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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended JUNE 30, 2001

OR

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

Commission File Number: 1-6686

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

13-1024020

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

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

1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020

10020

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 399-8000

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. Common Stock outstanding at July 31, 2001: 375,830,709 shares.

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ITEM 1

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA)
 ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2001
 DECEMBER 31,
 (UNAUDITED)
 2000 -----

 ---- CURRENT

ASSETS: Cash
 and cash
 equivalents
 (includes
 certificates
 of deposit:
 2001 -

\$98,795; 2000
 - \$110,919) \$
 686,119 \$
 844,634

Marketable
 securities,
 at cost which
 approximates
 market 53,736
 39,957

Receivables
 (net of
 allowance for
 doubtful
 accounts:
 2001 -

\$85,065; 2000
 - \$85,718)
 5,327,742
 5,735,655

Expenditures
 billable to
 clients
 492,368
 437,929

Prepaid
 expenses and
 other current
 assets
 283,270

237,843 -----

----- Total
 current
 assets

6,843,235
 7,296,018 ---

OTHER ASSETS:

Investment in
 unconsolidated
 affiliates

170,169
 178,858

Deferred
 taxes on
 income

410,345
 380,306 Other

investments
 and

miscellaneous
 assets

525,137
 525,395 -----

----- Total

other assets

1,105,651

1,084,559 ---

 FIXED ASSETS,
 AT COST: Land
 and buildings
 168,536
 174,079
 Furniture and
 equipment
 1,117,341
 1,103,741
 Leasehold
 improvements
 465,499
 427,856 -----

 1,751,376
 1,705,676
 Less:
 accumulated
 depreciation
 (922,581)
 (879,218) ---

 Total fixed
 assets
 828,795
 826,458 -----

 Intangible
 assets (net
 of
 accumulated
 amortization:
 2001 -
 \$935,826;
 2000 -
 \$861,487)
 3,013,163
 3,154,977 ---

 TOTAL ASSETS
 \$ 11,790,844
 \$ 12,362,012
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA)
 LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

JUNE 30, 2001
 DECEMBER 31,
 (UNAUDITED)
 2000 -----

 --- CURRENT
 LIABILITIES:
 Payable to
 banks \$
 1,324,520 \$
 549,260
 Accounts
 payable
 5,083,733
 5,751,335
 Accrued
 expenses
 798,642
 1,111,060
 Accrued
 income taxes
 144,169
 210,303 -----

 ----- Total
 current
 liabilities

7,351,064
7,621,958 ---

NONCURRENT
LIABILITIES:

Long-term
debt 869,414
998,687
Convertible
subordinated
notes 540,656
533,104
Deferred
compensation
and reserve
for
termination
allowances
466,337
464,329
Accrued
postretirement
benefits
55,970 55,197
Other
noncurrent
liabilities
92,030
105,686
Minority
interests in
consolidated
subsidiaries
103,124
100,580 -----

----- Total
noncurrent
liabilities
2,127,531
2,257,583 ---

STOCKHOLDERS'
EQUITY:

Preferred
Stock, no par
value shares
authorized:
20,000,000
shares
issued: none
Common Stock,
\$.10 par
value shares
authorized:
550,000,000
shares
issued: 2001
-
383,671,638;
2000 -
377,270,758
38,367 37,727
Additional
paid-in
capital
1,703,934
1,514,709
Retained
earnings
1,484,011
1,667,499
Accumulated
other
comprehensive
income
(loss), net
of tax
(457,930)
(411,581) ---

2,768,382
2,808,354
Less:
Treasury
stock, at

cost: 2001 -
 8,216,847
 shares; 2000
 - 5,462,809
 shares
 329,224
 194,758
 Unamortized
 expense of
 restricted
 stock grants
 126,909
 131,125 -----

 ----- Total
 stockholders'
 equity
 2,312,249
 2,482,471 ---

 Commitments
 and
 contingencies
 TOTAL
 LIABILITIES
 AND
 STOCKHOLDERS'
 EQUITY \$
 11,790,844 \$
 12,362,012
 =====
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The prior period has been restated to reflect the aggregate effect of the acquisitions accounted for as poolings of interests. See Note (a)

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

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
 THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30
 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
 (UNAUDITED)

2001	2000	---

Revenue \$		
1,743,415 \$		
1,821,627	---	

Salaries and related expenses		
972,419		
951,873		
Office and general expenses		
483,821		
486,914		
Amortization of intangible assets	42,171	
31,046		
Restructuring and other merger related costs	51,294	52,775
Goodwill impairment and other		
221,408	--	--

Total operating expenses		
1,771,113		
1,522,608	---	

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Income (loss)
  from
operations
(27,698)
299,019
Interest
expense
(41,368)
(26,212)
Other income,
net 15,370
30,201 -----
-----
---- Income
(loss) before
provision for
income taxes
(53,696)
303,008
Provision for
income taxes
48,325
127,589 -----
-----
----- Income
(loss) of
consolidated
companies
(102,021)
175,419
Income
applicable to
minority
interests
(10,543)
(11,198)
Equity in net
income of
unconsolidated
affiliates
2,406 2,140 -
-----
----- Net
income (loss)
$ (110,158) $
166,361
=====
=====
Earnings per
share: Basic
$ (.30) $ .47
Diluted $
(.30) $ .45
Dividend per
share $ .095
$ .095
Weighted
average
shares: Basic
368,911
356,680
Diluted
368,911
380,869

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
 SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30
 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
 (UNAUDITED)

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2001 2000 ---
-----
Revenue $
3,401,673 $

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3,406,581 ---

 Salaries and
 related
 expenses
 1,971,203
 1,890,606
 Office and
 general
 expenses
 946,765
 969,204
 Amortization
 of intangible
 assets 84,056
 64,363
 Restructuring
 and other
 merger
 related costs
 52,848 88,826
 Goodwill
 impairment
 and other
 221,408 -- --

 Total
 operating
 expenses
 3,276,280
 3,012,999 ---

 Income from
 operations
 125,393
 393,582
 Interest
 expense
 (78,849)
 (50,484)
 Other income,
 net 36,817
 48,605
 Impairment of
 investments
 (160,100) --

 Income (loss)
 before
 provision for
 income taxes
 (76,739)
 391,703
 Provision for
 income taxes
 48,744
 164,665 -----

 ----- Income
 (loss) of
 consolidated
 companies
 (125,483)
 227,038
 Income
 applicable to
 minority
 interests
 (17,450)
 (15,096)
 Equity in net
 income of
 unconsolidated
 affiliates
 4,104 4,353 -

 ----- Net
 income (loss)
 \$ (138,829) \$
 216,295
 =====
 =====
 Earnings per
 share: Basic
 \$ (.38) \$.61

Diluted \$
 (.38) \$.59
 Dividend per
 share \$.19 \$
 .18 Weighted
 average
 shares: Basic
 367,520
 356,148
 Diluted
 367,520
 367,924

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30
 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)
 (UNAUDITED)

2001	2000	--
--	----	Net
		Income
		(Loss)
\$ (110,158)	\$	
166,361	----	

		--- Other
		Comprehensive
		Income, net
		of tax:
		Foreign
		Currency
		Translation
		Adjustments
		(11,681)
(44,009)	Net	
	Unrealized	
	Gains	
	(Losses) on	
	Securities	
	5,281	
(85,751)	---	

		---- Other
		Comprehensive
		Income
		(Loss)
		(6,400)
(129,760)	--	

		Comprehensive
		Income
		(Loss)
\$ (116,558)	\$	
36,601		
=====		
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The prior period has been restated to reflect the aggregate effect of the acquisitions accounted for as poolings of interests. See Note (a).

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30
 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)
 (UNAUDITED)

2001	2000	--
--	----	Net
		Income
		(Loss)
\$	(138,829)	\$
216,295	----	
----	-----	
---		Other
Comprehensive		
Income, net		
of tax:		
Foreign		
Currency		
Translation		
Adjustments		
(99,031)		
(78,013)		Net
Unrealized		
Gains		
(Losses) on		
Securities		
52,682		
(146,258)	--	

Other		
Comprehensive		
Income		
(Loss)		
(46,349)		
(224,271)	--	

Comprehensive		
Income		
(Loss)		
\$	(185,178)	\$
(7,976)		
=====		
=====		

The prior period has been restated to reflect the aggregate effect of the acquisitions accounted for as poolings of interests. See Note (a).

