## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

## FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 11, 2021 (February 8, 2021)

## **United States Steel Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) <u>1-16811</u> (Commission File Number) 25-1897152 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

<u>600 Grant Street,</u> <u>Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2800</u> (Address of Principal Executive Offices, and Zip Code)

(412) 433-1121

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code

### (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions *kee* General Instruction A.2. below):

□ Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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

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

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	Х	New York Stock Exchange
Common Stock	Х	Chicago Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

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

## Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Underwriting Agreement

On February 8, 2021, United States Steel Corporation (the "Company") entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as representative of the several underwriters listed on Schedule I thereto, in connection with the public offering by the Company of \$750 million aggregate principal amount of its 6.875% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "Notes").

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements by the Company. Under the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Company has agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities. The summary of the Underwriting Agreement set forth in this Item 1.01 does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the form of the Underwriting Agreement, a copy of which is being filed as Exhibit 1.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

On February 11, 2021, the Company issued the Notes pursuant to an indenture dated as of May 21, 2007 by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon (formerly known as The Bank of New York), as trustee (the "Trustee"), a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Report on Form 8-K filed on May 22, 2007, as supplemented by a tenth supplemental indenture, dated as of February 11, 2021, by and between the Company and the Trustee (the "Supplemental Indenture").

The Supplemental Indenture provides for the issuance and sets forth the terms of the Notes. A specimen copy of the Notes is attached as an exhibit to the Supplemental Indenture. The Supplemental Indenture also contains covenants regarding the Company on liens, sale-leasebacks and mergers and consolidations. It also includes provisions requiring the Company to offer to repurchase the Notes upon a change of control repurchase event and redemption and other customary provisions.

In connection with the issuance of the Notes, Milbank LLP provided the Company with the legal opinion attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 5.1.

The summary of the Supplemental Indenture set forth in this Item 1.01 does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the form of the Supplemental Indenture, a copy of which is being filed herewith as Exhibit 4.1.

This Current Report on Form 8-K does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy the Notes, or any security, and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offering would be unlawful.

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

On February 11, 2021, the Company issued \$750 million aggregate principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2029. The Notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Company. The description of the terms of the Notes set forth above in Item 1.01 is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 8, 2021, the Company issued a press release announcing that it had priced its previously announced offering of Notes. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information contained in this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished under Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information and exhibits be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 8, 2021, the Company delivered a conditional full redemption notice through U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee under the indenture governing the Company's 12.000% Senior Secured Notes due 2025 (the "2025 Senior Secured Notes"), to the holders of the 2025 Senior Secured Notes, of its election to redeem and pay on March 10, 2021, subject to and conditioned upon the completion by the Company of one or more debt financings on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Company, all of the remaining principal amount outstanding of the 2025 Senior Secured Notes, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption, plus a "make-whole" premium. On February 11, 2021, the Company gave notice that the financing condition set forth in the aforementioned conditional full redemption notice was satisfied.

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

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit	
Number	Description
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated February 8, 2021, by and between United States Steel Corporation and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as
	representative of the several underwriters listed on Schedule I thereto.
<u>4.1</u>	Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 11, 2021, by and between United States Steel Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon, as
	trustee.
<u>4.2</u>	Form of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2029 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.1 filed herewith)
<u>5.1</u>	Opinion of Milbank LLP.
<u>23.1</u> <u>99.1</u>	Consent of Milbank LLP (included in the opinion filed herewith as Exhibit 5.1).
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release, dated February 8, 2021.
104	Cover page interactive data file (embedded within the inline XBRL document).

## SIGNATURE

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

#### UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Manpreet S. Grewal

Name: Manpreet S. Grewal Title: Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: February 11, 2021

#### UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

#### **United States Steel Corporation**

#### \$750,000,000 6.875% Senior Notes due 2029

February 8, 2021

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC As Representative of the several Underwriters listed in Schedule 1 hereto

c/o Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC Eleven Madison Avenue New York, New York 10010

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

United States Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell to the several Underwriters listed in Schedule 1 hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom you are acting as representative (the "Representative"), \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 6.875% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued pursuant to an indenture dated as of May 21, 2007 (the "Base Indenture") between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as heretofore supplemented and amended and as to be further supplemented and amended by a Tenth Supplemental Indenture, to be dated as of February 11, 2021, to the Base Indenture relating to the Securities (the "Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the Base Indenture and any other amendments or supplements thereto, the "Indenture"), between the Company and the Trustee.

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

1. Registration Statement. The Company has prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "Securities Act"), a registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-229713), including a prospectus (the "Basic Prospectus"), relating to the Securities. The Company has also filed, or proposes to file, with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act a prospectus supplement specifically relating to the Securities (the "Prospectus Supplement"). The registration statement, as amended at the time of this Agreement, including the information, if any, deemed pursuant to Rule 430A, 430B or 430C under the Securities Act to be part of the registration statement at the time of its effectiveness, is referred to herein as the "Registration Statement"; and as used herein, the term "Prospectus" means the Basic Prospectus included in the Registration Statement"; and as used herein with confirmation of sales of the Securities and the term "Preliminary Prospectus" means the preliminary prospectus supplement specifically relating to the Securities together with the Basic Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein. The terms "supplement," "amendment" and "amend" as used herein with respect to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein. The terms "supplement," and amendement" and "amend" as used herein with respect to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference therein. For purposes of the Commission thereunder (the "Exchange Act") subsequent to the date of this Agreement, which are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Effective Time" means the effective date of the Registration Statement with respect to the

At or prior to 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2021, the time when the first sale of the Securities was made (the "Time of Sale"), the Company had prepared the following information (collectively, the "Time of Sale Information"): a Preliminary Prospectus, dated February 8, 2021, and each "free writing prospectus" (as defined pursuant to Rule 405 of the Securities Act) identified in Schedule 2 hereto.

2. <u>Purchase of the Securities by the Underwriters</u>. (a) The Company agrees to issue and sell the Securities to the several Underwriters as provided in this Agreement, and each Underwriter, on the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements set forth herein and subject to the conditions set forth herein, agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the respective principal amount of the Securities set forth opposite such Underwriter's name in Schedule 1 hereto at a price equal to 98.500% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest, if any, from February 11, 2021, to the Closing Date (as such term is hereinafter defined). The Company will not be obligated to deliver any of the Securities except upon payment for all the Securities to be purchased as provided herein.

(b) The Company understands that the Underwriters intend to make a public offering of the Securities as soon after the effectiveness of this Agreement as in the judgment of the Representative is advisable, and initially to offer the Securities on the terms set forth in the Prospectus. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriters may offer and sell Securities to or through any affiliate of an Underwriter and that any such affiliate may offer and sell Securities purchased by it to or through any Underwriter.

(c) Payment for and delivery of the Securities will be made at the offices of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on February 11, 2021, or at such other time or place on the same or such other date, not later than the fifth business day thereafter, as the Representative and the Company may agree upon in writing. The time and date of such payment and delivery is referred to herein as the "Closing Date."

(d) Payment for the Securities shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account(s) specified by the Company to the Representative against delivery to the nominee of The Depository Trust Company, for the account of the Underwriters, of one or more global notes representing the Securities (the "Global Notes"), with any transfer taxes payable in connection with the sale of the Securities duly paid by the Company. The Global Notes will be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative.

(e) The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriters are acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length contractual counterparty to the Company with respect to the offering of the Securities contemplated hereby (including in connection with determining the terms of the offering) and not as a financial advisor or a fiduciary to, or an agent of, the Company or any other person with respect to such offering. Additionally, no such Underwriter is advising the Company or any other person as to any legal, tax, investment, accounting or regulatory matters in any jurisdiction. The Company shall consult with its own advisors concerning such matters and shall be responsible for making its own independent investigation and appraisal of the transactions contemplated hereby, and such Underwriters shall have no responsibility or liability to the Company, the transactions contemplated thereby or other matters relating to such transactions will be performed solely for the benefit of the Underwriters and shall not be on behalf of the Company.

#### Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter that:

(a) Registration Statement and Prospectus. The Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act. The Registration Statement is an "automatic shelf registration statement" as defined under Rule 405 of the Securities Act that has been filed with the Commission not earlier than three years prior to the date hereof; and no notice of objection of the Commission to the use of such registration statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act has been received by the Company. The Company has not received any order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement by the Commission and has not received notice of any proceeding for that purpose or notice that any action instituted pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act against the Company or related to the offering has been initiated or threatened by the Commission; as of the Effective Time, the Registration Statement complied, and as of the date of any amendment thereto will comply, in all material respects with the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively the "Trust Indenture Act") and the Securities Act and did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that the Company makes no representation and warranty with respect to (i) that part of the Registration Statement that constitutes the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification (Form T-1) of the Truste under the Trust Indenture Act or (ii) any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information described as such in Section 7(b) hereof).

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(b) *Time of Sale Information.* The Time of Sale Information, at the Time of Sale, did not, and at the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; <u>provided</u> that the Company makes no representation and warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use in such Time of Sale Information (it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 7(b) hereof). No statement of material fact included in the Time of Sale Information that is required to be included in the Prospectus has been omitted therefrom.

(c) *Issuer Free Writing Prospectus.* The Company (including its agents and representatives, other than the Underwriters in their capacity as such) has not prepared, made, used, authorized, approved or referred to and will not prepare, make, use, authorize, approve or refer to any "written communication" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the Securities (each such communication by the Company or its agents and representatives (other than a communication referred to in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of this Section 3(c)), an "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus") other than (i) any document not constituting a prospectus pursuant to Section 2(a)(10)(a) of the Securities Act or Rule 134 under the Securities Act, (ii) the Preliminary Prospectus, (iii) the Prospectus, (iv) the documents listed on Schedule 2 hereto which constitutes part of the Time of Sale Information and (v) any electronic road show or any other written communications, in each case approved in writing in advance by the Representative. Each such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus complied in all material respects with the Securities Act, has been or will be (within the time period specified in Rule 433) filed in accordance with the Securities Act (to the extent required thereby) and, when taken together with the Time of Sale Information (at the Time of Sale) accompanying, or delivered prior to delivery of, or filed prior to the first use of such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, did not, and at the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements or missions made in each such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use in any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (it being understood and agreed that the only such information fu

(d) Incorporated Documents. The documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, when filed with the Commission, conformed or will conform, as the case may be, in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act and did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

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(e) Company Organization and Good Standing. The Company has been duly incorporated and is an existing corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus; and the Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect upon the financial condition, business, properties or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or on the performance by the Company of its obligations under this Agreement and the Securities (a "Material Adverse Effect").

(f) Subsidiary Organization and Good Standing. Each subsidiary of the Company listed on Annex A (each, a "Designated Subsidiary") has been duly incorporated or otherwise organized and is an existing corporation, limited liability company or other business entity in good standing (if such designation exists in the jurisdiction of organization or formation of such entity) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, with power and authority (corporate, limited liability company and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus; and each Designated Subsidiary of the Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation or other business entity in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; all of the issued and outstanding capital stock or other equity securities of each Designated Subsidiary of the company have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable (except, in the case of any foreign subsidiary, for directors' qualifying shares); and the shares of capital stock or other equity securities of each Designated Subsidiary on the claim of any third party (collectively, "Liens"), except such Liens that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. As of September 30, 2020, there are no significant subsidiaries of the Company that are not listed on Annex A hereto. The subsidiaries of the

Company not listed on Annex A hereto, in the aggregate, represented no more than 15% of the (i) net sales of the Company and its subsidiaries for the twelve months ended September 30, 2020 and (ii) total assets of the Company and its subsidiaries as of September 30, 2020.

(g) *Capitalization.* All outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and are not subject to any pre-emptive or similar rights. The Company had an authorized capitalization as of September 30, 2020 as set forth in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus under the heading "Capitalization."

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(h) *No Broker's Fees.* Except as disclosed in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or any Underwriter for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or other like payment in connection with this offering.

(i) No Registration Rights. There are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any securities of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to require the Company to include such securities in the securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement or with any securities being registered pursuant to any other registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act.

