicable adjustments (1)(B)   | \$(387)                | \$ 187  | \$ 295  | \$ 618       | \$ 781        |
|   | =====                  | ====    | ====    | ====         | =====         |
| Ratio of (B) to (A)   | * * *<br>=====         | 1.13    | 2.33    | 5.89<br>==== | 5.39<br>===== |

# </TABLE>

\*\*\* Earnings did not cover fixed charges by \$586 million in 2001.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Applicable adjustments include fixed charges and income (loss) from equity investees.

# UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, LLC COMPUTATION OF RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS TOTAL ENTERPRISE BASIS--UNAUDITED CONTINUING OPERATIONS (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

| CAFIION  | Year Ended December 31 |             |             |             |         |
|--|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
|  | 2001                   | 2000        | 1999        | 1998        | 1997    |
| <\$>   | <br><c></c>            | <br><c></c> | <br><c></c> | <br><c></c> | <c></c> |
| Portion of rentals representing interest   | \$ 45                  | \$ 48       | \$ 46       | \$ 52       | \$ 47   |
| Capitalized interest   | 1                      | 3           | 6           | 6           | 7       |
| Other interest and fixed charges  Pretax earnings which would be required to cover preferred stock | 153                    | 115         | 75          | 47          | 91      |
| dividend requirements of parent (1)  | 12                     | 12          | 14          | 15          | 20      |
|  |                        |             |             |             |         |
| Combined fixed charges and preferred   |                        |             |             |             |         |
| stock dividends (A)  | \$ 211                 | \$ 178      | \$ 141      | \$ 120      | \$ 165  |
| ,  | =====                  | =====       |             | ====        | =====   |
| Pretax income (loss) with  |                        |             |             |             |         |
| applicable adjustments (2) (B)   | \$(387)                | \$ 187      | \$ 295      | \$ 618      | \$ 781  |
| 11   | =====                  | =====       | =====       | =====       | =====   |
|  |                        |             |             |             |         |
| Ratio of (B) to (A)  | ***                    | 1.05        | 2.10        | 5.15        | 4.72    |
| ,  | =====                  | =====       | =====       | =====       | =====   |

# </TABLE>

\*\*\* Earnings did not cover combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends by \$598 million in 2001.

<sup>(1)</sup> Preferred stock dividends relate to 6.5% cumulative convertible preferred stock of USX Corporation which was historically attributed to United States Steel.

<sup>(2)</sup> Applicable adjustments include fixed charges and income (loss) from equity investees.

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of United States Steel Corporation of our reports dated February 7, 2001 relating to the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule of USX Corporation and the financial statements of the U.S. Steel Group, which appear in USX Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2000. We also consent to the incorporation by reference of our report dated February 15, 2002, relating to the financial statements of United States Steel Corporation, which appears in the Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 1, 2002. We also consent to the references to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania March 12, 2002 Exhibit 24

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of January, 2002.

/s/ Thomas J. Usher -----Exhibit 24

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/s/ John P. Surma Jr.
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/s/ Shirley Ann Jackson
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/s/ Paul E. Lego -----Exhibit 24

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/s/ Seth E. Schofield
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/s/ John W. Snow

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/s/ Douglas C. Yearley
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/s/ Robert J. Darnall
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/s/ J. Gary Cooper

Exhibit 25

# FORM T-1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A
CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2) / /

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

New York 13-5160382 (State of incorporation (I.R.S. employer if not a U.S. national bank) identification no.)

One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

UNITES STATES STEEL CORPORATION (Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Delaware 189715Z

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. employer incorporation or organization) identification no.)

600 Grant Street

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-2800 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Debt Securities (Title of the indenture securities)

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION. FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS TO THE TRUSTEE:

(a) NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH EXAMINING OR SUPERVISING AUTHORITY TO WHICH IT IS SUBJECT.

<TABLE>

Name Address ----

<S> <C>

Superintendent of Banks of the State of 2 Rector Street, New York,
New York N.Y. 10006, and Albany, N.Y. 12203

Federal Reserve Bank of New York 33 Liberty Plaza, New York,

N.Y. 10045

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Washington, D.C. 20429

New York Clearing House Association New York, New York 10005

</TABLE>

(b) WHETHER IT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE CORPORATE TRUST POWERS.