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)
(UNAUDITED)

2001	2000	----
----		CASH FLOWS
		FROM OPERATING
		ACTIVITIES: Net
		income (loss)
\$	(138,829)	\$
216,297		
Adjustments to		
reconcile net		
income to cash		
used in		
operating		
activities:		
Depreciation		
and		
amortization of		
fixed assets		
99,886	89,783	
Amortization of		
intangible		
assets	84,056	
64,363		
Amortization of		
restricted		
stock awards		
24,370	16,755	
Provision for		
(benefit of)		
deferred income		
taxes	(82,055)	
(8,890)	Equity	

in net income	
of	
unconsolidated	
affiliates	
(4,104)	(4,353)
Income	
applicable to	
minority	
interests	
17,450	15,096
Translation	
losses	1,845
677	Net gain on
	investments
(9,645)	(8,320)
Restructuring	
charges, non-	
cash	30,235
	20,600
Investment	
impairment	
160,100	--
Goodwill	
impairment	
197,408	--
Changes in	
assets and	
liabilities,	
net of	
acquisitions:	
Receivables	
214,077	
(353,528)	
Expenditures	
billable to	
clients	
(61,498)	
(86,746)	
Prepaid	
expenses and	
other assets	
(42,832)	
(60,620)	
Accounts	
payable and	
accrued	
expenses	
(770,851)	
97,291	Accrued
	income taxes
(57,608)	11,090
Deferred	
compensation	
and reserve for	
termination	
allowances	
11,514	22,237
-	-
-----	-----
-----	-----
Net cash	
(used in)	
provided from	
operating	
activities	
(326,481)	
31,732	-----
-	-----
CASH FLOWS FROM	
INVESTING	
ACTIVITIES:	
Acquisitions,	
net	(142,438)
(360,260)	
Capital	
expenditures	
(124,651)	
(128,391)	
Proceeds from	
sale of assets	
10,137	6,962
Net (purchases	
of) proceeds	
from marketable	
securities	
(18,015)	
(3,043)	Other
	investments and
	miscellaneous
	assets
(74,755)	
(135,236)	

Investments in unconsolidated affiliates (3,186)	
(10,319) -----	

Net cash used in investing activities (352,908)	
(630,287) -----	

- CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Increase in short-term borrowings	
786,975 236,934	
Proceeds from long-term debt	
150,045 416,649	
Payments of long-term debt (261,672)	
(225,783)	
Treasury stock acquired (105,024)	
(120,726)	
Issuance of common stock	
61,314 49,355	
Cash dividends	
- Interpublic (59,489)	
(51,869) Cash dividends - pooled companies (15,169)	
(24,728) -----	

Net cash provided by financing activities	
556,980 279,832	

Deconsolidation of subsidiary - - (29,143)	
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents (36,106)	
(29,902) -----	

Decrease in cash and cash equivalents (158,515)	
(377,768) Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year 844,634	
1,147,341 -----	

- Cash and cash equivalents at end of period \$	
686,119 \$	
769,573	
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The prior period has been restated to reflect the aggregate effect of the acquisitions accounted for as poolings of interests. See Note (a).

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

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

- (a) In the opinion of management, the consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2001, the consolidated income statements for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000, the consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000, and the consolidated statements of cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000, contain all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows at June 30, 2001 and for all periods presented. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been omitted. It is suggested that these consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.'s (the "Company", "Interpublic" or the "Registrant") December 31, 2000 annual report to stockholders, and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 10, 2001.

The Company's consolidated financial statements, including the related notes, have been restated for the prior periods presented to include the results of operations, financial position and cash flows of True North Communications Inc. ("True North") (see Note (b)).

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

- (b) On June 22, 2001, the Company completed the acquisition of True North in a stock transaction that has been accounted for under the pooling of interests method. In connection with the acquisition, approximately 59 million shares of common stock were issued. The accompanying financial statements have been restated to include the results of True North for all periods presented. Revenue and net income for True North for the first quarter ended March 31, 2001 were \$356 million and \$9.7 million, for the first quarter ended March 31, 2000 were \$360 million and \$7.0 million and for the six months ended June 30, 2000 were \$735 million and \$30.9 million, respectively.

Following the completion of the True North acquisition, the Company initiated a series of operational initiatives focusing on i) the integration of the True North operations and the identification of synergies and savings, ii) the realignment of certain Interpublic businesses, and iii) productivity initiatives to achieve higher operating margins. As a result of the operational initiatives, the combined Company will be organized into four global operating divisions. Three of these divisions will provide a full complement of global marketing services and marketing communication services: McCann-Erickson WorldGroup, an enhanced FCB Group and a new global marketing resource called The Partnership. The fourth division, Advanced Marketing Services Group will focus on expanding the Company's operations in the area of specialized marketing communications.

In connection with these initiatives, the Company has approved a wide-ranging restructuring plan that includes severance, lease termination and other costs. The ultimate amount of the charges expected to be incurred in connection with the restructuring plan (including the direct costs of the merger) are estimated to be approximately \$500 million. The majority of this amount is expected to be incurred in the third quarter of 2001 and involves reducing the workforce by approximately 3,500 personnel and combining or closing approximately 75 offices worldwide.

- (c) In the second quarter of 2001, the Company recognized \$51.3 million of restructuring and other merger related costs in connection with its restructuring plan. Approximately \$32.4 million of this amount relates to transaction and other costs incurred in connection with the acquisition of True North. The remaining amount relates largely to the cost of severance actions incurred due to the expected closure of the True North corporate office. Approximately 60 True North corporate employees have been notified that they will be terminated.

- (d) Following the completion of the True North acquisition, in connection with the Company's initiative on realignment of certain Interpublic businesses, the Company is evaluating the realizability of various assets. In connection with this review, undiscounted cash flow projections were prepared for certain investments, and the Company determined that the goodwill attributable to certain acquisitions was in excess of its estimates of the entities' future cashflows. As a result, a charge of \$221.4 million was recorded in the second quarter of 2001. The largest component of the goodwill impairment (approximately \$145 million) relates to Capita Technologies, Inc., an Internet services business. The remaining amount relates principally to several other businesses including Internet services and healthcare consulting, and an advertising office in Asia.

- (e) During the first quarter of 2001, the Company recorded a \$160.1 million pre-tax charge (\$103.7 million net of tax) to recognize the impairment of investments primarily in publicly traded Internet-related companies,

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including marchFIRST, Inc. (an Internet professional services firm), which had filed for relief under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code in April 2001. The impairment charge adjusts the carrying value of remaining investments to estimated market value where an "other than temporary impairment" has occurred.

- (f) On June 26, 2001 the Company entered into a syndicated revolving multi-currency credit agreement. The credit agreement provides for a 364-day facility under which \$500 million may be borrowed ("New Facility"). The New Facility bears interest at variable rates based on either Libor or a bank's base rate, at the Company's option. At June 30, 2001, there were no borrowings outstanding under the New Facility.

The \$375 million, 364-day facility of the credit agreement between the Company and a syndicate of lenders dated June 27, 2000 terminated on June 26, 2001.

On June 28, 2001, the Company issued \$100 million of floating rate notes. The notes mature on June 28, 2002, and bear interest at a variable rate based on three months Libor. Interest payments will be made quarterly in arrears beginning in September 2001.

In July 2001, the Company entered into a credit agreement with a group of lenders. The credit agreement provides for revolving borrowings of up to \$750 million which bear interest at variable rates based on Libor or a bank's base rate, at the Company's option. The facility matures on September 28, 2001, or earlier, in certain circumstances, including without limitation, receipt by the Company of at least \$375 million in connection with one or more capital raising transactions. As of August 13, 2001, the Company has not drawn any amounts under this facility.

- (g) In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" (SFAS 133), which had an initial adoption date of January 1, 2000. In June 1999, the FASB postponed the adoption date by the Company of SFAS 133 until January 1, 2001. The Company adopted the provisions of SFAS 133 effective January 1, 2001. The adoption of SFAS 133 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

- (h) In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statements of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, BUSINESS COMBINATIONS, and No. 142, GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS, effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001, which requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. Under the new rules, goodwill and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives will no longer be amortized but will be subject to annual impairment tests in accordance with the Statements. Other intangible assets will continue to be amortized over their useful lives.

The Company will adopt the new rules on accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets beginning in the first quarter of 2002, however certain provisions of these standards may also apply to any acquisitions concluded subsequent to June 30, 2001. During 2002, the Company will perform the first of the required impairment tests of goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets and has not yet determined what the effect of these tests will be on the earnings and financial position of the Company.

- (i) The Company is involved in legal and administrative proceedings of various types. While any litigation contains an element of uncertainty, the Company believes that the outcome of such proceedings or claims will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company.

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ITEM 2

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

As discussed in Note (a), the Company's consolidated financial statements and other financial information for prior periods have been restated to reflect the effect of the True North acquisition accounted for as a pooling of interests. The following discussion relates to the combined results of the Company after giving effect to the True North pooling.

For purposes of the following discussion, the investment impairment and goodwill impairment and other charges in 2001, and the restructuring and other

merger related costs in 2001 and 2000 will be referred to, collectively, as "non-recurring items". The non-recurring items are described in a subsequent section of this discussion. All amounts discussed below are as reported unless otherwise noted.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001 COMPARED TO THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

The Company reported a net loss of \$110.2 million or \$.30 diluted loss per share for the three months ended June 30, 2001. Excluding the impact of non-recurring items, which are discussed below, net income was \$117.1 million or \$.31 diluted earnings per share, compared to \$201.4 million or \$.54 diluted earnings per share for the three months ended June 30, 2000.