(j) No Consents Required. No consent, approval, authorization, or order of, or filing with, any governmental agency or body or any court is required for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Securities and the Indenture (collectively, the "Transaction Documents") in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby, except such (i) as have been obtained and made under the Securities Act and (ii) as may be required under state securities laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters, and except for such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders or filings the failure of which to obtain or make would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(k) *No Conflicts.* The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Transaction Documents, the issuance and sale of the Securities and compliance by the Company with the terms thereof and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, will not result in a breach or violation of any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute a default under, (i) any statute, any rule, regulation or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any Designated Subsidiary of the Company or any such Designated Subsidiary is a party or by which the Company or any such Designated Subsidiary is subject or (iii) the charter, by-laws or other organizational document of the Company or any such Designated Subsidiary.

(1) *Due Authorization.* The Company has full right, power and authority to execute and deliver the Transaction Documents and to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder; and all action required to be taken for the due and proper authorization, execution and delivery of each of the Transaction Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby has been duly and validly taken.

(m) *The Indenture.* The Indenture has been duly authorized by the Company and has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act and the Base Indenture constitutes, and the Supplemental Indenture, when duly executed and delivered in accordance with its terms by each of the parties thereto, will constitute, a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by equitable principles relating to enforceability (whether considered in a proceeding at law or equity collectively, the "Enforceability Exceptions").

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(n) *The Securities.* The Securities have been duly authorized by the Company and, when duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered in accordance with the Indenture and paid for as provided herein, will be duly and validly issued and outstanding and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions, and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.

(o) Underwriting Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(p) No Violation or Default. Neither the Company nor any of the Designated Subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its respective charter or by-laws or other organizational documents, (ii) in default, and no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a default, in the due performance or observance of any term, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any Designated Subsidiary of the Company is a party or by which the Company or any Designated Subsidiary of the Company is a party or by which the Company or any Designated Subsidiary of the Company is subject, or (iii) in violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except for such defaults and violations in the case of these clauses (ii) and (iii) that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(q) *Title to Real and Personal Property.* Except as disclosed in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real properties and good and indefeasible title to all real and other properties and other assets owned by them that are material to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries, in each case free from liens, encumbrances, claims, security interests, defects and imperfections of title, except (x) such liens, encumbrances, claims, defects and imperfections of title that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (y) except as disclosed in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries hold their respective leased real or personal property under valid and enforceable leases free from any liens, encumbrances, claims, defects and imperfections of title or exceptions that would materially interfere with the business of the Company and its subsidiaries own or lease all properties and assets necessary to conduct their business as described in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.

(r) *Licenses and Permits.* The Company and the Designated Subsidiaries possess adequate licenses, certificates, authorities or permits issued by the appropriate governmental agencies or bodies currently required to conduct their business as described in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus and have not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or adverse modification of any such license, certificate, authority or permit, except for any failure to possess or any notice of proceedings that, if determined adversely to the Company or any Designated Subsidiary, would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(s) Descriptions of the Transaction Documents. The Transaction Documents conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.

(t) *No Labor Disputes.* Except as disclosed in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, no labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent that would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(u) *Title to Intellectual Property.* Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (i) the Company and the Designated Subsidiaries own, possess, have the right to use or can acquire on reasonable terms adequate patents, patent applications, trademarks, service marks, trade names, trademark registrations, service mark registrations, domain names and other source indicators, copyrights and copyrightable works, know-how, trade secrets, systems, procedures, proprietary or confidential information and all other intellectual property, industrial property and proprietary rights (collectively, "Intellectual Property") to conduct their respective businesses; (ii) the Company and the Designated Subsidiaries' conduct of their respective businesses does not infringe, misappropriate or otherwise violate any (iv) to the knowledge of the Company, the Intellectual Property of the Company and the Designated Subsidiaries is not being infringed, misappropriated or otherwise violated by any person.

(v) *Compliance With Environmental Laws.* Except as disclosed in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of any statute, any rule, regulation, decision or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, relating to the use, disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or relating to the protection or restoration of the environment or human exposure to hazardous or toxic substances (collectively, "environmental laws"), owns or operates any real property contaminated with any hazardous or toxic substance that is subject to any environmental laws, is liable for any off-site disposal or contamination pursuant to any environmental laws, or is subject to any pending claim relating to any environmental laws, which violation, contamination, liability or claim would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect; and the Company is not aware of any pending investigation which would reasonably be expected to lead to such a claim.

(w) Legal Proceedings. Except as described in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, there are no legal, governmental or regulatory actions, claims, suits, arbitrations or proceedings ("Actions") pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any property, right or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is the subject that could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and neither any such Actions nor any legal, governmental or regulatory investigations to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any property, right or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is the subject that could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, are, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened by any governmental or regulatory authority or by others.

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(x) Financial Statements of the Company. The financial statements of the Company and the related notes thereto included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates shown and their results of operations and cash flows for the periods shown, and, except as otherwise disclosed in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods covered thereby, and the supporting schedules included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement present fairly the information required to be stated therein; the pro forma financial information and the related notes thereto included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement present fairly the applicable, and the assumptions underlying such pro forma financial information are reasonable and are set forth in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information of the Company included or incorporated by reference, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus; and the other financial information of the Company included or incorporated by reference, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus; and the other financial information of the Company included or incorporated by reference.

(y) *Taxes.* The Company and its Designated Subsidiaries have timely filed all material federal, state, local and foreign tax returns that have been required to be filed and have paid all material taxes indicated by said returns and all assessments related to material taxes received by any of them to the extent that such material taxes have become due and are not being contested in good faith in appropriate proceedings. All material tax liabilities have been adequately provided for in the financial statements of the Company.

(z) No Material Adverse Change. Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, (i) there has not been any material change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, set aside for payment, paid or made by the Company on any class of capital stock (other than any regular quarterly dividend), or any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, properties, rights, assets, management, financial position, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; (ii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has entered into any transaction or agreement that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or incurred any liability or obligation, direct or contingent, that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or incurred any liability or obligation direct or contingent, that is business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor disturbance or dispute or any action, order or decree of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except in each case of (i), (ii) and (iii) of this Section 3(z) as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.

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(aa) *Reporting Requirements.* The Company is subject to the reporting requirements of either Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act and files reports with the Commission on the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR) system.

(bb) Independent Accountants. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC"), who has certified certain financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, are independent public accountants with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and as required by the Securities Act. PwC, who has also certified certain financial statements of Big River Steel LLC ("BRS") and its subsidiaries, are independent public accountants with respect to BRS and its subsidiaries within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and as required by the Securities Act.

(cc) *No Undisclosed Relationships.* No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and the directors, officers, stockholders, customers or suppliers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the other, that is required by the Securities Act to be described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus and that is not so described in such documents.

(dd) Compliance With ERISA. (1) Each employee benefit plan (including, without limitation, any "multiemployer plan" within the meaning of Section 4001(a)

(3) of ERISA) (a "Multiemployer Plan"), within the meaning of Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), that is maintained, administered or contributed to by the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates for employees or former employees of the Company and its ERISA Affiliates has been maintained in compliance in all material respects with its terms and the requirements of any applicable statutes, orders, rules and regulations, including but not limited to ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); (2) no prohibited transaction, within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, has occurred with respect to any such plan excluding transactions effected pursuant to a statutory or administrative exemption and transactions that have been corrected in accordance with Internal Revenue Service and Department of Labor guidance; (3) no failure to meet the minimum funding standards under Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA has occurred with respect to any such plan which is subject to Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA and no application has been made for a waiver or modification of the minimum funding standard (including any required installment payments) under Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA with respect to any such plan; (4) except as otherwise disclosed in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, the fair market value of the assets of each such plan, other than a Multiemployer Plan (excluding for these purposes accrued but unpaid contributions) exceeds the present value of all benefits accrued under such plan based on actuarial assumptions and methods that are compliant with the requirements of Code Section 430(h) and regulations thereunder; (5) neither the Company nor any of its ERISA Affiliates has completely or partially withdrawn from any Multiemployer Plan (within the meaning of Section 4203 or Section 4205 of ERISA) and, none of the Company or its ERISA Affiliates reasonably expects to incur any material liability with respect to the complete or partial withdrawal from one or more Multiemployer Plans and (6) and neither the Company nor any of its affiliates has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability under Title IV of ERISA in respect of any such plan (including any Multiemployer Plan), other than liability for the payment of required PBGC insurance premiums under Section 4007 of ERISA; provided, that for purposes of clauses (1) - (3), such representations shall be made to the knowledge of the Company.

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As used herein, "ERISA Affiliate" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Internal Revenue Code or is under common control with the Company or any of its subsidiaries under Section 4001 of ERISA or, solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code, is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

(ff) Accounting Controls. The Company and its subsidiaries maintain systems of "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act and have been designed by, or under the supervision of their respective principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP, including, but not limited to internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences; and (v) the interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus is prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto. There are no "material weaknesses" in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

(gg) Sarbanes-Oxley Act. There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or to the Company's knowledge, any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith, including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.

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(h) No Unlawful Payments. Except as specifically disclosed in the Company's prior public filings, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries, nor any director, officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any agent or affiliate acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, each in their capacity as such, has (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; (ii) made or taken an act in furtherance of an offer, promise or authorization of any direct or indirect unlawful payment or unlawful benefit to any foreign or domestic government official or employee, including of any government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption law; or (iv) made, offered, agreed, requested or taken an act in furtherance of any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption law; or (iv) made, offered, agreed, requested or taken an act in furtherance of any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption law; or (iv) made, offered, agreed, requested or taken an act in furtherance of any unlawful bribe or other unlawful benefit, including, without limitation, any rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful or improper payment or benefit. The Company and its subsidiaries have instituted, maintain and enforce policies and procedures designed to promote and ensure compliance with all applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws.

(i i) *Compliance with Anti-Money Laundering Laws.* The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance in all material respects with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the applicable money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions where the Company or any of its subsidiaries conducts business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Anti-Money Laundering Laws"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(j j) *Compliance with Sanctions Laws.* Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries, directors, officers nor, to the knowledge of the Company, the employees, agents or affiliates or any other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently the subject or the target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. government, (including, without limitation, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("OFAC") or the U.S. Department of State and including, without limitation, the designation as a "specially designated national" or "blocked person"), the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC"), the European Union or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions"), nor is the Company or any of its subsidiaries organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject or target of Sanctions (including, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria and Crimea (each, a "Sanctioned Country")); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering of the Securities hereunder, or lend, contribute or other wake available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity (i) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business in any Sanctioned Country, or (iii) in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the transaction, whether as underwriter, initial purchaser, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions. For the past five years, the Company and its subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in and are not now knowingly engaged in any unlawful dealings or transactions with any person that at the time of

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(kk) No Stabilization. The Company has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities.

(ll) Investment Company Act. The Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, will not be an "investment company" as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(mm) Status under the Securities Act. The Company is not an ineligible issuer and is a well-known seasoned issuer, in each case as defined under the Securities Act, in each case at the times specified in the Securities Act in connection with the offering of the Securities.

(nn) Statistical and Market Data. Nothing has come to the attention of the Company that has caused the Company to believe that the statistical and marketrelated data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus is not based on or derived from sources that are reliable and accurate in all material respects.

(oo) *Forward-Looking Statements.* No forward-looking statement (within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act) included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information or the Prospectus has been made or reaffirmed without a reasonable basis or has been disclosed other than in good faith.

(pp) Stock Options. With respect to the stock options (the "Stock Options") granted pursuant to the stock-based compensation plans of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Company Stock Plans"), (i) each Stock Option intended to qualify as an "incentive stock option" under Section 422 of the Code so qualifies, (ii) each grant of a Stock Option was duly authorized no later than the date on which the grant of such Stock Option was by its terms to be effective (the "Grant Date") by all necessary corporate action, including, as applicable, approval by the board of directors of the Company (or a duly constituted and authorized committee thereof) and any required stockholder approval by the necessary number of votes or written consents, and the award agreement governing such grant (if any) was duly executed and delivered by each party thereto, (iii) each such grant was made in accordance with the terms of the Company Stock Plans, the Exchange Act and all other applicable laws and regulatory rules or requirements, including the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and any other exchange on which Company and disclosed in the Company's filings with the Commission in accordance with the Exchange Act and all other applicable laws. The Company has not knowingly granted, and there is no and has been no policy or practice of the Company of granting, Stock Options prior to, or otherwise coordinating the grant of Stock Options with, the release or other public announcement of material information regarding the Company or its subsidiaries or their results of operations or prospects.