Yes.

2. AFFILIATIONS WITH OBLIGOR.

IF THE OBLIGOR IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE TRUSTEE, DESCRIBE EACH SUCH AFFILIATION.

None.

16. LIST OF EXHIBITS.

EXHIBITS IDENTIFIED IN PARENTHESES BELOW, ON FILE WITH THE COMMISSION, ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AS AN EXHIBIT HERETO, PURSUANT TO

RULE 7a-29 UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 (THE "ACT") AND 17 C.F.R. 229.10(d).

- 1. A copy of the Organization Certificate of The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) as now in effect, which contains the authority to commence business and a grant of powers to exercise corporate trust powers. (Exhibit 1 to Amendment No. 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-6215, Exhibits 1a and 1b to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-21672 and Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-29637.)
- 4. A copy of the existing By-laws of the Trustee. (Exhibit 4 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-31019.)
- 6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act. (Exhibit 6 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-44051.)
- 7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

# -2-SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Trustee, The Bank of New York, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York, and State of New York, on the 11th day of March, 2002.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /s/ MING SHIANG

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Name: MING SHIANG Title: VICE PRESIDENT

EXHIBIT 7

Consolidated Report of Condition of

# THE BANK OF NEW YORK

of One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286 And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,

a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business September 30, 2001, published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

| ASSETS <s></s>                                      | Dollar Amounts<br>In Thousands<br><c></c> |
|---|---|
| Cash and balances due from depository institutions: |   |
| Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin  | \$ 3,238,092                              |
| Interest-bearing balances                           | 5,255,952                                 |
| Securities:   |   |
| Held-to-maturity securities                         | 127,193                                   |
| Available-for-sale securities                       | 12,143,488                                |
| Federal funds sold and Securities purchased under   |   |
| agreements to resell                                | 281,677                                   |
| Loans and lease financing receivables:              |   |
| Loans and leases held for sale                      | 786                                       |
| Loans and leases, net of unearned                   |   |
| income  | 46,206,726                                |
| LESS: Allowance for loan and                        |   |
| lease losses  | 607,115                                   |
| Loans and leases, net of unearned                   | •   |
| income and allowance                                | 45,599,611                                |
| Trading Assets                                      | 9,074,924                                 |

| Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized |           |
|--|-----------|
| leases)  | 783,165   |
| Other real estate owned                          | 935       |
| Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and   | 200 044   |
| associated companies                             | 200,944   |
| outstanding                                      | 311,521   |
| Intangible assets                                |           |
| Goodwill   | 1,546,125 |
| Other intangible assets                          | 8,497     |
| Other assets                                     | 8,761,129 |
|  |           |

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| <\$> |  |
| Total assets | \$87,334,039 |
| LIABILITIES |  |
| Deposits: |  |
| In domestic offices | \$28,254,986 |
| Noninterest-bearing | 10,843,829 |
| Interest-bearing In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement | 17,411,157 |
| subsidiaries, and IBFs | 31,999,406 |
| Noninterest-bearing | 1,006,193 |
| Interest-bearing | 30,993,213 |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under | 6 004 670 |
| agreements to repurchase | 6,004,678 |
| Trading liabilities Other borrowed money: | 2,286,940 |
| (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations |  |
| under capitalized leases) | 1,845,865 |
| Bank's liability on acceptances executed and |  |
| outstanding | 440,362 |
| Subordinated notes and debentures | 2,196,000 |
| Other liabilities | 7,606,565 |
| Total liabilities | \$80,634,802 |
|  | ======================================= |
| EQUITY CAPITAL |  |
| Common stock | 1,135,284 |
| Surplus | 1,050,729 4,436,230 |
| Retained earnings | 76,292 |
| Other equity capital components | 7 0, 232 |
|  |  |
| Total equity capital | 6,698,535 |
| Total liabilities and equity capital | \$87,334,039 |
| Total Trabilities and equity capital | ========= |
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| I, Thomas J. Mastro, Senior Vice President and Comptroller of the |  |
| above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governo | ors |
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of the Federal Reserve System and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

> Thomas J. Mastro, Senior Vice President and Comptroller

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been

prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and is true and correct.

| Thomas A. Renyi   | ) |          |
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