The following table sets forth net income and earnings per share before and after non-recurring items:

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA) 2001 2000 ---- ---- Net income (loss) as reported \$(110,158) \$166,361 Earnings per share: Basic (.30) .47 Diluted (.30) .45 Net income before non- recurring items \$ 117,100 \$201,400 Earnings per share: Basic .32 .56 Diluted .31 .54
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Worldwide revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2001 decreased \$78 million, or 4%, to \$1.7 billion compared to the same period in 2000. Domestic revenue decreased \$78 million or 7% during the second quarter of 2001 compared to 2000. International revenue remained flat during the second quarter of 2001 compared to 2000. International revenue would have increased 8% excluding the effect of the strengthening of the U.S. dollar. The decrease in worldwide revenue is a result of reduced client spending in the U.S. and the negative impact of foreign currency translation. Organic revenue growth, exclusive of acquisitions and currency effects, declined 3% for the second quarter of 2001 compared to the prior year quarter.

Revenue from specialized marketing and communications services, which include market research, sales promotion, direct marketing, public relations, sports and event marketing, healthcare marketing and e-consultancy and services, comprised approximately 40% of the total worldwide revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2001, compared to 37% for the prior year quarter.

Worldwide operating expenses for the second quarter 2001, excluding non-recurring items were \$1.5 billion, an increase of 1.9% over the prior year quarter. Salaries and related expenses were \$972 million or 56% of revenue for the second quarter of 2001 as compared to \$952 million or 52% of revenue for the second quarter of 2000. Office and general expenses were \$484 million for the second quarter of 2001 compared to \$487 million for the second quarter of 2000. The unfavorable operating expense variance relative to revenue reflects the fact that the Company's costs in the quarter were not reduced as quickly and deeply as needed in response to this revenue decline.

Income from operations, excluding non-recurring items, was \$245 million for the second quarter of 2001, compared to \$352 million for the second quarter of 2000, a decrease of 30%. Exclusive of acquisitions, currency effects and

was negatively impacted by the slowdown in client spending. The Company's cost cutting measures are continuing. The majority of the total planned staffing terminations for 2001 have now occurred. The benefit of the savings is expected to accelerate in the third quarter and further increase in the fourth quarter.

Interest expense was \$41 million for the second quarter of 2001, compared to \$26 million for the prior year quarter. The increase is primarily a result of higher debt levels.

Other income, net, which consists of interest income, investment income and net gains from equity investments decreased 49% to \$15 million for the second quarter of 2001 compared to \$30 million for the second quarter of 2000. The decrease reflects the reduced amount of gains from the sale of equity investments from the prior year quarter.

The effective tax rate, excluding non-recurring charges, for the second quarter of 2001 was 42.8% compared to 40.8% in 2000. The difference between the effective and statutory rates is primarily due to state and local taxes and nondeductible goodwill amortization expense.

SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001 COMPARED TO SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

The Company reported a net loss of \$138.8 million or \$.38 diluted loss per share for the six months ended June 30, 2001. Excluding the impact of non-recurring items, which are discussed below, net income was \$193.6 million or \$.51 diluted earnings per share, compared to \$272.1 million or \$.74 diluted earnings per share for the six months ended June 30, 2000.

The following table sets forth net income and earnings per share before and after non-recurring items:

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA) 2001 2000 ---- ---- Net income (loss) as reported \$(138,829) \$216,295 Earnings per share: Basic (.38) .61 Diluted (.38) .59 Net income before non- recurring items \$ 193,642 \$272,066 Earnings per share: Basic .53 .76 Diluted .51 .74
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Worldwide revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2001 remained relatively flat at \$3.4 billion compared to the same period in 2000. Domestic revenue decreased \$59 million or 2.9% during the first six months of 2001 compared to 2000. International revenue increased \$54 million or 3.9% during the first six months of 2001 compared to 2000. International revenue would have increased 13% excluding the effect of the strengthening of the U.S. dollar. The increase in international revenue, despite the negative impact of foreign currency translation, was offset by reduced client spending in the U.S.

Organic revenue growth, exclusive of acquisitions and currency effects, was 1% for the first six months of 2001 compared to the first six months of 2000.

Revenue from specialized marketing and communications services, which include market research, sales promotion, direct marketing, public relations, sports and event marketing, healthcare marketing and e-consultancy and services, comprised approximately 40% of the total worldwide revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2001, compared to 38% for the first six months of 2000.

Worldwide operating expenses for the first six months 2001, excluding non-recurring items were \$3.0 billion, an increase of 2.7% over the prior year. Salaries and related expenses were \$2.0 billion or 58% of revenue for the first six months of 2001 as compared to \$1.9 billion or 55.5% of revenue for the first six months of 2000. Office and general expenses were \$947 million for the first

six months of 2001 compared to \$969 million for the prior year.

Income from operations, excluding non-recurring items, was \$400 million for the first six months of 2001, compared to \$482 million for the first six months of 2000, a decrease of 17%. Exclusive of acquisitions, currency effects and amortization of intangible assets, income from operations decreased 16% for the first six months of 2001 compared to the first six months of 2000.

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Interest expense was \$79 million for the first six months of 2001, compared to \$50 million for the prior year period. The increase is primarily a result of higher debt levels.

Other income net was \$37 million for the first six months of 2001 compared \$49 million for the first six months of 2000.

The effective tax rate, excluding non-recurring charges, was 42.1%, for the first six months of 2001 compared to 41.1% for the first six months of 2000. The difference between the effective and statutory rates is primarily due to state and local taxes and nondeductible goodwill expense.

NON-RECURRING ITEMS

On June 22, 2001, the Company completed the acquisition of True North Communications Inc. ("True North") in a stock transaction that has been accounted for under the pooling of interests method. In connection with the acquisition, approximately 59 million shares of common stock were issued. The accompanying financial statements have been restated to include the results of True North for all periods presented.

Following the completion of the True North acquisition, the Company initiated a series of operational initiatives focusing on i) the integration of the True North operations and the identification of synergies and savings, ii) the realignment of certain Interpublic businesses, and iii) productivity initiatives to achieve higher operating margins. As a result of the operational initiatives, the combined Company will be organized into four global operating divisions. Three of these divisions will provide a full complement of global marketing services and marketing communication services; McCann-Erickson WorldGroup, an enhanced FCB Group and a new global marketing resource called The Partnership. The fourth division, Advanced Marketing Services Group will focus on expanding the Company's operations in the area of specialized marketing communications.

In connection with these initiatives, the Company has approved a wide-ranging restructuring plan that includes severance, lease termination and other costs. The ultimate amount of the charges expected to be incurred in connection with the restructuring plan (including the direct costs of the merger) are estimated to be approximately \$500 million. The majority of this amount is expected to be incurred in the third quarter of 2001 and involves reducing the workforce by approximately 3,500 personnel and combining or closing approximately 75 offices worldwide.

In the second quarter of 2001, the Company recognized \$51.3 million of restructuring and other merger related costs in connection with its restructuring plan. Approximately \$32.4 million of this amount relates to transaction and other costs incurred in connection with the acquisition of True North. The remaining amount relates largely to the cost of severance actions incurred due to the expected closure of the True North corporate office. Approximately 60 True North corporate employees have been notified that they will be terminated.

Following the completion of the True North acquisition, in connection with the Company's initiative on realignment of certain Interpublic businesses, the Company is evaluating the realizability of various assets. In connection with this review, undiscounted cash flow projections were prepared for certain investments, and the Company determined that the goodwill attributable to certain acquisitions was in excess of its estimates of the entities' future cashflows. As a result, a charge of \$221.4 million was recorded in the second quarter of 2001. The largest component of the goodwill impairment (approximately \$145 million) relates to Capita Technologies, Inc., an Internet services business. The remaining amount relates principally to several other businesses including Internet services and healthcare consulting, and an advertising office in Asia.

During the first quarter of 2001, the Company recorded a \$160.1 million pre-tax charge (\$103.7 million net of tax) to recognize the impairment of investments primarily in publicly traded companies, including marchFIRST, Inc. (an Internet professional services firm), which had filed for relief under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code in April 2001. The impairment charge adjusts the carrying value of remaining investments to estimated market value where an "other than temporary" impairment has occurred.