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(qq) *eXtensible Business Reporting Language.* The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(rr) *Cybersecurity; Data Protection.* The Company and its subsidiaries' information technology assets and equipment, computers, systems, networks, hardware, software, websites, applications, and databases (collectively, "IT Systems") are adequate for, and operate and per-form in all material respects as required in connection with the operation of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries as currently conducted. The Company and its subsidiaries have implemented and maintained commercially reasonable controls, policies, procedures, and safe-guards to maintain and protect their material confidential information and the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of all IT Systems and data (including all personal, personal) identifiable, sensitive, confidential or regulated data ("Personal Data")) used in connection with their businesses, and, to the knowledge of the Company, there have been no breaches, violations, outages or unauthorized uses of or accesses to same, except for those would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and its subsidiaries are presently in material compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all gudgenets, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Personal Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Personal Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification.

(ss) Solvency. Immediately after the consummation of the offering of the Securities, the Company will be Solvent. As used in this paragraph, the term "Solvent" means, with respect to a particular date, that on such date (i) the present fair market value (or present fair saleable value) of the assets of the Company (which, for purposes of this representation, are assumed to be equal to or exceed the carrying value of such assets) are not less than the total amount required to pay the probable liabilities of the Company on its total existing debts and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) as they become absolute and matured, (ii) the Company is able to realize upon its assets and pay its debts and other liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments as they mature and become due in the normal course of business, (iii) the Company is not incurring debts or liabilities beyond its ability to pay as such debts and liabilities mature, (iv) the Company is not engaged in, or about to engage in, any business or transaction, for which its property would constitute unreasonably small capital after giving due consideration to the prevailing practice in the industry in which the Company is engaged and (v) the Company is not defendant in any civil action that would result in a judgment that the Company is or would become unable to satisfy. In computing the amount of such contingent liabilities at any time, it is intended that such liabilities will be computed at the amount that, in the light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability.

4. <u>Further Agreements of the Company</u>. The Company covenants and agrees with each Underwriter that:

(a) *Filings with the Commission.* The Company will (i) pay the registration fees for this offering within the time period required by Rule 456(b)1(i) under the Securities Act (without giving effect to the proviso therein) and in any event prior to the Closing Date and (ii) file the Prospectus in a form approved by the Representative on behalf of the Underwriters with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act not later than the close of business on the second business day following the date of determination of the public offering price of the Securities or, if applicable, such earlier time as may be required by Rule 424(b) and Rule 430A, 430B or 430C under the Securities Act. The Company will file any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (including the Pricing Term Sheet substantially in the form of Schedule 3 hereto) to the extent required by Rule 433 under the Securities Act, and the Company will furnish copies of the Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (to the extent not previously delivered) to the Underwriters in New York City prior to 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on the business day next succeeding the date of this Agreement in such quantities as the Representative may reasonably request.

(b) Delivery of Copies. The Company will deliver, without charge, to each Underwriter (A) a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto, in each case including all exhibits and consents filed therewith and (B) during the Prospectus Delivery Period (as hereinafter defined), as many copies of the Prospectus (including all amendments and supplements thereto and documents incorporated by reference therein) and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (if applicable) as the Representative may reasonably request. As used herein, the term "Prospectus Delivery Period" means such period of time after the first date of the public offering of the Securities as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters a prospectus relating to the Securities is required by law to be delivered (or would be required to be delivered but for Rule 172 under the Securities Act) in connection with sales of the Securities by any Underwriter or dealer.

(c) Amendments or Supplements; Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses. In connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, before making, preparing, using, authorizing, approving, referring to or filing any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and before filing any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, the Company will furnish to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters a copy of the proposed Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, amendment or supplement for review and will not make, prepare, use, authorize, approve, refer to or file any such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which the Representative reasonably objects unless the Company reasonably believes such filing is required under applicable law.

(d) Notice to the Representative. The Company will advise the Representative promptly, and confirm such advice in writing (which may be by email), (i) when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective; (ii) when any supplement to the Prospectus, any amendment to the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus has been filed; (iii) (a) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement, (b) of any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus, (c) of the receipt of any comments from, or requests for additional information by, the Commission relating to the Registration Statement or (d) within the Prospectus Delivery Period, of any other request by the Commission for any additional information; (iv) upon receipt of notice of the issuance by the Commission of any order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or the initiation or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatening of any proceeding for that purpose or pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act; (v) of the occurrence of any event within the Prospectus, the Time of Sale Information or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus, the Time of Sale Information or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act; and (vii) of the receipt by the Company of any notice with respect to any suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offer and sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or, to the knowledge of the Company of any notice with respect to any suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offer and sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or, to the knowledge of the Company of any notice with respect to any

(e) *Time of Sale Information.* If at any time prior to the Closing Date (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the Time of Sale Information as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Information to comply with applicable law, the Company will promptly notify the Underwriters thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (c) of this Section 4, file with the Commission (to the extent required) and furnish to the Underwriters and to such dealers as the Representative may designate, such amendments or supplements to the Time of Sale Information as may be necessary so that the statements in the Time of Sale Information as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances, be misleading or so that the Time of Sale Information will comply with applicable law.

(f) Ongoing Compliance. If during the Prospectus Delivery Period (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with applicable law, the Company will promptly notify the Underwriters thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (c) of this Section 4, file with the Commission and furnish to the Underwriters and to such dealers as the Representative may designate, such amendments or supplements to the Prospectus as may be necessary so that the statements in the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Prospectus will comply with applicable law.

(g) Blue Sky Compliance. The Company will qualify the Securities for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as the Representative shall reasonably request and will continue such qualifications in effect so long as required for distribution of the Securities; provided that the Company shall not be required to (i) qualify as a foreign corporation or other entity or as a dealer in securities in any such jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be required to so qualify, (ii) file any general consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction or (iii) subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction if it is not otherwise so subject.

(h) *Earning Statement.* The Company will make generally available to its security holders and the Representative as soon as practicable an earning statement that satisfies the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 of the Commission promulgated thereunder covering a period of at least twelve months beginning with the first fiscal quarter of the Company occurring after the "effective date" (as defined in Rule 158) of the Registration Statement; provided that the Company will be deemed to have complied with such requirement by filing on EDGAR a report that satisfies the requirements of an "earning statement" (as defined in Rule 158).

(i) *Clear Market.* During the period from the date hereof through and including the date that is 30 days after the date hereof, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of any debt securities issued or guaranteed by the Company and having a term of more than one year (other than the Securities and any municipal bonds, including environmental revenue bonds, issued by or on behalf of the Company).

(j) Use of Proceeds. The Company will apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus under the heading "Use of proceeds."

(k) No Stabilization. The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities.

(1) *Record Retention.* The Company will, pursuant to reasonable procedures developed in good faith, retain copies of each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not filed with the Commission for three years after the Closing Date in accordance with Rule 433 under the Securities Act.

(m) Notice of Inability to Use Automatic Shelf Registration Statement Form If at any time during the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company receives from the Commission a notice pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) or otherwise ceases to be eligible to use the automatic shelf registration statement form, the Company will (i) promptly notify the Representative, (ii) promptly file a new registration statement or post-effective amendment on the proper form relating to the Securities, in a form satisfactory to the Representative, (iii) use its best efforts to cause such registration statement or post-effective amendment to be declared effective and (iv) promptly notify the Representative of such effectiveness. The Company will take all other action necessary or appropriate to permit the public offering and sale of the Securities to continue as contemplated in the

registration statement that was the subject of the Rule 401(g)(2) notice or for which the Company has otherwise become ineligible. References herein to the Registration Statement shall include such new registration statement or post-effective amendment, as the case may be.

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## 5. Certain Agreements of the Underwriters. Each Underwriter hereby severally represents and agrees that:

(a) It has not and will not use, authorize use of, refer to, or participate in the planning for use of, any "free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act (which term includes use of any written information furnished to the Commission by the Company and not incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and any press release issued by the Company) other than (i) a free writing prospectus that, solely as a result of use by such Underwriter, would not trigger an obligation to file such free writing prospectus with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433, (ii) any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus listed on Schedule 2 hereto or prepared pursuant to Section 3(c) or Section 4(c) (including any electronic road show), or (iii) any free writing prospectus prepared by such Underwriter and approved by the Company and the Representative in advance in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Underwriters may use a term sheet substantially in the form of Schedule 3 hereto without the consent of the Company.

(b) The Representative, on behalf of the several Underwriters, will, pursuant to reasonable procedures developed in good faith, retain copies of each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not filed with the Commission for three years after the Closing Date in accordance with Rule 433 under the Securities Act.

(c) It is not subject to any pending proceeding under Section 8A of the Securities Act with respect to the offering of the Securities (and will promptly notify the Company if any such proceeding against it is initiated during the Prospectus Delivery Period).

6. <u>Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations.</u> The obligation of each Underwriter to purchase Securities on the Closing Date as provided herein is subject to the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:

(a) Registration Compliance; No Stop Order. If a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement is required to be filed under the Securities Act, such post-effective amendment shall have become effective, and the Representative shall have received notice thereof, not later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date hereof; no order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall be in effect, and no proceeding for such purpose, pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) or pursuant to Section 8A under the Securities Act shall be pending before or threatened by the Commission; the Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall have been timely filed with the Commission under the Securities Act (in the case of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, to the extent required by Rule 433 under the Securities Act) and in accordance with Section 4(a) hereof; and all requests by the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of the Representative.

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(b) *Representations and Warranties.* The representations and warranties of the Company contained herein shall be true and correct on the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date; and the statements of the Company and its officers made in any certificates delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall be true and correct on and as of the Closing Date.

(c) *No Downgrade.* Subsequent to the earlier of (A) the Time of Sale and (B) the execution and delivery of this Agreement, (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating accorded any securities issued or guaranteed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as such term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act and (ii) no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, or has changed its outlook with respect to, its rating of any securities issued or guaranteed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (other than an announcement with positive implications of a possible upgrading).

(d) No Material Adverse Change. Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, no event or condition of a type described in Section 3(z) hereof shall have occurred or shall exist, which event or condition is not described in the Time of Sale Information (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto) and the Prospectus (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto) and the effect of which in the judgment of the Representative makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.

(e) Officer's Certificate. The Representative shall have received on and as of the Closing Date a certificate of an executive officer of the Company (acting in such capacity on behalf of the Company and not in such executive officer's personal capacity) who has specific knowledge of the Company's financial matters and is reasonably satisfactory to the Representative (i) confirming that such officer has carefully reviewed the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus and, to the knowledge of such officer, the representations set forth in Sections 3(a) and 3(b) hereof are true and correct; (ii) confirming that the other representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement are true and correct and that the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to the Closing Date; and (iii) to the effect set forth in paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of this Section 6.

(f) Comfort Letters for the Company. On the date of this Agreement and on the Closing Date, PwC shall have furnished to the Representative, at the request of the Company, letters, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof and addressed to the Underwriters, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative, containing statements and information of the type customarily included in accountants "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the Company's financial statements and certain financial information contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus; provided that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off" date no more than three business days prior to the Closing Date.

(g) Comfort Letters for BRS. On the date of this Agreement and on the Closing Date, PwC shall have furnished to the Representative, at the request of the Company, letters, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof and addressed to the Underwriters, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative, containing statements and information of the type customarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the BRS's financial statements and certain financial information contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus; provided that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off" date no more than three business days prior to the Closing Date.

(h) *CFO Certificates.* On the date of this Agreement and on the Closing Date, the Company shall have furnished to the Representative certificates, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof and addressed to the Underwriters, of its chief financial officer with respect to certain financial data contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus, providing "management comfort" with respect to such information, in form and substance

reasonably satisfactory to the Representative.

(i) Opinion of Counsel for the Company. Opinion and Negative Assurance Statement of Outside Counsel for the Company. Milbank LLP, counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to the Representative, at the request of the Company, an opinion and negative assurance statement, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriters, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative, to the effect set forth in Annex B hereto.