During the second quarter of 2000, the Company recognized pre-tax restructuring costs of \$52.8 million (\$35.0 million net of tax) associated with the restructuring of Lowe Lintas & Partners Worldwide ("Lowe Lintas") and transaction costs related to the acquisition of NFO. The Lowe Lintas

restructuring was completed by the third quarter of 2000.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The ratio of current assets to current liabilities was .93 to 1 at June 30, 2001. Working capital at June 30, 2001 was negative \$508 million, a decrease of \$182 million from December 31, 2000. Total debt at June 30, 2001 was \$2.7 billion, an increase of \$654 million from December 31, 2000. Cash flow from operations and availability under existing credit

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facilities will be the Company's primary source of working capital.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$326 million for the first six months of 2001 and net cash provided from operating activities was \$32 million for the first six months of 2000. The principal use of the Company's working capital is to provide for the operating needs of its advertising agencies, which include payments for space or time purchased from various media on behalf of its clients. The Company's practice is to bill and collect from its clients in sufficient time to pay the amounts due. Other uses of working capital include the payment of cash dividends, acquisitions and capital expenditures. In addition, during the first six months of 2001, the Company acquired 2.1 million shares of its own stock for the purpose of fulfilling the Company's obligations under its various compensation plans.

On June 26, 2001 the Company entered into a syndicated revolving multi-currency credit agreement. The credit agreement provides for a 364-day facility under which \$500 million may be borrowed ("New Facility"). The New Facility bears interest at variable rates based on either Libor or a bank's base rate, at the Company's option. At June 30, 2001, there were no borrowings outstanding under the New Facility.

The \$375 million, 364-day facility of the credit agreement between the Company and a syndicate of lenders dated June 27, 2000 terminated on June 26, 2001.

On June 28, 2001, the Company issued \$100 million of floating rate notes. The notes mature on June 28, 2002, and bear interest at a variable rate based on three months Libor. Interest payments will be made quarterly in arrears beginning in September 2001.

In July 2001, the Company entered into a credit agreement with a group of lenders. The credit agreement provides for revolving borrowings of up to \$750 million which bear interest at variable rates based on Libor or a bank's base rate, at the Company's option. The facility matures on September 28, 2001, or earlier, in certain circumstances, including without limitation, receipt by the Company of at least \$375 million in connection with one or more capital raising transactions. As of August 13, 2001, the Company has not drawn any amounts under this facility.

OUTLOOK

Interpublic has indicated that its ability to predict revenue levels in 2001 is poor. Based on current conditions, however, the Company is forecasting flat revenue in the second half of 2001 and restated earnings per share (exclusive of one-time charges) of \$1.05-\$1.15 for the year. The impact of revenue growth is such that a 1% change in expected annualized revenue in 2001 would generate approximately 3 cents change in earnings per share for the year.

OTHER MATTERS

BUSINESS COMBINATIONS, GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statements of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, BUSINESS COMBINATIONS, and No. 142, GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS, effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001 which requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all business combination initiated after June 30, 2001. Under the new rules, goodwill and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives will no longer be amortized but will be subject to annual impairment tests in accordance with the Statements. Other intangible assets will continue to be amortized over their useful lives.

The Company will adopt the new rules on accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets beginning in the first quarter of 2002, however certain provisions of these standards may also apply to any acquisitions concluded subsequent to June 30, 2001. During 2002, the Company will perform the first of the required impairment tests of goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets and has not yet determined what the effect of these tests will be on the earnings and financial position of the Company.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

This document contains forward-looking statements. Representatives of Interpublic may also make forward-looking statements orally from time to time. Statements that are not historical fact, including statements about Interpublic's beliefs and expectations, constitute forward-looking statements.

These statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and therefore undue reliance should not be placed on them. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and Interpublic undertakes no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events.

Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Interpublic cautions that a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Such factors include, but are not limited to, those associated with the effect of national and regional economic conditions, the ability of Interpublic to attract new clients and retain existing clients, the financial success of the clients of Interpublic, developments from changes in the regulatory and legal environment for advertising companies around the world, and the successful completion and integration of acquisitions which complement and expand Interpublic's business capabilities.

Another important factor is Interpublic's acquisition strategy. One of Interpublic's business strategies is to acquire businesses that complement and expand its current business capabilities. Accordingly, Interpublic is usually engaged in evaluating potential acquisition candidates. Interpublic is currently engaged in a number of preliminary discussions that may result in one or more substantial acquisitions. These acquisition opportunities require confidentiality and from time to time give rise to bidding scenarios that require quick responses by Interpublic. Although there is uncertainty that any of

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these discussions will result in definitive agreements or the completion of any transactions, the announcement of any such transaction may lead to increased volatility in the trading price of the shares of Interpublic.

Moreover, the success of recent or contemplated future acquisitions will depend on the effective integration of newly acquired businesses into Interpublic's current activities. Important factors for integration include realization of anticipated synergies and the ability to retain and attract new personnel and clients.

Investors should evaluate any statements in light of these important factors.

CONVERSION TO THE EURO

On January 1, 1999, certain member countries of the European Union established fixed conversion rates between their existing currencies and the European Union's common currency (the "Euro"). The Company conducts business in member countries. The transition period for the introduction of the Euro is between January 1, 1999, and June 30, 2002. The Company is addressing the issues involved with the introduction of the Euro. The major important issues facing the Company include: converting information technology systems, reassessing currency risk, negotiating and amending contracts, and processing tax and accounting records.

Based upon progress to date, the Company believes that use of the Euro will not have a significant impact on the manner in which it conducts its business affairs and processes its business and accounting records. Accordingly, conversion to the Euro has not had, and is not expected to have, a material effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

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ITEM 3

QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company's financial market risk arises from fluctuations in interest rates and foreign currencies. Most of the Company's debt obligations are at fixed interest rates. A 10% change in market interest rates would not have a material effect on the Company's pre-tax earnings, cash flows or fair value. At June 30, 2001, the Company had an insignificant amount of foreign currency derivative financial instruments in place. The Company does not hold any financial instrument for trading purposes.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 2(c). CHANGES IN SECURITIES

(1) On April 1, 2001, the Registrant issued 6,082 shares of its Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share (the "Interpublic Stock"), and on March 30, 2001 paid \$628,000, to the former shareholders of a company acquired in the third quarter of 1998. This represented a deferred payment of the purchase price. The shares of Interpublic Stock were valued at \$209,000 on the date of issuance.

The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without

registration in reliance on Section 4(2) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), based on the sophistication of the acquired company's former stockholders.

(2) On April 2, 2001 the Registrant issued 194,068 of Interpublic Stock, and paid \$2,169,000 to the former shareholders of a company which was acquired in the second quarter of 1998. This represented a deferred payment of the purchase price. The shares of Interpublic Stock were valued at \$6,507,095 on the date of issuance.

The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in reliance on Section 4(2) under the Securities Act, based on the sophistication of the acquired company's former stockholders.

(3) On April 5, 2001, the Registrant issued 20,146 shares of Interpublic Stock and paid \$230,000 to the former shareholders of a company which was acquired in the fourth quarter of 2000. This represented a deferred payment of the purchase price. The shares of Interpublic Stock were valued at \$690,000 on the date of issuance.

The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in an "offshore transaction" and solely to "non-U.S. persons" in reliance on Rule 903(b)(3) of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

(4) On April 10, 2001, the Registrant issued 16,935 shares of Interpublic Stock and on May 3, 2001 paid \$1,448,174 in cash to the former shareholders of a company which was acquired in the fourth quarter of 1999. This represented a deferred payment of the purchase price. The shares of Interpublic Stock were valued at \$596,959 on the date of issuance.

The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in an "offshore transaction" and solely to "non-U.S. persons" in reliance on Rule 903(b)(3) of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

(5) On April 11, 2001, the Registrant issued 28,194 shares of Interpublic Stock to a former shareholder of a company that was acquired in the fourth quarter of 1998. This represented a deferred payment of the purchase price. The shares of Interpublic Stock had a market value of \$1,167,000 as of the date of issuance. The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in reliance on Section 4(2) under the Securities Act, based on the sophistication of the acquired company's former shareholder.

(6) On April 11, 2001, a subsidiary of the Registrant paid \$18,505,350 in cash and the Registrant issued 234,278 shares of Interpublic Stock to a member of a limited liability company. This payment represented (i) a deferred payment of the purchase price with respect to 80% of the interests in the company, which was acquired by the Registrant's subsidiary in the third quarter of 1999, and (ii) payment for the remaining 20% of the interests in the company. The shares of Interpublic Stock had a market value of \$7,931,722 on the date of issuance. The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in reliance on Section 4(2) under the Securities Act, based on the

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sophistication of the member.

(7) On April 12, 2001, the Registrant issued 8,376 shares of Interpublic Stock and on April 26, 2001 paid \$1,176,133 in cash to the former shareholders of a company which was acquired in the third quarter of 1999. This represented a deferred payment of the purchase price. The shares of Interpublic Stock were valued at \$297,180 on the date of issuance.

The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in an "offshore transaction" and solely to "non-U.S. persons" in reliance on Rule 903(b)(3) of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

(8) On April 16, 2001, the Registrant issued 3,837 shares of Interpublic Stock and paid \$820,000 in cash to the former shareholder of a company which was acquired in the first quarter of 1998. This represented a deferred payment of the purchase price. The shares of Interpublic Stock were valued at \$132,081 on the date of issuance.