(j) Opinion and Negative Assurance Statement of Counsel for the Underwriters. The Representative shall have received on and as of the Closing Date an opinion and negative assurance statement of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, addressed to the Underwriters, with respect to such matters as the Representative may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such documents and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters.

(k) *No Legal Impediment to Issuance*. No action shall have been taken and no statute, rule, regulation or order shall have been enacted, adopted or issued by any federal, state or foreign governmental or regulatory authority that would, as of the Closing Date, prevent the issuance or sale of the Securities; and no injunction or order of any federal, state or foreign court shall have been issued that would, as of the Closing Date, prevent the issuance or sale of the Securities.

(1) *Good Standing.* The Representative shall have received on and as of the Closing Date satisfactory evidence of the good standing of the Company and its Designated Subsidiaries, other than the Designated Subsidiaries organized and existing outside the United States, in their respective jurisdictions of organization and their good standing in such other jurisdictions as the Representative may reasonably request, in each case in writing or any standard form of telecommunication from the appropriate governmental authorities of such jurisdictions.

(m) Additional Documents. On or prior to the Closing Date, the Company shall have furnished to the Representative such further certificates and documents as the Representative may reasonably request.

(n) Supplemental Indenture Relating to Securities. The Representative shall have received an executed copy of the Supplemental Indenture.

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

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#### 7. <u>Indemnification and Contribution</u>.

(a) Indemnification of the Underwriters. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its affiliates, directors and officers and each person, if any, who controls such Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, reasonable, documented legal fees and other reasonable, documented expenses incurred in connection with any suit, action or proceeding or any claim asserted, as such fees and expenses are incurred), joint or several, that arise out of, or are based upon, (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, not misleading, or (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any road show as defined in Rule 433(h) under the Securities Act (a "road show") or any Time of Sale Information (including any of the other Time of Sale Information that has subsequently been amended), or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case except insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use therein (it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such

(b) Indemnification of the Company. Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, its officers who signed the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act to the same extent as the indemnity set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section 7, but only with respect to any losses, claims, damages or liabilities that arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any road show or any Time of Sale Information (including any of the other Time of Sale Information that has subsequently been amended), it being understood and agreed that the only such information consists of the following: the statements concerning the Underwriters contained in the first paragraph under the subsection "Commissions and discounts," the third sentence under the subsection "New issue of notes" and the three paragraphs under the subsection "Short positions" under the heading "Underwriting" in the Prospectus.

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Notice and Procedures. If any suit, action, proceeding (including any governmental or regulatory investigation), claim or demand shall be brought or (c) asserted against any person in respect of which indemnification may be sought pursuant to either paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section 7, such person (the "Indemnified Person") shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnification may be sought (the "Indemnifying Person") in writing; provided that the failure to notify the Indemnifying Person shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section 7 except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses) by such failure; and provided, further, that the failure to notify the Indemnifying Person shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have to an Indemnified Person otherwise than under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section 7. If any such proceeding shall be brought or asserted against an Indemnified Person and it shall have notified the Indemnifying Person thereof, the Indemnifying Person shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Person (who shall not, without the written consent of the Indemnified Person, be counsel to the Indemnifying Person, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) to represent the Indemnified Person and any others entitled to indemnification pursuant to this Section 7 that the Indemnifying Person may designate in such proceeding and shall pay the reasonable, documented fees and expenses of such counsel related to such proceeding, as incurred. In any such proceeding, any Indemnified Person shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified Person unless (i) the Indemnifying Person and the Indemnified Person shall have mutually agreed to the contrary; (ii) the Indemnifying Person has failed within a reasonable time to retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Person; (iii) the Indemnified Person shall have reasonably concluded that there are or are likely to be legal defenses available to it that are different from or in addition to those available to the Indemnifying Person; or (iv) the named parties in any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the Indemnifying Person and the Indemnified Person and the Indemnified Person shall have reasonably concluded that representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. It is understood and agreed that the Indemnifying Person shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceeding in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the reasonable, documented fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Indemnified Persons, and that all such fees and expenses shall be reimbursed as they are incurred. Any such separate firm for any Underwriter, its affiliates, directors and officers and any control persons of such Underwriter shall be designated in writing by Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and any such separate firm for the Company, its directors and officers who signed the Registration Statement and any control persons of the Company shall be designated in writing by the Company. The Indemnifying Person shall not be liable for any settlement

of any proceeding effected without its written consent, but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Indemnifying Person agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an Indemnified Person shall have requested that an Indemnifying Person reimburse the Indemnified Person for reasonable, documented fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by this paragraph, the Indemnifying Person shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by the Indemnifying Person of such request and (ii) the Indemnifying Person shall not have reimbursed the Indemnified Person in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. No Indemnifying Person shall, without the written consent of the Indemnified Person, effect any settlement of any proceeding of the Indemnified Person, effect any settlement by such Indemnified Person, unless such settlement (x) includes an unconditional release of such Indemnified Person, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such Indemnified Person, from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding and (y) does not include any statement as to or any admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any Indemnified Person.

(d) Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section 7 is unavailable to an Indemnified Person or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein, then each Indemnifying Person under such paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such Indemnified Person thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Person as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Securities or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other relative benefits referred to in clause (i) but also the relative benefits reserved by the company on the other shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds (before deducting expenses) received by the Company from the sale of the Securities and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters in connection therewith, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate offering price of the Securities. The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information ad opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

(e) Limitation on Liability. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7 were determined by <u>pro rata</u> allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in paragraph (d) of this Section 7. The amount paid or payable by an Indemnified Person as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in paragraph (d) of this Section 7 shall be deemed to include, subject to the foregoing limitations, any reasonable, documented legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Indemnified Person in connection with any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, in no event shall an Underwriter be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by such Underwriter with respect to the offering of the Securities exceeds the amount of any damages that such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to their respective purchase obligations hereunder and not joint.

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(f) *Non-Exclusive Remedies.* The remedies provided for in this Section 7 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies that may otherwise be available to any Indemnified Person at law or in equity.

8. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated in the absolute discretion of the Representative, by notice to the Company, if after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and on or prior to the Closing Date (i) trading generally shall have been suspended or materially limited on or by any of the New York Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ Stock Market or the over-the-counter market; (ii) trading of any securities issued or guaranteed by the Company shall have been suspended on any exchange or in any over-the-counter market; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by federal or New York State authorities or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States shall have occurred; or (iv) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities or any change in financial markets or any calamity or crisis, either within or outside the United States, that, in the judgment of the Representative, is material and adverse and makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus.

9. Defaulting Underwriter. (a) If, on the Closing Date, any Underwriter defaults on its obligation to purchase the Securities that it has agreed to purchase hereunder, the non-defaulting Underwriters may in their discretion arrange for the purchase of such Securities by other persons satisfactory to the Company on the terms contained in this Agreement. If, within 36 hours after any such default by any Underwriter, the non-defaulting Underwriters do not arrange for the purchase of such Securities on such terms. If other persons become obligated or agree to purchase the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter, either the non-defaulting Underwriters to purchase such Securities on such terms. If other persons become obligated or agree to purchase the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter, either the non-defaulting Underwriters or the Company may postpone the Closing Date for up to five full business days in order to effect any changes that in the opinion of counsel for the Company or counsel for the Underwriters may be necessary in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus or in any other document or arrangement, and the Company agrees to promptly prepare any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus that effects any such changes. As used in this Agreement, the term "Underwriter" includes, for all purposes of this Agreement unless the context otherwise requires, any person not listed in Schedule 1 hereto that, pursuant to this Section 9, purchases Securities that a defaulting Underwriter agreed but failed to purchase.

(b) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the non-defaulting Underwriters and the Company as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section 9, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities that remains unpurchased does not exceed oneeleventh of the aggregate principal amount of all the Securities, then the Company shall have the right to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase the principal amount of Securities that such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder plus such Underwriter's <u>pro rata</u> share (based on the principal amount of Securities that such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder) of the Securities of such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters for which such arrangements have not been made.

(c) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the non-defaulting Underwriters and the Company as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section 9, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities that remains unpurchased exceeds one-eleventh of the

aggregate principal amount of all the Securities, or if the Company shall not exercise the right described in paragraph (b) of this Section 9, then this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of the non-defaulting Underwriters. Any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 9 shall be without liability on the part of the Company, except that the Company will continue to be liable for the payment of expenses as set forth in Section 10 hereof and except that the provisions of Section 7 hereof shall not terminate and shall remain in effect.

(d) Nothing contained herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter of any liability it may have to the Company or any non-defaulting Underwriter for damages caused by its default.

10. Payment of Expenses (a) Whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, the Company will pay or cause to be paid all costs and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations hereunder, including without limitation, (i) the costs incident to the authorization, issuance, sale, preparation and delivery of the Securities and any taxes payable in that connection; (ii) the costs incident to the preparation, printing and filing under the Securities Act of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Time of Sale Information and the Prospectus (including all exhibits, amendments and supplements thereto in connection therewith) and the distribution thereof; (iii) the costs of reproducing and distributing each of the Transaction Documents; (iv) the documented, reasonable fees and expenses of the Company's counsel and independent accountants; (v) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the registration or qualification and determination of a Blue Sky Memorandum (including the related fees and expenses of counsel for the Underwriters); (vi) any fees charged by rating agencies for rating the Securities; (vii) the fees and expenses of the Trustee and any paying agent (including related fees and expenses of any counsel to such parties); (viii) all expenses and application fees incurred in connection with any "road show" presentation to potential investors.

(b) If (i) this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 8, (ii) the Company for any reason fails to tender the Securities for delivery to the Underwriters or (iii) the Underwriters decline to purchase the Securities for any reason permitted under this Agreement, other than due to a termination pursuant to Section 9, the Company agrees to reimburse the Underwriters for all reasonable, documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including the fees and expenses of their counsel) incurred by the Underwriters in connection with this Agreement and the offering contemplated hereby.

11. <u>Persons Entitled to Benefit of Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers and directors and any controlling persons referred to herein, and the affiliates of each Underwriter referred to in Section 7 hereof. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any other person any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision contained herein. No purchaser of Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor merely by reason of such purchase.

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12. <u>Survival</u>. The respective indemnities, rights of contribution, representations, warranties and agreements of the Company and the Underwriters contained in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of the Company or the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement or any certificate delivered pursuant hereto shall survive the delivery of and payment for the Securities and shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any termination of this Agreement or any investigation made by or on behalf of the Company or the Underwriters.

13. Certain Defined Terms. For purposes of this Agreement, (a) except where otherwise expressly provided, the term "affiliate" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; (b) the term "business day" means any day other than a day on which banks are permitted or required to be closed in New York City; (c) the term "subsidiary" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; and (d) the term "significant subsidiary" has the meaning set forth in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act.

14. <u>Patriot Act</u>. In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the Underwriters are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the Underwriters to properly identify their respective clients.

15. <u>Miscellaneous</u> (a) *Authority of the Representative*. Any action by the Representative or Underwriters hereunder may be taken by Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC on behalf of the Underwriters, and any such action taken by Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC shall be binding upon the Underwriters.

(b) *Notices.* All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt at the addresses set forth in the following sentence. Notices to the Underwriters shall be given to the Representative c/o Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010, Attention: IB-Legal. Notices to the Company shall be given to it at 600 Grant Street, Room 1500 and Room 6100, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2800 (e-mail: mwfurry@uss.com and ASJahn@uss.com), Attention: Mark Furry, Associate General Counsel - Corporate, and Arne Jahn, Vice President, Treasurer & Chief Risk Officer.

(c) Governing Law. This Agreement and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

(d) Submission to Jurisdiction. Each party hereto hereby submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. federal and New York state courts in the Borough of Manhattan in The City of New York in any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. Each party hereto waives any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such suit or proceeding in such courts. Each party hereto agrees that final judgment in any such suit, action or proceeding brought in such court shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in any court to the jurisdiction of which it is subject by a suit upon such judgment.

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(e) *Waiver of Jury Trial.* Each of the parties hereto hereby waives any right to trial by jury in any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

(f) *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be signed in counterparts (which may include counterparts delivered by any standard form of telecommunication), each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The words "execution," "executed," "signed," "signature," "delivery" and words of like import in or relating to this Agreement or any document to be signed in connection with this Agreement shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, and the parties hereto consent to conduct the transactions contemplated hereunder by electronic means.