The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in reliance on Section 4(2) under the Securities Act, based on the sophistication of the acquired company's former stockholder.

(9) On April 17, 2001, the Registrant acquired 100% of the stock of a company in partial consideration for which the Registrant issued 24,380 shares of Interpublic Stock to the shareholders of the company. The shares of Interpublic Stock had a market value of \$830,606 as of the date of issuance. The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in an "offshore transaction" and solely to "non-U.S. persons" in reliance on Rule 903(b)(3) of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

(10) On June 12, 2001 the Board of Directors of the Registrant authorized the issuance effective March 31, 2001 (the "Effective Date") of 4,841 shares of Interpublic Stock to the former shareholders of a company which was acquired in

the fourth quarter of 1999. This represented a deferred payment of the purchase price. The shares of Interpublic Stock were valued at \$174,653 on the Effective Date.

The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in an "offshore transaction" and solely to "non-U.S. persons" in reliance on Rule 903(b)(3) of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

(11) On June 12, 2001 the Board of Directors of the Registrant authorized the issuance effective March 30, 2001 (the "Effective Date"), of 25,905 shares of Interpublic Stock to the former shareholders of a company which was acquired in the fourth quarter of 1998. This represented a deferred payment of the purchase price. The shares of Interpublic Stock were valued at \$934,716 on the Effective Date.

The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in an "offshore transaction" and solely to "non-U.S. persons" in reliance on Rule 903(b)(3) of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

(12) On June 12, 2001 the Board of Directors of the Registrant authorized the issuance effective March 31, 2001 (the "Effective Date") of 28,768 shares of Interpublic Stock to be issued to the former shareholders of a company which was acquired in the first quarter of 2000. The Registrant also paid the former shareholders an aggregate of \$1,000,000. This represented a deferred payment of the purchase price. The shares of Interpublic Stock were valued at \$1,000,000 on the Effective Date.

The shares of Interpublic Stock were issued by the Registrant without registration in reliance on Section 4(2) under the Securities Act, based on the sophistication of the acquired company's former stockholders.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITIES HOLDERS

- (a) This item is answered in respect of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on May 14, 2001 (the "Annual Meeting").
- (b) No response is required to Paragraph (b) because (i) proxies for the meeting were solicited pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; (ii) there was no solicitation in opposition to Management's nominees as listed in the proxy statement; and (iii) all such nominees were elected.
- (c) At the Annual Meeting, the following number of shares were cast with respect to each matter voted upon:
 - Proposal to approve Management's nominees for director as follows:

BROKER NOMINEE FOR WITHHELD NONVOTES - ----- - ----- -----	
Frank J. Borelli	258,277,070 2,890,899
0 Reginald K. Brack	258,275,967 2,892,002
0 Jill M. Considine	258,275,646 2,892,323
0 John J. Dooner, Jr.	258,274,383 2,893,586
0 Richard A. Goldstein	258,255,052 2,912,917
0 James R. Heekin III	258,298,444 2,869,525

0 Frank B.
 Lowe
 204,716,816
 56,451,153
 0 Sean F.
 Orr
 258,291,821
 2,876,148
 0 J.
 Phillip
 Samper
 258,268,001
 2,899,968
 0

-- Proposal to approve confirmation of independent accountants.

BROKER FOR
 AGAINST
 ABSTAIN
 NONVOTES -

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 258,601,605
 1,296,723
 1,269,641
 0

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K.

(a) EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
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4	Indenture, dated as of June 28, 2001 between The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. ("Interpublic") and The Bank of New York. Pursuant to Sections 601(b)(4)(iii) and (v) of Regulation S-K, the Indenture is not being filed by the Registrant in this Report. The Registrant hereby agrees to furnish a copy of the Indenture to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.
10(a)	364-Day Credit Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2001 among Interpublic, the Initial Lenders named therein, Citibank, N.A. as Administrative Agent and Salomon Smith Barney Inc. as Lead Arranger and Book Manager.
10(b)	Amendment No. 1, dated June 26, 2001, to a 5-Year Credit Agreement among Interpublic, the Initial Lenders named therein, Citibank, N.A. as Administrative Agent and Salomon Smith Barney Inc., as Lead Arranger and Book Manager.
10(c)	Deferred Compensation Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2001 between Interpublic and Richard A. Goldstein.
10(d)	True North Communications Inc. Stock Option Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of Post - Effective Amendment No.1 on Form S-8 To Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-59254).
10(e)	Bozell, Jacobs, Kenyon & Eckhardt, Inc. Stock Option Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5 of Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 To Registrant Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-59254).
11	Statement re: Computation of Per Share Earnings.

(a) REPORTS ON FORM 8-K.

The following Reports on Form 8-K were filed during the quarter ended June 30, 2001:

- (1) Report dated April 26, 2001. Item 5 Other Events and Exhibit 99 Press Release.
- (2) Report, dated May 9, 2001. Item 5 Other Events.
- (3) Report dated May 18, 2001. Item 5 Other Events and Exhibit 99.1 Press Release.

- (4) Report, dated June 14, 2001, Item 5 Other Events.
- (5) Report, dated June 22, 2001, Item 5 Other Events and Exhibit 99.1 Press Release.

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SIGNATURES

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

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: August 13, 2001

BY /S/ JOHN J. DOONER, JR.

JOHN J. DOONER, JR
Chairman of the Board, President
and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 13, 2001

BY /S/ DAVID WEATHERSEED

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Vice President and Controller

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364-DAY CREDIT AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF JUNE 26, 2001

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "COMPANY"), the banks, financial institutions and other institutional lenders (the "INITIAL LENDERS") listed on the signature pages hereof, SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC., as lead arranger and book manager, and CITIBANK, N.A. ("CITIBANK"), as administrative agent (the "AGENT") for the Lenders (as hereinafter defined), agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING TERMS

SECTION 1.01. CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings (such meanings to be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of the terms defined):

"ADVANCE" means a Revolving Credit Advance or a Competitive Bid Advance.

"AFFILIATE" means, as to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such Person or is a director or officer of such Person. For purposes of this definition, the term "control" (including the terms "controlling", "controlled by" and "under common control with") of a Person means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to vote 10% or more of the Voting Stock of such Person or to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of Voting Stock, by contract or otherwise.

"AGENT'S ACCOUNT" means (a) in the case of Advances denominated in Dollars, the account of the Agent maintained by the Agent at Citibank at its office at 399 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10043, Account No. 36852248, Attention: Bank Loan Syndications, (b) in the case of Advances denominated in any Committed Currency, the account of the Sub-Agent designated in writing from time to time by the Agent to the Company and the Lenders for such purpose and (c) in any such case, such other account of the Agent as is designated in writing from time to time by the Agent to the Company and the Lenders for such purpose.

"APPLICABLE LENDING OFFICE" means, with respect to each Lender, such Lender's Domestic Lending Office in the case of a Base Rate Advance and such Lender's Eurocurrency Lending Office in the case of a Eurocurrency Rate Advance and, in the case of a Competitive Bid Advance, the office of such Lender notified by such Lender to the Agent as its Applicable Lending Office with respect to such Competitive Bid Advance.

"APPLICABLE MARGIN" means (a) for Base Rate Advances, 0% per annum and (b) for Eurocurrency Rate Advances, as of any date, a percentage per annum determined by reference to the Public Debt Rating in effect on such date as set forth below:

Public Debt
Rating
Applicable
Margin for
Applicable
Margin for
S&P/Moody's
Base Rate
Advances
Eurocurrency
Rate
Advances --

--- LEVEL 1
A+/A1 or
above 0.00%
0.235% ----

 - LEVEL 2
 A/A2 0.00%
 0.320% ----

 - LEVEL 3
 A-/A3 0.00%
 0.350% ----

 - LEVEL 4
 BBB+/Baa1
 0.00%
 0.425% ----

 - LEVEL 5
 Lower than
 Level 4
 0.00%
 0.600% ----

"APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE" means, as of any date a percentage per annum determined by reference to the Public Debt Rating in effect on such date as set forth below:

 Public
 Debt
 Rating
 Applicable
 S&P/Moody's
 Percentage

 LEVEL 1
 A+/A1 or
 above
 0.065% ---

 LEVEL 2
 A/A2
 0.080% ---

 LEVEL 3
 A-/A3
 0.100% ---

LEVEL 4
BBB+/Baa1
0.125% ---

LEVEL 5
Lower than
Level 4
0.150% ---

"APPLICABLE UTILIZATION FEE" means, as of any date that the aggregate Advances exceeds 50% of the aggregate Commitments, a percentage per annum determined by reference to the Public Debt Rating in effect on such date as set forth below:

Public
Debt
Rating
Applicable
S&P/Moody's
Utilization
Fee -----

LEVEL
1 A+/A1 or
above
0.050% ---

LEVEL 2
A/A2
0.050% ---

LEVEL 3
A-/A3
0.050% ---

LEVEL 4
BBB+/Baa1
0.075% ---

LEVEL 5
Lower than
Level 4
0.125% ---

"ASSIGNMENT AND ACCEPTANCE" means an assignment and acceptance entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee, and accepted by the Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto.