(g) *Amendments or Waivers.* No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement, nor any consent or approval to any departure therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

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

(i) Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.

(i) In the event that the Underwriter that is a Covered Entity becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from the Underwriter of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

(ii) In the event that the Underwriter that is a Covered Entity or a BHC Act Affiliate of the Underwriter becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against the Underwriter are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

As used in this Section 15(i):

"BHC Act Affiliate" has the meaning assigned to the term "affiliate" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k).

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"Covered Entity" means any of the following:

(i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b);

(ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or

(iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

"Default Right" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

"U.S. Special Resolution Regime" means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

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

Very truly yours,

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Arne Jahn

Name: Arne Jahn Title: Vice President, Treasurer & Chief Risk Officer

Confirmed and accepted as of the date set forth on the first page hereof

CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC

By /s/ Jon Singer Authorized Signatory

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

[Signature page to Underwriting Agreement]

	Schedule	1
	Principal Amoun of	ıt
Underwriter	Securities	
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	\$ 187,500,00	00
ING Financial Markets LLC	\$ 90,000,000	0
	\$ 52,500,000	0
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC		
BofA Securities, Inc.	\$ 50,625,000	10
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$ 50,625,000	0
Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC	\$ 50,625,000	0

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	\$	50,625,000
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	\$	41,250,000
Truist Securities, Inc.	\$	37,500,000
3MO Capital Markets Corp.	\$	37,500,000
Fifth Third Securities, Inc.	\$	26,250,000
Citizens Capital Markets, Inc.	\$	18,750,000
Iuntington Securities, Inc.	\$	18,750,000
forgan Stanley & Co. LLC	\$	18,750,000
NC Capital Markets LLC	<u>\$</u>	18,750,000
Total	\$	750,000,000
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The information in this pricing term sheet should be read together with the preliminary prospectus supplement dated February 8, 2021 relating to the offering of the notes ("preliminary prospectus supplement"), including the documents incorporated by reference therein and the related base prospectus dated February 15, 2019, filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Capitalized terms used and not defined herein have the meanings assigned to such terms in the preliminary prospectus supplement.

Issuer:	United States Steel Corporation ("USS")
Title of securities:	6.875% Senior Notes due 2029
Principal amount:	\$750 million
Coupon:	6.875%
Maturity date:	March 1, 2029
Price to public:	100% of principal amount plus accrued interest, if any, from February 11, 2021
Gross proceeds:	\$750 million
Yield to maturity:	6.875%
Spread to benchmark treasury:	+592 basis points
Benchmark treasury:	UST 2.625% due February 15, 2029
Interest payment dates:	March 1 and September 1, beginning September 1, 2021
Interest payment record dates:	February 15 and August 15 of each year
Optional redemption:	USS may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at its option at any time and from time to time prior to March 1, 2024 at a price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed or (ii) the sum of the present values of the redemption price of the notes to be redeemed if they were redeemed on March 1, 2024 and all required interest payments due on such notes through March 1, 2024, exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption, discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable Treasury Yield plus 50 basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

On or after March 1, 2024, USS may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at its option at any time and from time to time at the redemption prices specified below (expressed as percentages of principal amount), plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on March 1 of each of the years indicated below:

On or after:	Price:
2024	103.438%
2025	101.719%
2026 and thereafter	100.000%

At any time prior to March 1, 2024, USS may also redeem up to 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the notes with the proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 106.875% of the principal amount of the notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

If a change of control repurchase event occurs, USS will be required to make an offer to repurchase all outstanding notes at a price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to but not including the repurchase date.

February 8, 2021

February 11, 2021 (T+3).

It is expected that delivery of the notes will be made against payment therefor on or about February 11, 2021, which is the third business day following the date hereof (such settlement cycle being referred to as "T+3"). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes prior to the second business day preceding the settlement date will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+3, to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the notes who wish to trade the notes prior to the second business day preceding the settlement date should consult their own advisors.

s:	Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	
	ING Financial Markets LLC	
	BofA Securities, Inc.	
	Barclays Capital Inc.	
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	
	Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC	
	J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	
	Truist Securities, Inc.	
	Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	
	BMO Capital Markets Corp.	
	Citizens Capital Markets, Inc.	
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	Fifth Third Securities, Inc.	
	Huntington Securities, Inc.	
	Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	
	PNC Capital Markets LLC	
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Denominations/Multiple:	\$1,000 x \$1,000
Expected Ratings:	Moody's: Caa2 S&P: B- Fitch: CCC+

Use of proceeds:

**Co-Managers:** 

**CUSIP/ISIN:** 

Change of control repurchase event:

Pricing date:

**Closing date:** 

**Extended Settlement:** 

Joint book-running managers

USS intends to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with cash on hand, to redeem the remaining approximately \$687 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of its 12.000% Senior Secured Notes due 2025 and pay related fees and expenses.

#### Additional Changes to the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement

Change in offering size:

The aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be issued in the offering increased from \$500,000,000 to \$750,000,000.

## Update to Big River Steel Total Debt and Net Debt as of December 31, 2020.

As of December 31, 2020, Big River Steel had approximately \$1,861 million of total debt and approximately \$1,751 million of net debt.

As a result, all information (including financial information) presented in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement is updated and changed to the extent affected by the changes described above.

#### No PRIIPs key information document (KID) has been prepared as the securities are not available to retail investors in the EEA.

USS has filed a registration statement including a prospectus and a preliminary prospectus supplement with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus and preliminary prospectus supplement in that registration statement and other documents USS has filed with the SEC for more complete information about USS and this offering. You may obtain these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, USS, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus and the preliminary prospectus supplement if you request them from Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC by telephone at 1-800-221-1037 or email: <u>usa.prospectus@credit-suisse.com</u>.

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#### **Designated Subsidiaries of the Company**

#### Jurisdiction of Organization

U.S. Steel Tubular Products, Inc. USS Portfolio Delaware, Inc. U.S. Steel Košice, s.r.o U.S. Steel Oilwell Services, LLC U. S. Steel Seamless Tubular Operations, LLC United States Steel International, Inc. USS Galvanizing, Inc. Grant Assurance Corporation U.S. Steel Holdings, Inc. U. S. Steel Holdings, Inc. U. S. Steel Holdco LLC Pitcal, Inc. USS UPI Holdco, LLC USS Posco Industries

Entity

Delaware Delaware Slovak Republic Delaware Texas New Jersey Delaware Delaware Delaware Delaware Delaware Delaware California

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Annex B

Form of Opinion and Negative Assurance Statement of Counsel for the Company

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#### UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, Issuer

#### and

#### THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, Trustee

### TENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

## DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 11, 2021

#### TO INDENTURE

#### DATED AS OF MAY 21, 2007

#### **Relating To**

#### \$750,000,000 6.875% Senior Notes due March 1, 2029

#### TENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

TENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of February 11, 2021 (the '<u>Supplemental Indenture</u>'), to the Indenture (defined below) between United States Steel Corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), a Delaware corporation, and The Bank of New York Mellon, a New York banking corporation, as Trustee (the '<u>Trustee</u>').

## **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Company has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an Indenture, dated as of May 21, 2007 (the <u>Base Indenture</u>"), providing for the issuance from time to time of its notes and other evidences of senior debt securities, to be issued in one or more series as therein provided;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Base Indenture, the Company desires to provide for the establishment of a new series of its Securities to be known as its 6.875% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "Notes"), the form and substance of such Notes and the terms, provisions and conditions thereof to be set forth as provided in the Base Indenture and this Supplemental Indenture (together, the "Indenture"); and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the Trustee execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture, and all requirements necessary to make this Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument in accordance with its terms, and to make the Notes, when executed by the Company and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee, the valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, and all acts and things necessary have been done and performed to make this Supplemental Indenture enforceable in accordance with its terms, and the execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized in all respects.

#### WITNESSETH:

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises contained herein, each party agrees for the benefit of each other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes, as follows:

### ARTICLE ONE

#### DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Supplemental Indenture shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Base Indenture.

Section 1.02. References in this Supplemental Indenture to article and section numbers shall be deemed to be references to article and section numbers of this Supplemental Indenture unless otherwise specified.

Section 1.03. For purposes of this Supplemental Indenture, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:

"<u>Attributable Debt</u>" means, with respect to any sale and leaseback transaction, at the time of determination, the lesser of (1) the sale price of the property so leased multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the remaining portion of the base term of the lease included in such transaction and the denominator of which is the base term of such lease, and (2) the total obligation (discounted to the present value at the implicit interest factor, determined in accordance with GAAP, included in the rental payments) of the lessee for rental payments (other than amounts required to be paid on account of property taxes as well as maintenance, repairs, insurance, water rates and other items which do not constitute payments for property rights) during the remaining portion of the base term of the lease included in such transaction.

"<u>Base Indenture</u>" has the meaning provided in the recitals.

"Change of Control" has the meaning provided in Section 4.02.

"Change of Control Repurchase Event" has the meaning provided in Section 4.02.

"<u>Common Stock</u>" means with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests or other participations in, and other equivalents (however designated and whether voting or nonvoting) of such Person's common stock, whether or not outstanding on the Issue Date, and includes, without limitation, all series and classes of such common stock.

"Comparable Treasury Issue" has the meaning provided in Section 4.01.

"Comparable Treasury Price" has the meaning provided in Section 4.01.

"<u>Consolidated Net Tangible Assets</u>" means, as of the time of determination, the aggregate amount of the assets of the Company and the assets of its consolidated Subsidiaries after deducting (1) all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, service marks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and other intangible assets and (2) all current liabilities, as reflected on the most recent consolidated balance sheet prepared by the Company in accordance with GAAP contained in an annual report on Form 10-K or a quarterly report on Form 10-Q timely filed or any amendment thereto (and not subsequently disclaimed as not being reliable by the Company) pursuant to the Exchange Act by the Company prior to the time as of which "Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" is being determined.

"Depositary" has the meaning provided in Section 2.03.

"Equity Offering" means a public offering for cash by the Company of its Common Stock, or options, warrants or rights with respect to its Common Stock, other than (1) public offerings with respect to the Company's Common Stock, or options, warrants or rights, registered on Form S-4 or S-8, (2) an issuance to any Subsidiary or (3) any offering of Common Stock issued in connection with a transaction that constitutes a Change of Control.

"Guarantee" means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness of any other Person and any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person (1) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreement to keep well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services, to take or pay or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise) or (2) entered into for purposes of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Indebtedness of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part); *provided, however*, that the term "Guarantee" shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term "Guarantee," when used as a verb, shall have a correlative meaning.

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"Incur" means issue, assume, Guarantee or otherwise become liable; and the terms "Incurred" and "Incurrence" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, obligations of such Person for borrowed money (including without limitation, Indebtedness for borrowed money evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures or similar instruments).

"Indenture" has the meaning provided in the recitals.

"Independent Investment Banker" has the meaning provided in Section 4.01.

"Interest Payment Date" has the meaning provided in Section 2.04.

"Investment Grade" has the meaning provided in Section 4.02.

"Issue Date" means February 11, 2021.

"Liens" has the meaning provided in Section 3.01.

"Moody's" has the meaning provided in Section 4.02.

"Net Cash Proceeds," with respect to any issuance or sale of Common Stock, or options, warrants or rights with respect to its Common Stock, means the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale, net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, underwriters' or placement agents' fees, listing fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees and charges actually Incurred in connection with such issuance or sale and net of taxes paid or payable as a result of such issuance or sale (after taking into account any available tax credit or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements).

"Notes" has the meaning provided in the recitals.

"Primary Treasury Dealer" has the meaning provided in Section 4.01.

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

"Rating Agency" has the meaning provided in Section 4.02.

"Rating Category" has the meaning provided in Section 4.02.

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"Rating Date" has the meaning provided in Section 4.02.

"Ratings Event" has the meaning provided in Section 4.02.

"Reference Treasury Dealer" has the meaning provided in Section 4.01.

"Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" has the meaning provided in Section 4.01.

"Refinance" means, in respect of any Indebtedness, to refinance, extend, renew, refund, repay, prepay, redeem, defease or retire, or to issue other Indebtedness in exchange or replacement for, such Indebtedness. "Refinanced" and "Refinancing" shall have correlative meanings.