"ASSUMING LENDER" has the meaning specified in Section 2.18(c).

"ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT" has the meaning specified in Section 2.18(c).

"BASE RATE" means a fluctuating interest rate per annum in effect from time to time, which rate per annum shall at all times be equal to the highest of:

(a) the rate of interest announced publicly by Citibank in New York, New York, from time

to time, as Citibank's base rate;

(b) the sum (adjusted to the nearest 1/4 of 1% or, if there is no nearest 1/4 of 1%, to the next higher 1/4 of 1%) of (i) 1/2 of 1% per annum, PLUS (ii) the rate obtained by dividing (A) the latest three-week moving average of secondary market morning offering rates in the United States for three-month certificates of deposit of major United States money market banks, such three-week moving average (adjusted to the basis of a year of 360 days) being determined weekly on each Monday (or, if such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day) for the three-week period ending on the previous Friday by Citibank on the basis of such rates reported by certificate of deposit dealers to and published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or, if such publication shall be suspended or terminated, on the basis of quotations for such rates received by Citibank from three New York certificate of deposit dealers of recognized standing selected by Citibank, by (B) a percentage equal to 100% minus the average of the daily percentages specified during such three-week period by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (or any successor) for determining the maximum reserve requirement (including, but not limited to, any emergency, supplemental or other marginal reserve requirement) for Citibank with respect to liabilities consisting of or including (among other liabilities) three-month U.S. dollar non-personal time deposits in the United States, PLUS (iii) the average during such three-week period of the annual assessment rates estimated by Citibank for determining the then current annual assessment payable by Citibank to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (or any successor) for insuring U.S. dollar deposits of Citibank in the United States; and

(c) 1/2 of one percent per annum above the Federal Funds Rate.

"BASE RATE ADVANCE" means a Revolving Credit Advance denominated in Dollars that bears interest as provided in Section 2.07(a)(i).

"BORROWERS" means, collectively, the Company and the Designated Subsidiaries from time to time.

"BORROWING" means a Revolving Credit Borrowing or a Competitive Bid Borrowing.

"BUSINESS DAY" means a day of the year on which banks are not required or authorized by law to close in New York City and, if the applicable Business Day relates to any Eurocurrency Rate Advances or LIBO Rate Advances, on which dealings are carried on in the London interbank market and banks are open for business in London and in the country of issue of the currency of such Eurocurrency Rate Advance or LIBO Rate Advance (or, in the case of an Advance denominated in the euro, in Frankfurt, Germany).

"COMMITMENT" means as to any Lender (a) the Dollar amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on the signature pages hereof, (b) if such Lender has become a Lender hereunder pursuant to an Assumption Agreement, the Dollar amount set forth in such Assumption Agreement or (c) if such Lender has entered into any Assignment and Acceptance, the Dollar amount set forth for such Lender in the Register maintained by the Agent pursuant to Section 9.07(d), as such amount may be reduced pursuant to Section 2.05.

"COMMITTED CURRENCIES" means lawful currency of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, lawful currency of the Federal Republic of Germany, lawful currency of the Republic of France, lawful currency of The Swiss Federation, lawful currency of Japan, Euro and any other currency requested by the applicable Borrower that can be provided by all Lenders.

"COMPETITIVE BID ADVANCE" means an advance by a Lender to any Borrower as part of a Competitive Bid Borrowing resulting from the competitive bidding procedure described in Section 2.03 and refers to a Fixed Rate Advance or a LIBO Rate Advance.

"COMPETITIVE BID BORROWING" means a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Competitive Bid Advances from each of the Lenders whose offer to make one or more Competitive Bid Advances as part of

such borrowing has been accepted under the competitive bidding procedure described in Section 2.03.

"COMPETITIVE BID NOTE" means a promissory note of any Borrower payable to the order of any Lender, in substantially the form of Exhibit A-2 hereto, evidencing the indebtedness of such Borrower to such Lender resulting from a Competitive Bid Advance made by such Lender to such Borrower.

"COMPETITIVE BID REDUCTION" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01.

"CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION" means information that any Borrower furnishes to the Agent or any Lender in a writing other than written information which is on its face publicly available information, but does not include any such information that is or becomes generally available to the public or that is or becomes available to the Agent or such Lender from a source other than a Borrower.

"CONSENTING LENDER" has the meaning specified in Section 2.18(b).

"CONSOLIDATED" refers to the consolidation of accounts in accordance with GAAP.

"CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARY" means at any date any Subsidiary or other entity the accounts of which would be consolidated with those of the Company in its Consolidated financial statements as of such date.

"CONVERT", "CONVERSION" and "CONVERTED" each refers to a conversion of Revolving Credit Advances of one Type into Revolving Credit Advances of the other Type pursuant to Section 2.08 or 2.09.

"DEBT" of any Person means, without duplication, (a) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person for the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of such Person's business), (c) all obligations of such Person evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures or other similar instruments, (d) all obligations of such Person created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property acquired by such Person (even though the rights and remedies of the seller or lender under such agreement in the event of default are limited to repossession or sale of such property), (e) all obligations of such Person as lessee under leases that have been or should be, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, recorded as capital leases, (f) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of acceptances, letters of credit or similar extensions of credit, (g) all obligations of such Person in respect of Hedge Agreements, (h) all Debt of others referred to in clauses (a) through (g) above or clause (i) below guaranteed directly or indirectly in any manner by such Person, or in effect guaranteed directly or indirectly by such Person through an agreement (1) to pay or purchase such Debt or to advance or supply funds for the payment or purchase of such Debt, (2) to purchase, sell or lease (as lessee or lessor) property, or to purchase or sell services, primarily for the purpose of enabling the debtor to make payment of such Debt or to assure the holder of such Debt against loss, (3) to supply funds to or in any other manner invest in the debtor (including any agreement to pay for property or services irrespective of whether such property is received or such services are rendered) or (4) otherwise to assure a creditor against loss, and (i) all Debt referred to in clauses (a) through (h) above secured by (or for which the holder of such Debt has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property (including, without limitation, accounts and contract rights) owned by such Person, even though such Person has not assumed or become liable for the payment of such Debt; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the term "Debt" shall not include obligations under agreements providing for indemnification, deferred purchase price payments or similar obligations incurred or assumed in connection with the acquisition or disposition of assets or stock, whether by merger or otherwise.

"DEBT FOR BORROWED MONEY" of the Company means, without duplication, Debt for money borrowed or any capitalized lease obligation, any obligation under a purchase money mortgage, conditional sale or other title retention agreement or any obligation under notes payable or drafts accepted representing extensions of credit, but shall not include Debt evidenced by the Subordinated Convertible Notes or any Debt in respect of Hedge Agreements.

"DEFAULT" means any Event of Default or any event that would constitute an Event of Default but for the requirement that notice be given or time elapse or both.

"DESIGNATED SUBSIDIARY" means any direct or indirect wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company designated for borrowing privileges under this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.09.

"DESIGNATION AGREEMENT" means, with respect to any Designated Subsidiary, an agreement in the form of Exhibit E hereto signed by such Designated Subsidiary and the Company.

"DOLLARS" and the "\$" sign each means lawful currency of the United States of America.

"DOMESTIC LENDING OFFICE" means, with respect to any Lender, the office of such Lender specified as its "Domestic Lending Office" opposite its name on Schedule I hereto or in the Assumption Agreement or the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which it became a Lender, or such other office of such Lender as such Lender may from time to time specify to the Company and the Agent.

"EBITDA" means, for any period, net income (or net loss) PLUS the sum of (a) Interest Expense, (b) income tax expense, (c) depreciation expense, (d) amortization expense, in each case determined in accordance with GAAP for such period, (e) restructuring and other merger related charges, (f) costs related to the acquisition of Deutsch, Inc. and its Affiliates, (g) investment impairment charges, in the case of (e), (f) and (g), as recorded in the financial statements of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP for the fiscal quarters ended September 30, 2000, December 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001 and (h) non-recurring charges up to an aggregate amount of \$100,000,000, as recorded in the financial statements of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP for the six months ended September 30, 2001.

"EFFECTIVE DATE" has the meaning specified in Section 3.01.

"ELIGIBLE ASSIGNEE" means (i) a Lender; (ii) an Affiliate of a Lender; and (iii) any other Person approved by the Agent and, unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time any assignment is effected in accordance with Section 9.07, the Company, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that neither the Company nor an Affiliate of the Company shall qualify as an Eligible Assignee.