"S&P" has the meaning provided in Section 4.02.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person (the "Parent") at any date, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity of which a majority of the shares or securities or other interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or another governing body (other than securities or interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) are at the time beneficially owned directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by the Parent.

"Supplemental Indenture" has the meaning provided in the preamble.

"Treasury Yield" has the meaning provided in Section 4.01.

"Trustee" has the meaning provided in the preamble.

"<u>Voting Stock</u>" has the meaning provided in Section 4.02.

## ARTICLE TWO

#### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

#### Section 2.01. Designation and Principal Amount.

The Notes are hereby authorized and are designated the 6.875% Senior Notes due 2029, unlimited in aggregate principal amount. The Notes issued on the date hereof pursuant to the terms of this Indenture shall be in an aggregate principal amount of \$750,000,000, which amount shall be set forth in the written order of the Company for the authentication and delivery of the Notes pursuant to Section 3.03 of the Base Indenture. In addition, the Company may issue, from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, additional Notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes issued on the date hereof in all respects (except for the payment of interest accruing prior to the issue date of such additional Notes), so that such additional Notes shall be consolidated and form a single series with the Notes issued on the date hereof and shall be governed by the terms of this Indenture; *provided* that if any such additional Notes are not fungible with the Notes issued on the date hereof for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such additional Notes shall have a separate CUSIP number.

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Section 2.02. Maturity.

The principal amount of the Notes shall be payable on March 1, 2029.

Section 2.03. Form and Payment.

The Notes shall be issued as global notes, in fully registered book-entry form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

Principal, premium, if any, and/or interest, if any, on the global notes representing the Notes shall be made to The Depository Trust Company (the Depositary").

The global notes representing the Notes shall be deposited with, or on behalf of, the Depositary and shall be registered in the name of the Depositary or a nominee of the Depositary. No global note may be transferred except as a whole by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or to another nominee of the Depositary, or by the Depositary or such nominee to a successor of the Depositary or a nominee of such successor.

The Bank of New York Mellon shall act as Paying Agent for the Notes. The Company may choose to pay interest by mailing checks or making wire or other electronic funds transfers. All money paid by the Company to any Paying Agent that remains unclaimed at the end of two years after the amount is due to Holders shall be repaid to the Company. After such two-year period, Holders may look only to the Company for payment and not to the Trustee, any other Paying Agent or anyone else. The Company may also arrange for additional payment offices, and may cancel or change these offices, including any use of the Trustee's corporate trust office. The Company may appoint or change any Paying Agent without prior notice to any Holder.

#### Section 2.04. Interest.

Interest on the Notes shall accrue at the rate of 6.875% per annum. Interest on the Notes shall accrue from February 11, 2021 or the most recent interest payment date on which interest was paid. Interest on the Notes shall be payable in cash semiannually in arrears on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing on September 1, 2021 (each an "<u>Interest Payment Date</u>"), to the Holders in whose names the Notes are registered at the close of business on the February 15 and August 15 immediately preceding such Interest Payment Date. Interest on the Notes shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

## ARTICLE THREE

#### ADDITIONAL COVENANTS

## Section 3.01. Limitation on Liens.

The Company shall not Incur, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to Incur, any Indebtedness secured by a mortgage, security interest, pledge, lien, charge or other similar encumbrance (collectively, "Liens") upon (a) any Principal Property of the Company or any Principal Property of a Subsidiary or (b) any shares of stock or other equity interests or Indebtedness of any Subsidiary that owns a Principal Property (whether such Principal Property, shares of stock or other equity interests or Indebtedness is now existing or owned or hereafter created or acquired), in each case, unless prior to or at the same time, the Notes (together with, at the option of the Company, any other Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary ranking equally in right of payment with the Notes) are equally and ratably secured with or, at the option of the Company, prior to, such Indebtedness.

Any Lien created for the benefit of Holders pursuant to the preceding sentence shall provide by its terms that such Lien shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon the release and discharge of such Lien.

- leases to which such Person is a party, or deposits to secure public or statutory obligations of such Person or deposits of cash or United States government bonds to secure surety or appeal bonds to which such Person is a party, or deposits as security for contested taxes or import duties or for the payment of rent, in each case Incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (ii) Liens imposed by law, such as carriers', warehousemen's and mechanics' Liens, in each case for sums not yet overdue by more than 30 days or being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings or other Liens arising out of judgments or awards against such Person with respect to which such Person shall then be proceeding with an appeal or other proceedings for review and Liens arising solely by virtue of any statutory or common law provision relating to banker's Liens, rights of set-off or similar rights and remedies as to deposit accounts or other funds maintained with a creditor depository institution; *provided, however*, that (A) such deposit account is not a dedicated cash collateral account and is not subject to restrictions against access by the Company in excess of those set forth by regulations promulgated by the Federal Reserve Board and (B) such deposit account is not intended by the Company to provide collateral to the Depositary;
- (iii) Liens for property taxes not yet subject to penalties for non-payment or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
- (iv) minor survey exceptions, minor encumbrances, easements or reservations of, or rights of others for, licenses, rights-of-way, sewers, electric lines, telegraph and telephone lines and other similar purposes, or zoning or other restrictions as to the use of real property or Liens incidental to the conduct of the business of such Person or to the ownership of its properties which were not Incurred in connection with Indebtedness and which do not in the aggregate materially adversely affect the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of such Person;

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- (v) Liens securing Indebtedness Incurred to finance the construction, purchase or lease of, or repairs, improvements or additions to, property, plant or equipment of such Person; *provided*, *however*, that the Lien may not extend to any other property owned by such Person at the time the Lien is Incurred (other than assets and property affixed or appurtenant thereto), and the Indebtedness (other than any interest thereon) secured by the Lien may not be Incurred more than 180 days after the later of the acquisition, completion of construction, repair, improvement, addition or commencement of full operation of the property subject to the Lien;
- (vi) Liens existing on the Issue Date;
- (vii) Liens on property or shares of capital stock of another Person at the time such other Person becomes a Subsidiary of such Person*provided, however*, that the Liens may not extend to any other property owned by such Person (other than assets and property affixed or appurtenant thereto);
- (viii) Liens securing industrial revenue or pollution control bonds issued for the benefit of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;
- Liens on property at the time such Person or any of its Subsidiaries acquires the property, including any acquisition by means of a merger or consolidation with or into such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person; *provided, however*, that the Liens may not extend to any other property owned by such Person (other than assets and property affixed or appurtenant thereto);
- (x) Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary of such Person owing to such Person or a wholly-owned Subsidiary of such Person;
- (xi) Liens to secure any Refinancing (or successive Refinancings) as a whole, or in part, of any Indebtedness secured by any Lien referred to in the foregoing clauses (v), (vi), (vii), (viii) or (ix); *provided, however*, that: (a) such new Lien shall be limited to all or part of the same property and assets that secured or, under the written agreements pursuant to which the original Lien arose, could secure the original Lien (plus improvements and accessions to, such property or proceeds or distributions thereof); and (b) the Indebtedness secured by such Lien at such time is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of (x) the outstanding principal amount or, if greater, committed amount of the Indebtedness under clauses (v), (vi), (vii), (viii) or (ix) at the time the original Lien became a Lien permitted under the Indenture and (y) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, related to such Refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement; and
- (xii) Liens on assets subject to a sale and leaseback transaction securing Attributable Debt permitted to be Incurred pursuant to Section 3.02.

Notwithstanding the foregoing restrictions, the Company and its Subsidiaries shall be permitted to Incur Indebtedness secured by a Lien which would otherwise be subject to the foregoing restrictions without equally and ratably securing the Notes, if any, *provided* that, after giving effect to such Indebtedness, the aggregate amount of all Indebtedness secured by Liens (not including Liens permitted under clauses (i) through (xii) above), together with all Attributable Debt outstanding pursuant to the second paragraph of Section 3.02, does not exceed 17.5% of the Consolidated Net Tangible Assets of the Company calculated as of the date of the creation or Incurrence of the Lien. The Company and its Subsidiaries also may, without equally and ratably securing the Notes, create or Incur Liens that extend, renew, substitute or replace (including successive extensions, renewals, substitutions or replacements), in whole or in part, any Lien permitted pursuant to the preceding sentence.

#### Section 3.02. Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions.

The Company shall not directly or indirectly, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries that own Principal Property directly or indirectly to, enter into any sale and leaseback transaction for the sale and leasing back of any Principal Property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, unless:

- (i) such transaction was entered into prior to the date of issuance of the Notes (other than any additional Notes);
- (ii) such transaction was for the sale and leasing back to the Company or one of its Subsidiaries of any property by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries;
- (iii) such transaction involves a lease for not more than three years (or which may be terminated by the Company or its Subsidiaries within a period of not more than three years);
- (iv) the Company would be entitled to Incur Indebtedness secured by a Lien with respect to such sale and leaseback transaction without equally and ratably securing the Notes pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 3.01; or

(v) the Company applies an amount equal to the net proceeds from the sale of such property to the purchase of other property or assets used or useful in its business or to the retirement of long-term Indebtedness within 365 days before or after the effective date of any such sale and leaseback transaction; *provided* that, in lieu of applying such amount to the retirement of long-term Indebtedness, the Company may deliver Notes of both series to the Trustee for cancellation, such Notes to be credited at the cost thereof to it.

Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Company and its Subsidiaries may enter into any sale and leaseback transaction which would otherwise be subject to the foregoing restrictions, if after giving effect thereto the aggregate amount of all Attributable Debt with respect to such transactions, together with all Indebtedness outstanding pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 3.01, does not exceed 17.5% of the Consolidated Net Tangible Assets of the Company calculated as of the closing date of the sale and leaseback transaction.

#### ARTICLE FOUR

#### REDEMPTION OF THE NOTES; REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF HOLDERS

#### Section 4.01. Optional Redemption.

On and after March 1, 2024, the Company may redeem the Notes at its option, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, upon not less than 15 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the redemption prices (expressed in percentages of principal amount) listed below, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes, if any, to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on March 1 of each of the years indicated below.

On or after:	Price:
2024	103.438%
2025	101.719%
2026 and thereafter	100.000%

At any time prior to March 1, 2024, the Company may also redeem the Notes, at its option, at any time in whole, upon not less than 15 nor more than 60 days' notice, or from time to time, in part, at a price equal to the greater of:

- (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed; or
- (ii) the sum of the present values of the redemption price of the Notes to be redeemed if they were redeemed on March 1, 2024 (as described in the first paragraph of this Section 4.01) and all required interest payments due on such Notes through March 1, 2024, exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption, discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable Treasury Yield plus 50 basis points,

plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

Prior to March 1, 2024, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of additional Notes) with the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings, upon not less than 15 nor more than 60 days' notice, at a redemption price equal to 106.875% of the principal amount of the Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the applicable date of redemption; *provided* that

- at least 65% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of additional Notes) remains outstanding after each such redemption; and
- (ii) such redemption occurs within 90 days after the closing of such Equity Offering.

The Notes called for redemption become due on the date fixed for redemption. Notices of redemption shall be mailed by first-class mail to each Holder of Notes to be redeemed at its registered address or otherwise delivered to each such Holder of Notes in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC, in each case at least 15 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date. The notice of redemption for the Notes shall state the amount to be redeemed. On and after the redemption date, interest shall cease to accrue on any Notes that are redeemed. If less than all of the Notes are redeemed at any time, the Trustee shall select Notes on a pro rata basis or by any other method the Trustee deems fair and appropriate (or in accordance with the Depositary in the case of any global notes).

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Any redemption may, in the Company's discretion, be subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent. If a redemption is subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, the Company may delay the redemption date until such time as any or all such conditions have been satisfied, and any related redemption notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions have not been satisfied by the redemption date, or by the redemption date so delayed.

For purposes of determining the optional redemption price, the following definitions are applicable:

"<u>Comparable Treasury Issue</u>" means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the period from the redemption date to March 1, 2024 that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity.

"<u>Comparable Treasury Price</u>" means, with respect to any redemption date, the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations obtained by the Company for that redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or, if the Company is unable to obtain at least four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations obtained by the Company.

"Independent Investment Banker" means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by the Company from time to time.

"<u>Reference Treasury Dealer</u>" means Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and its affiliates or successors, and any other primary U.S. government securities dealer in New York City (each, a "<u>Primary Treasury Dealer</u>") selected by the Independent Investment Banker; *provided*, *however*, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a Primary Treasury Dealer, the Company shall substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer. "<u>Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations</u>" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date for the Notes, an average, as determined by the Company, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue for the Notes, expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount, quoted in writing to the Company by the Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding the redemption date.

"Treasury Yield" means, with respect to any redemption date applicable to the Notes, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity, computed by the Company as of the third business day immediately preceding the redemption date, of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue, expressed as a percentage of its principal amount, equal to the applicable Comparable Treasury Price for the redemption date.

### Section 4.02. Purchase of Notes Upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event.

If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Notes pursuant to the Indenture, the Company shall be required to make an offer to each Holder of the Notes to repurchase all or any part (in excess of \$1,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000) of that Holder's Notes at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes repurchased to, but not including, the date of repurchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event or, at the option of the Company, prior to any Change of Control, but after the public announcement of the Change of Control, the Company shall mail a notice to each Holder, with a copy to the Trustee, describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control Repurchase Event and offering to repurchase the Notes on the payment date specified in the notice, which date shall be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, Repurchase Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice.

The Company shall comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control Repurchase Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the Notes, the Company shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the Notes by virtue of such conflict.

On the repurchase date following a Change of Control Repurchase Event, the Company shall, to the extent lawful:

- accept for payment all the Notes or portions of the Notes properly tendered pursuant to its offer;
- (ii) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all of the Notes or portions of the Notes properly tendered; and
- (iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted, together with an officer's certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes being purchased by the Company.

The Paying Agent shall promptly mail to each Holder of Notes properly tendered, the purchase price for the Notes, and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Notes surrendered.

The Company shall not be required to make an offer to repurchase the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by the Company and such third party purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

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For purposes of this Section 4.02, the following definitions are applicable:

"Change of Control" shall occur if: (1) any "person" or "group" of related persons (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that such person or group shall be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all shares that any such person or group has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company or any of its direct or indirect parent entities (or their successors by merger, consolidation or purchase of all or substantially all of their assets); (2) the merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another Person or the merger of another Person with or into the Company or the merger of any Person with or into a Subsidiary of the Company, unless the holders of a majority of the aggregate voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company, immediately prior to such transaction, hold securities of the surviving or transfere person that represent, immediately after such transaction, at least a majority of the aggregate voting power of the Voting Stock of the surviving or transfere Person; (3) the sale, assignment, conveyance, transfer, lease or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or any direct or indirect parent entity of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act); or (4) the adoption by the stockholders of the Company or any direct or indirect parent entity of the Company of a plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company or any such parent entity.

"Change of Control Repurchase Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Ratings Event.

"Investment Grade" means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor Rating Categories of Moody's), a rating of BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor Rating Categories of S&P) and the equivalent Investment Grade credit rating from any additional Rating Agency or Rating Agencies selected by the Company.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service Inc. and any successor to its rating agency business.

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

"<u>Rating Agency</u>" means (1) each of Moody's and S&P and (2) if either of Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes publicly available for reasons outside of the control of the Company, a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act, selected by the Company (as certified by a resolution of the board of directors of the Company) as a replacement agency for Moody's or S&P, or both, as the case may be.

"Rating Category" means (1) with respect to S&P, any of the following categories: BBB, BB, B, CCC, CC, C and D (or equivalent successor categories); (2) with respect to Moody's, any of the following categories: Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca, C and D (or equivalent successor categories); and (3) the equivalent of any such category of S&P or Moody's used by another Rating Agency.

In determining whether the rating of the Notes has decreased by one or more gradations, gradations within Rating Categories (+ and - for S&P; 1, 2 and 3 for Moody's; or the equivalent gradations for another Rating Agency) shall be taken into account (e.g., with respect to S&P, a decline in a rating from BB+ to BB, as well as from BB- to B+, shall constitute a decrease of one gradation).

"Rating Date" means the date that is 60 days prior to the earlier of (1) a Change of Control or (2) public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or of the intention by the Company to effect a Change of Control.

"Ratings Event" means the occurrence of the events described in (a) or (b) of this definition on, or within 60 days after the earlier of, (1) the occurrence of a Change of Control or (2) public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or the intention by the Company to effect a Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies): (a) if the Notes are rated by both Rating Agencies, or (b) if the Notes are rated below Investment Grade, the rating of the Notes shall be reduced so that the Notes are rated below Investment Grade by both Rating Agencies, or (b) if the Notes are rated below Investment Grade by at least one Rating Agency, the ratings of the Notes by both Rating Agencies shall be decreased by one or more gradations (including gradations within Rating Categories, as well as between Rating Categories) and the Notes are then rated below Investment Grade by both Rating Agencies.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Ratings Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Ratings Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Repurchase Event hereunder) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the Trustee in writing at its request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Ratings Event).

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Group Inc., a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and any successor to its rating agency business.

"Voting Stock" of any specified "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) as of any date means the capital stock of such person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors of such person.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

#### CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE, TRANSFER OR LEASE

## Section 5.01. Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets.

The Company shall not, in a single transaction or through a series of related transactions, consolidate or merge with or into any other Person, or, directly or indirectly, sell or convey substantially all of its assets to another Person or group of affiliated Persons, except that the Company may consolidate or merge with, or sell or convey substantially all of its assets to another Person if:

- (i) the Company is the continuing Person or the successor Person (if other than the Company) is organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia and such Person expressly assumes all obligations of the Company under the Indenture, including payment of the principal and interest on the Notes, and the performance and observance of all of the covenants and conditions of the Indenture to be performed by the Company; and
- (ii) there is no default under the Indenture.

For purposes of this Section 5.01 only, "substantially all of its assets" means, at any date, a portion of the non-current assets reflected in the Company's consolidated balance sheet as of the end of the most recent quarterly period that represents at least 66% of the total reported value of such assets.

Upon such a succession, the Company will be relieved from any further obligations under the Indenture.

#### ARTICLE SIX

#### EVENTS OF DEFAULT

#### Section 6.01. Additional Event of Default.

In addition to the Events of Default set forth in Section 5.01 of the Base Indenture, the Notes shall also be subject to the following Event of Default:

(i) a failure by the Company to repurchase Notes of such series tendered for repurchase following the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event in conformity with Section 4.02.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 7.01. Form of Notes.

The Notes and the Trustee's Certificates of Authentication to be endorsed thereon are to be substantially in the form of Exhibit A, which form is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Supplemental Indenture.

The terms and provisions contained in the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Supplemental Indenture, and the Company and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby.

The Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed.

Section 7.03. Application of Supplemental Indenture.

This Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Base Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided.

Section 7.04. Trust Indenture Act Controls.

If any provision hereof limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Sections 310 through 317 of the Trust Indenture Act, the imposed duties shall control.

Section 7.05. Conflict with Base Indenture.

To the extent not expressly amended or modified by this Supplemental Indenture, the Base Indenture shall remain in full force and effect. If any provision of this Supplemental Indenture relating to the Notes is inconsistent with any provision of the Base Indenture, the provision of this Supplemental Indenture shall control.

Section 7.06. Governing Law.

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 7.07. Successors.

All agreements of the Company in the Base Indenture, this Supplemental Indenture and the Notes shall bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in the Base Indenture and this Supplemental Indenture shall bind its successors.

Section 7.08. Counterparts.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page by facsimile or other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually or electronically signed counterpart of this Supplemental Indenture.

Section 7.09. Trustee Disclaimer.

The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture other than as to the validity of its execution and delivery by the Trustee. The recitals and statements herein are deemed to be those of the Company and not the Trustee.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Supplemental Indenture have caused it to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ Arne S. Jahn</u> Name: Arne S. Jahn Title: Vice President, Treasurer & Chief Risk Officer

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee

By: <u>/s/ Laurence J. O'Brien</u> Name: Laurence J. O'Brien Title: Vice President

[Signature Page to Tenth Supplemental Indenture]

Exhibit A

Form of Global Note Representing the Notes

THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.05 OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.09 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMPANY OR ANY SUCCESSOR THERETO.

UNLESS THIS NOTE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE), TO THE COMPANY OR ANY SUCCESSOR THERETO OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION Principal Amount \$[•] No. [•] CUSIP NO. 912909 AU2 ISIN NO. US912909AU28 6.875% Senior Notes due 2029 UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the principal sum of [•] DOLLARS (\$[•]) or such different amount as set forth on the Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note attached hereto on March 1, 2029. Interest Payment Dates: March 1 and September 1 Record Dates: February 15 and August 15 Additional provisions of this Note are set forth on the other side of this Note. 2 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Instrument to be duly executed. UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION By: Name: Title<sup>.</sup> ATTEST: Assistant Secretary Dated:

(Reverse of Note)

#### 6.875% Senior Notes due 2029

1. Interest.

United States Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company" and the "Issuer") promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Note at the rate per annum set forth above. Interest on the Notes shall accrue from February 11, 2021 or the most recent interest payment date on which interest is paid.

The Issuer shall pay accrued interest semiannually in arrears on each March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing on September 1, 2021 or, if any such day is not a Business Day (as defined in the Indenture referred to below), on the next Business Day.

2 Method of Payment.

The Issuer shall pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Notes (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are the registered Holders at the

TRANSFER, EXCHANGE, OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

3 TRUSTEE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION This is one of the Notes of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Trustee By: Authorized Signatory Dated: Δ

close of business on the Record Date immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date even if the Notes are cancelled, repurchased or redeemed after such Record Date, and on or before such Interest Payment Date. Holders must surrender Notes to the Paying Agent to collect principal payments. The Issuer shall pay principal and interest in money of the United States that at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts ("<u>U.S. Legal Tender</u>"). However, the Issuer may pay principal and interest by check payable in such U.S. Legal Tender. The Company may deliver any such interest payment to the Paying Agent or to a Holder at the Holder's registered address.

#### 3. <u>Paying Agent and Registrar</u>.

Initially, The Bank of New York Mellon will act as Paying Agent and Security Registrar. The Company shall notify each Holder of changes in the identity of the Security Registrar. The Company or any of its domestically incorporated wholly-owned Subsidiaries may act as the Paying Agent.

#### 4. <u>Indenture</u>.

The Issuer issued the Notes under an Indenture, dated as of May 21, 2007 (the <u>Base Indenture</u>"), between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to The Bank of New York), a New York banking corporation (the <u>"Trustee</u>"), as supplemented by an Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 11, 2021, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon, a New York banking corporation, as Trustee (the <u>"Supplemental Indenture</u>," and together with the Base Indenture, the <u>"Indenture</u>"). The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S. C. §§ 77aaa-77bbbb), as in effect on the date of the Indenture (the "<u>TIA</u>"). Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Indenture. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and the TIA for a statement of terms.

The Notes are senior and unsecured obligations of the Issuer. The Notes include the initial Notes and any additional Notes actually issued. The initial Notes and any additional Notes actually issued are treated as a single class of securities under the Indenture. The Indenture imposes certain limitations on the incurrence of Liens and certain sale and leaseback transactions with respect to Principal Property and limits the Company's ability to consolidate, merge or transfer, all or substantially all of the Company's assets. Each Holder, by accepting a Note, agrees to be bound by all of the terms and provisions of the Indenture. Any conflict between this Note and the Indenture will be governed by the Indenture.

#### 5. <u>Optional Redemption</u>.

On and after March 1, 2024, the Company may redeem the Notes, at its option, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the redemption prices (expressed in percentages of principal amount) listed below, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes, if any, to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on March 1, 2024 of the years indicated below.

Year	Percentage
2024	103.438%
2025	101.719%
2026 and thereafter	100.000%

At any time prior to March 1, 2024, the Company may also redeem the Notes, at its option, at any time in whole, or from time to time in part, at a price equal to the greater of:

- (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed; or
- (ii) the sum of the present values of the redemption price of the Notes to be redeemed if they were redeemed on March 1, 2024 (as described in the first paragraph of this Paragraph 5) and all required interest payments due on such Notes through March 1, 2024, exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption, discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable Treasury Yield plus 50 basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

Prior to March 1, 2024, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of additional Notes) with the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at a redemption price equal to 106.875% of the principal amount of the Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the applicable date of redemption; *provided* that

- (i) at least 65% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of additional Notes) remains outstanding after each such redemption; and
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(ii) such redemption occurs within 90 days after the closing of such Equity Offering.