"EQUIVALENT" in Dollars of any Committed Currency on any date means the equivalent in Dollars of such Committed Currency determined by using the quoted spot rate at which the Sub-Agent's principal office in London offers to exchange Dollars for such Committed Currency in London at approximately 4:00 P.M. (London time) (unless otherwise indicated by the terms of this Agreement) on such date as is required pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and the "Equivalent" in any Committed Currency of Dollars means the equivalent in such Committed Currency of Dollars determined by using the quoted spot rate at which the Sub-Agent's principal office in London offers to exchange such Committed Currency for Dollars in London at approximately 4:00 P.M. (London time) (unless otherwise indicated by the terms of this Agreement) on such date as is required pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and the regulations promulgated and rulings issued thereunder.

"ERISA AFFILIATE" means any Person that for purposes of Title IV of ERISA is a member of the Company's controlled group, or under common control with the Company, within the meaning of Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code.

"ERISA EVENT" means (a) the occurrence of a reportable event, within the meaning of Section 4043 of ERISA, with respect to any Plan unless the 30-day notice requirement with respect to such event has been waived by the PBGC; (b) the application for a minimum funding waiver with respect to a Plan; (c) the

provision by the administrator of any Plan of a notice of intent to terminate such Plan pursuant to Section 4041(a)(2) of ERISA (including any such notice with respect to a plan amendment referred to in Section 4041(e) of ERISA); (d) the cessation of operations at a facility of the Company or any ERISA Affiliate in the circumstances described in Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (e) the withdrawal by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiple Employer Plan during a plan year for which it was a substantial employer, as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA; (f) the conditions for the imposition of a lien under Section 302(f) of ERISA shall have been met with respect to any Plan; (g) the adoption of an amendment to a Plan requiring the provision of security to such Plan pursuant to Section 307 of ERISA; or (h) the institution by the PBGC of proceedings to terminate a Plan pursuant to Section 4042 of ERISA, or the occurrence of any event or condition described in Section 4042 of ERISA that constitutes grounds for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, a Plan.

"EURIBO RATE" means, for any Interest Period, the rate per annum appearing on Telerate Markets Page 248 (or on any successor or substitute

page, or any successor to or substitute for Telerate Markets, providing rate quotations comparable to those currently provided on such page of Telerate Markets, as determined by the Agent from time to time for purposes of providing quotations of interest rates applicable to deposits in Euro by reference to the Banking Federation of the European Union Settlement Rates for deposits in Euro) at approximately 10:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, as the rate for deposits in Euro with a maturity comparable to such Interest Period or, if for any reason such rate is not available, the average (rounded upward to the nearest whole multiple of 1/16 of 1% per annum, if such average is not such a multiple) of the respective rates per annum at which deposits in Euros are offered by the principal office of each of the Reference Banks in London, England to prime banks in the London interbank market at 11:00 A.M. (London time) two Business Days before the first day of such Interest Period in an amount substantially equal (x) in the case of Revolving Credit Borrowings, to such Reference Bank's Eurocurrency Rate Advance comprising part of such Revolving Credit Borrowing to be outstanding during such Interest Period and for a period equal to such Interest Period (subject, however, to the provisions of Section 2.08) or (y) in the case of Competitive Bid Borrowings, to the amount that would be the Reference Banks' respective ratable shares of such Borrowing if such Borrowing were to be a Revolving Credit Borrowing to be outstanding during such Interest Period and for a period equal to such Interest Period (subject, however, to the provisions of Section 2.08).

"EURO" means the lawful currency of the European Union as constituted by the Treaty of Rome which established the European Community, as such treaty may be amended from time to time and as referred to in the EMU legislation.

"EUROCURRENCY LIABILITIES" has the meaning assigned to that term in Regulation D of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as in effect from time to time.

"EUROCURRENCY LENDING OFFICE" means, with respect to any Lender, the office of such Lender specified as its "Eurocurrency Lending Office" opposite its name on Schedule I hereto or in the Assumption Agreement or the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which it became a Lender (or, if no such office is specified, its Domestic Lending Office), or such other office of such Lender as such Lender may from time to time specify to the Company and the Agent.

"EUROCURRENCY RATE" means, for any Interest Period for each Eurocurrency Rate Advance comprising part of the same Revolving Credit Borrowing, an interest rate per annum equal to the rate per annum obtained by dividing (a)(i) in the case of any Revolving Credit Borrowing denominated in Dollars or any Committed Currency other than Euro, the rate per annum (rounded upward to the nearest whole multiple of 1/16 of 1% per annum) appearing on Telerate Markets Page 3750 (or any successor page) as the London interbank offered rate for deposits in Dollars or the applicable Committed Currency at approximately 11:00 A.M. (London time) two Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period for a term comparable to such Interest Period or, if for any reason such rate is not available, the average (rounded upward to the nearest whole multiple of 1/16 of 1% per annum, if such average is not such a multiple) of the respective rates per annum at which deposits in Dollars or the applicable Committed

Currency are offered by the principal office of each of the Reference Banks in London, England to prime banks in the London interbank market at 11:00 A.M. (London time) two Business Days before the first day of such Interest Period in an amount substantially equal to such Reference Bank's Eurocurrency Rate Advance comprising part of such Revolving Credit Borrowing to be outstanding during such Interest Period and for a period equal to such Interest Period (subject, however, to the provisions of Section 2.08) or (ii) in the case of any Revolving Credit Borrowing denominated in Euro, the EURIBO Rate by (b) a percentage equal to 100% minus the Eurocurrency Rate Reserve Percentage for such Interest Period.

"EUROCURRENCY RATE ADVANCE" means a Revolving Credit Advance denominated in Dollars or a Committed Currency that bears interest as provided in Section 2.07(a)(ii).

"EUROCURRENCY RATE RESERVE PERCENTAGE" for any Interest Period for all Eurocurrency Rate Advances or LIBO Rate Advances comprising part of the same Borrowing means the reserve percentage applicable two Business Days before the first day of such Interest Period under regulations issued from time to time by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (or any successor) for determining the maximum reserve requirement (including, without limitation, any emergency, supplemental or other marginal reserve requirement) for a member bank of the Federal Reserve System in New York City with respect to liabilities or assets consisting of or including Eurocurrency Liabilities (or with respect to any other category of liabilities that includes deposits by reference to which the interest rate on Eurocurrency Rate Advances or LIBO Rate Advances is determined) having a term equal to such Interest Period.

"EVENTS OF DEFAULT" has the meaning specified in Section 6.01.

"EXTENSION DATE" has the meaning specified in Section 2.18(b).

"FEDERAL FUNDS RATE" means, for any period, a fluctuating interest rate per annum equal for each day during such period to the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers, as published for such day (or, if such day is not a Business Day, for the next preceding Business Day) by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day that is a Business Day, the average of the quotations for such day on such transactions received by the Agent from three Federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by it.

"FIXED RATE ADVANCES" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(a)(i), which Advances shall be denominated in Dollars or in any Committed Currency.

"GAAP" has the meaning specified in Section 1.03.

"HEDGE AGREEMENTS" means interest rate swap, cap or collar agreements, interest rate future or option contracts, currency swap agreements, currency future or option contracts and other similar agreements.

"INFORMATION MEMORANDUM" means the information memorandum dated May 24, 2001 used by the Agent in connection with the syndication of the Commitments.

"INTEREST EXPENSE" means, for any period, without duplication, interest expense (including the interest component on obligations under capitalized leases), whether paid or accrued, on all Debt of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for such period, but shall not include non-cash interest on the Subordinated Convertible Notes.

"INTEREST PERIOD" means, for each Eurocurrency Rate Advance comprising part of the same Revolving Credit Borrowing and each LIBO Rate Advance comprising part of the same Competitive Bid Borrowing, the period commencing on the date of such Eurocurrency Rate Advance

or LIBO Rate Advance or the date of the Conversion of any Base Rate Advance into such Eurocurrency Rate Advance and ending on the last day of the period selected by the Borrower requesting such Borrowing pursuant to the provisions below and, thereafter, with respect to Eurocurrency Rate Advances, each subsequent period commencing on the last day of the immediately preceding Interest Period and ending on the last day of the period selected by such Borrower pursuant to the provisions below. The duration of each such Interest Period shall be one, two, three or six months, or nine or twelve months if available to all Lenders, as such Borrower may, upon notice received by the Agent not later than 11:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the third Business Day prior to the first day of such Interest Period, select; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that:

(i) such Borrower may not select any Interest Period that ends after the Termination Date or, if the Revolving Credit Advances have been converted to a term loan pursuant to Section 2.06 prior to such selection, that ends after the Maturity Date;

(ii) Interest Periods commencing on the same date for Eurocurrency Rate Advances comprising part of the same Revolving Credit Borrowing or for LIBO Rate Advances comprising part of the same Competitive Bid Borrowing shall be of the same duration;

(iii) whenever the last day of any Interest Period would otherwise occur on a day other than a Business Day, the last day of such Interest Period shall be extended to occur on the next succeeding Business Day, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that, if such extension would cause the last day of such Interest Period to occur in the next following calendar month, the last day of such Interest Period shall occur on the next preceding Business Day; and

(iv) whenever the first day of any Interest Period occurs on a day of an initial calendar month for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that succeeds such initial calendar month by the number of months equal to the number of months in such Interest Period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of such succeeding calendar month.