Any redemption may, in the Company's discretion, be subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent. If a redemption is subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, the Company may delay the redemption date until such time as any or all such conditions have been satisfied, and any related redemption notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions have not been satisfied by the redemption date, or by the redemption date so delayed.

## 6. <u>Notice of Redemption</u>.

The Notes called for redemption become due on the date fixed for redemption. Notices of redemption shall be mailed by first-class mail to each Holder of Notes to be redeemed at its registered address or otherwise delivered to each such Holder of Notes in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC, in each case at least 15 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date. The notice of redemption for the Notes shall state the amount to be redeemed. On and after the redemption date, interest shall cease to accrue on any Notes that are redeemed. If less than all of the Notes are redeemed at any time, the Trustee shall select Notes on a pro rata basis or by any other method the Trustee deems fair and appropriate or in accordance with the procedures of the Depositary.

## 7. <u>Change of Control Repurchase Event.</u>

If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Notes pursuant to the Indenture, the Company shall be required to make an offer to each Holder to repurchase all or any part (in excess of \$1,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000) of that Holder's Notes at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes repurchased to, but not including, the date of

repurchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event or, at the option of the Company, prior to any Change of Control, but after the public announcement of the Change of Control, the Company shall mail a notice to each Holder, with a copy to the Trustee, describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Repurchase Event and offering to repurchase the Notes on the payment date specified in the notice, which date shall be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice.

The Company shall comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control Repurchase Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the Notes, the Company shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the Notes by virtue of such conflict.

On the repurchase date following a Change of Control Repurchase Event, the Company shall, to the extent lawful:

- accept for payment all the Notes or portions of the Notes properly tendered pursuant to its offer;
- (ii) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all of the Notes or portions of the Notes properly tendered; and
- (iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted, together with an officer's certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes being purchased by the Company.

The Paying Agent shall promptly mail to each Holder of Notes properly tendered, the purchase price for the Notes, and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Notes surrendered.

The Company shall not be required to make an offer to repurchase the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by the Company and such third party purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

## 8. <u>Denominations; Transfer; Exchange</u>.

The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof. A Holder may register, transfer or exchange Notes in accordance with the Indenture. The Security Registrar may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements or transfer documents and to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Security Registrar need not register the transfer of or exchange any Notes selected for redemption (except, in the case of a Note to be redeemed in part, the portion of the Note not to be redeemed) for a period beginning 15 business days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed and ending on the date of such selection.

#### 9. <u>Persons Deemed Owners</u>

The registered holder of this Note shall be treated as the owner of it for all purposes.

#### 10. <u>Unclaimed Money</u>.

If money for the payment of principal or interest remains unclaimed for two years after the date of payment of principal and interest, the Trustee or Paying Agent shall pay the money back to the Issuer without interest thereon upon written request by the Issuer. After any such payment, Holders entitled to the money shall look only to the Issuer and not the Trustee for payment.

#### 11. Defeasance.

Subject to certain conditions set forth in the Indenture, the Issuer at any time may terminate some or all of its obligations under the Notes and the Indenture if the Issuer deposits with the Trustee money or U.S. Government Obligations for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes to redemption or maturity, as the case may be.

### 12. Amendment, Waiver.

Subject to certain exceptions set forth in the Indenture, (i) the Indenture or the Notes may be amended with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount at maturity of the outstanding Notes and (ii) any default or noncompliance with any provision may be waived with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount at maturity of the outstanding Notes. Subject to certain exceptions set forth in the Indenture, without the consent of any Holder, the Issuer and the Trustee may amend the Indenture or the Notes to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency, or to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes, or to secure the Notes, or to add additional covenants of the Issuer or surrender rights and powers conferred on the Issuer, or to make any change that does not materially and adversely affect the rights of any Holder.

#### 13. Defaults and Remedies.

Under the Indenture, Events of Default include (i) a failure by the Company to repurchase Notes of such series tendered for repurchase following the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event in conformity with Paragraph 7 hereto and Section 4.02 of the Supplemental Indenture, (ii) a default in any payment of interest on any Note when due, continued for 30 days, (iii) a default in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any) on any Note when due at its Maturity, (iv) a default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due by the terms of the Note and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days, (v) a default by the Company in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty contained in the Indenture for 90 days after notice, and (vi) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company. If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately.

Holders may not enforce the Indenture or the Notes except as provided in the Indenture. The Trustee may refuse to enforce the Indenture or the Notes unless it receives reasonable indemnity or security. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The Trustee may withhold from Holders notice of any continuing Default or Event of Default (except a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal or interest) if

it determines that withholding notice is not opposed to their interest.

#### 14. <u>Trustee Dealings with the Issuer.</u>

Subject to the terms of the TIA and the Indenture, the Trustee under the Indenture, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with and collect obligations owed to it by the Issuer or its Affiliates and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not the Trustee.

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#### 15. No Recourse Against Others.

No director, officer, employee, member, incorporator or stockholder of the Issuer shall have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. This waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

#### 16. <u>Authentication</u>.

This Note shall not be valid until an authorized signature of the Trustee (or an authenticating agent (acting on its behalf)) manually signs the certificate of authentication on the other side of this Note.

#### 17. <u>Abbreviations</u>.

Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

## 18. <u>CUSIP Numbers</u>.

Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures the Issuer has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes and has directed the Trustee to use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

## 19. <u>Counterparts</u>.

This Note may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page by facsimile or other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually or electronically signed counterpart of this Note.

#### 20. <u>Governing Law</u>.

THIS NOTE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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#### ASSIGNMENT FORM

## To assign this Note, fill in the form below and have your signature guaranteed:

I or we assign and transfer this Note to:

(Print or type name, address and zip code and social security or tax ID number of assignee)

and irrevocably appoint \_\_\_\_\_\_ agent may substitute another to act for him.

Dated:

Signed:

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Note)

\_ agent to transfer this Note on the books of the Company. The

Signature Guarantee: \_\_\_\_

(Signature must be guaranteed by a participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program or other signature guarantor program reasonably acceptable to the Trustee)

#### **OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE**

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Issuer pursuant to Section 4.02 of the Supplemental Indenture, check the box

If you want to elect to have only part of this Note purchased by the Issuer pursuant to Section 4.02 of the Supplemental Indenture, state the amount you elect

to have purchased (must be integral multiple of \$1,000):

\$

Your Signature: Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note.

Signature Guarantee:

Dated:

(Signature must be guaranteed by a participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program or other signature guarantor program reasonably acceptable to the Trustee)

## SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTERESTS IN THE GLOBAL NOTE

The following increases or decreases in this Global Note have been made:

	Amount of	Amount of	Principal	Signature of
	decrease in	increase in	Amount of this	authorized
Principal	Principal	Global Note	officer of	
	Amount of	Amount of	following such	Trustee or
Date of	this Global	this Global	decrease or	Notes
Exchange	Note	Note	increase	Custodian

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February 11, 2021

United States Steel Corporation 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2800

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to United States Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the **'Company**'), in connection with the sale by the Company to the underwriters named in Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement referred to below (the **'Underwriters**') of \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2029 (the **'Securities**'), under the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Company (File No. 333-229713), as amended (the **'Registration Statement**') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **'Securities Act**'), and issued by the Company pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement dated February 8, 2021 (the **'Underwriting Agreement**'') by and between Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as representative of the Underwriters, and the Company.

The Securities were issued under an Indenture, dated as of May 21, 2007 (as amended, the **Base Indenture**"), between the Company and Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (the "**Trustee**"), as supplemented and amended by a Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 11, 2021, to the Base Indenture relating to the Securities (the "**Supplemental Indenture**" and, together with the Base Indenture and any other amendments or supplements thereto, the '**Indenture**"), between the Company and the Trustee.

In rendering the opinions expressed below, we have examined the corporate records, certificates, agreements and other documents and such questions of law as we have considered necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion, including (i) the Registration Statement; (ii) the prospectus dated February 15, 2019 relating to the Securities that was included in the Registration Statement; (iii) the preliminary prospectus supplement dated February 8, 2021 relating to the Securities; (iv) the free writing prospectus dated February 8, 2021 relating to the Securities; (v) the final prospectus supplement dated February 8, 2021 relating to the Securities (the "**Prospectus Supplement**"); (vi) the Indenture and the global certificates evidencing the Securities; and (vii) the Underwriting Agreement.

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In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. As to all questions of fact material to this opinion that have not been independently established, we have relied upon certificates or comparable documents of officers and representatives of the Company.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that, upon issuance and when authenticated by the Trustee under the Indenture and issued and paid for by the Underwriters in accordance with the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Securities will be valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms, except in each case: (a) as the enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or transfer or similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally; and (b) as the enforceability thereof is subject to the application of general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), including (i) the possible unavailability of specific performance, injunctive relief or any other equitable remedy, and (ii) concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing.

The foregoing opinions are limited to matters involving the law of the State of New York and the federal laws of the United States of America, and we do not express any opinion as to the laws of any other jurisdiction.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to us under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus Supplement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Milbank LLP



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#### UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES PRICING OF UPSIZED SENIOR NOTES OFFERING

PITTSBURGH, February 8, 2021 – United States Steel Corporation (NYSE: X) (the "company" or "U. S. Steel") today announced the pricing of its upsized \$750 million aggregate principal amount of 6.875% senior notes due 2029 (the "Notes"). The size of the offering was upsized from \$500 million to \$750 million aggregate principal amount of Notes. The Notes will be issued at a price equal to 100% of their face value. The Notes will pay interest semi-annually in arrears on March 1 and September 1 of each year beginning on September 1, 2021, and will mature on March 1, 2029, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased. The offering is expected to close on February 11, 2021.

On February 2, 2021, U. S. Steel issued a notice of redemption to redeem 35% or approximately \$370 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of its 12.000% senior secured notes due 2025 (the "2025 Senior Secured Notes"). U. S. Steel intends to use the net proceeds from the Notes offering, together with cash on hand, to redeem the remaining approximately \$687 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of 2025 Senior Secured Notes and pay related fees and expenses.

Credit Suisse, ING, BofA Securities, Barclays, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, Truist Securities and Wells Fargo Securities are acting as joint book-running managers for the offering.

The Notes are being offered and sold pursuant to an effective automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Before you invest, you should read the prospectus supplement related to this offering and accompanying prospectus in that registration statement and other documents filed with the SEC for more information about the company and this offering. You may obtain these documents free of charge by visiting the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Copies of the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus for the offering may also be obtained from: Credit Suisse, 6933 Louis Stephens Drive, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560, Attention: Prospectus Department, usa.prospectus@credit-suisse.com, 1-800-221-1037 (toll free).

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This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Words such as, but not limited to, "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "intends," "plans," "could," "may," "will," "should," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements, including with respect to the offering described herein, rely on a number of assumptions, estimates and data concerning future results and events and are subject to a number of uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside U. S. Steel's control that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in such statements. Accordingly, U. S. Steel cautions that the forward-looking statements. For more information on additional potential risk factors, please review U. S. Steel's filings with the SEC, including, but not limited to, U. S. Steel's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and its Current Reports on Form 8-K.

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Founded in 1901, the United States Steel Corporation is a Fortune 250 company and leading steel producer. Together with its subsidiary Big River Steel and an unwavering focus on safety, the company's customer-centric Best of Both <sup>SM</sup> world-competitive integrated and mini mill technology strategy is advancing a more secure, sustainable future for U. S. Steel and its stakeholders. With a renewed emphasis on innovation, U. S. Steel serves the automotive, construction, appliance, energy, containers and packaging industries with high value-added steel products such as U. S. Steel's proprietary XG3<sup>TM</sup> advanced high-strength steel. The company also maintains competitively advantaged iron ore production and has an annual raw steelmaking capability of 26.2 million net tons. U. S. Steel is headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with world-class operations across the United States and in Central Europe. For more information, please visit <u>www.ussteel.com</u>.

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