"INTERNAL REVENUE CODE" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and the regulations promulgated and rulings issued thereunder.

"LENDERS" means the Initial Lenders, each Assuming Lender that shall become a party hereto pursuant to Section 2.18 and each Person that shall become a party hereto pursuant to Section 9.07.

"LIBO RATE" means, for any Interest Period for all LIBO Rate Advances comprising part of the same Competitive Bid Borrowing, an interest rate per annum equal to the rate per annum obtained by dividing (a)(i) in the case of any Competitive Bid Borrowing denominated in Dollars or any Committed Currency other than Euro, the rate per annum (rounded upward to the nearest whole multiple of 1/16 of 1% per annum) appearing on Telerate Markets Page 3750 (or any successor page) as the London interbank offered rate for deposits in Dollars or the applicable Committed Currency at approximately 11:00 A.M. (London time) two Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period for a term comparable to such Interest Period or, if for any reason such rate is not available, the average (rounded upward to the nearest whole multiple of 1/16 of 1% per annum, if such average is not such a multiple) of the respective rates per annum at which deposits in Dollars or the applicable Committed Currency are offered by the principal office of each of the Reference Banks in London, England to prime banks in the London interbank market at 11:00 A.M. (London time) two Business Days before the first day of such Interest Period in an amount substantially equal to the amount that would be the Reference Banks' respective ratable shares of such Borrowing if such Borrowing were to be a Revolving Credit Borrowing to be outstanding during such Interest Period and for a period equal to such Interest Period (subject, however, to the provisions of Section 2.08) or (ii) in the case of any Competitive Bid Borrowing denominated in Euro, the EURIBO Rate by (b) a percentage equal to 100% minus the Eurocurrency Rate Reserve Percentage for such Interest Period.

"LIBO RATE ADVANCES" means a Competitive Bid Advance denominated in Dollars or in any

Committed Currency and bearing interest based on the LIBO Rate.

"LIEN" means any lien, security interest or other charge or encumbrance of any kind, or any other type of preferential arrangement, including, without limitation, the lien or retained security title of a conditional vendor and the assignment of the right to receive income.

"MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE" means any material adverse change in the business, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

"MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT" means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (b) the rights and remedies of the Agent or any Lender under this Agreement or any Note or (c) the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement or any Note.

"MATURITY DATE" means the earlier of (a) the first anniversary of the Termination Date and (b) the date of termination in whole of the aggregate Commitments pursuant to Section 2.05 or 6.01.

"MOODY'S" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

"MULTIEMPLOYER PLAN" means a multiemployer plan, as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, to which the Company or any ERISA Affiliate is making or accruing an obligation to make contributions, or has within any of the preceding five plan years made or accrued an obligation to make contributions.

"MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN" means a single employer plan, as defined in Section 4001(a)(15) of ERISA, subject to Title IV of ERISA that (a) is maintained for employees of the Company or any ERISA Affiliate and at least one Person other than the Company and the ERISA Affiliates or (b) was so maintained and in respect of which the Company or any ERISA Affiliate could have liability under Section 4064 or 4069 of ERISA in the event such plan has been or were to be terminated.

"NON-CONSENTING LENDER" has the meaning specified in Section 2.18(b).

"NOTE" means a Revolving Credit Note or a Competitive Bid Note.

"NOTICE OF REVOLVING CREDIT BORROWING" has the meaning specified in Section 2.02(a).

"NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE BID BORROWING" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(a).

"PAYMENT OFFICE" means, for any Committed Currency, such office of Citibank as shall be from time to time selected by the Agent and notified by the Agent to the Company and the Lenders.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (or any successor).

"PERSON" means an individual, partnership, corporation (including a

business trust), joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity, or a government or any political subdivision or agency thereof.

"PLAN" means a Single Employer Plan or a Multiple Employer Plan.

"PUBLIC DEBT RATING" means, as of any date, the lowest rating that has been most recently announced by either S&P or Moody's, as the case may be, for any class of non-credit enhanced long-term senior unsecured debt issued by the Company. For purposes of the foregoing, (a) if only one of S&P and Moody's shall have in effect a Public Debt Rating, the Applicable Margin, the Applicable Percentage and the Applicable Utilization Fee shall be determined by reference to the available Public Debt Rating announced by either S&P or Moody's; (b) if neither S&P nor Moody's shall have in effect a Public Debt

Rating, the Applicable Margin, the Applicable Percentage and the Applicable Utilization Fee will be set in accordance with Level 5 under the definition of "APPLICABLE MARGIN", "APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE" or "APPLICABLE UTILIZATION FEE", as the case may be; (c) if such ratings established by S&P and Moody's shall fall within different levels, the Applicable Margin, the Applicable Percentage and the Applicable Utilization Fee shall be based upon the higher of such ratings, except that, in the event that the lower of such ratings is more than one level below the higher of such ratings, the Applicable Margin, the Applicable Percentage and the Applicable Utilization Fee shall be based upon the level immediately above the lower of such ratings; (d) if any such rating established by S&P or Moody's shall be changed, such change shall be effective as of the date on which such change is first announced publicly by the rating agency making such change; and (e) if S&P or Moody's shall change the basis on which ratings are established, each reference to the Public Debt Rating announced by S&P or Moody's, as the case may be, shall refer to the then equivalent rating by S&P or Moody's, as the case may be.

"REFERENCE BANKS" means Citibank, HSBC Bank USA and The Chase Manhattan Bank.

"REGISTER" has the meaning specified in Section 9.07(d).

"REQUIRED LENDERS" means at any time Lenders owed at least a majority in interest of the then aggregate outstanding principal amount (based on the Equivalent in Dollars at such time) of the Revolving Credit Advances, or, if no such principal amount is then outstanding, Lenders having at least a majority in amount of the Commitments or, if no such principal amount is then outstanding and the Commitments have been terminated, Lenders having at least a majority in interest of the then aggregate outstanding principal amount (based on the Equivalent in Dollars at such time) of the Competitive Bid Advances.

"REVOLVING CREDIT ADVANCE" means an advance by a Lender to any Borrower as part of a Revolving Credit Borrowing and refers to a Base Rate Advance or a Eurocurrency Rate Advance (each of which shall be a "TYPE" of Revolving Credit Advance).

"REVOLVING CREDIT BORROWING" means a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Revolving Credit Advances of the same Type made by each of the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.01.

"REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE" means a promissory note of any Borrower payable to the order of any Lender, delivered pursuant to a request made under Section 2.16 in substantially the form of Exhibit A-1 hereto, evidencing the aggregate indebtedness of such Borrower to such Lender resulting from the Revolving Credit Advances made by such Lender to such Borrower.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

"SINGLE EMPLOYER PLAN" means a single employer plan, as defined in Section 4001(a)(15) of ERISA, subject to Title IV of ERISA that (a) is maintained for employees of the Company or any ERISA Affiliate and no Person other than the Company and the ERISA Affiliates or (b) was so maintained and in respect of which the Company or any ERISA Affiliate could have liability under Section 4069 of ERISA in the event such plan has been or were to be terminated.

"SUB-AGENT" means Citibank International plc.

"SUBORDINATED CONVERTIBLE NOTES" means (a) the 1.80% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2004 of the Company issued on September 16, 1997 and (b) the 1.87% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2006 of the Company issued on June 1, 1999.

"SUBSIDIARY" of any Person means any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust or estate of which (or in which) more than 50% of (a) the issued and outstanding capital stock having ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the Board of Directors of

such corporation (irrespective of whether at the time capital stock of any other class or classes of such corporation shall or might have voting power upon the occurrence of any contingency), (b) the interest in the capital or profits of such limited liability company, partnership or joint venture or (c) the beneficial interest in such trust or

estate is at the time directly or indirectly owned or controlled by such Person, by such Person and one or more of its other Subsidiaries or by one or more of such Person's other Subsidiaries.

"TERM LOAN CONVERSION DATE" means the Termination Date on which all Revolving Credit Advances outstanding on such date are converted into a term loan pursuant to Section 2.06.

"TERM LOAN ELECTION" has the meaning specified in Section 2.06.

"TERMINATION DATE" means the earlier of (a) June 25, 2002, subject to the extension thereof pursuant to Section 2.18 and (b) the date of termination in whole of the Commitments pursuant to Section 2.05 or 6.01; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Termination Date of any Lender that is a Non-Consenting Lender to any requested extension pursuant to Section 2.18 shall be the Termination Date in effect immediately prior to the applicable Extension Date for all purposes of this Agreement.

"VOTING STOCK" means capital stock issued by a corporation, or equivalent interests in any other Person, the holders of which are ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, entitled to vote for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person, even if the right so to vote has been suspended by the happening of such a contingency.

SECTION 1.02. COMPUTATION OF TIME PERIODS. In this Agreement in the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including" and the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding".

SECTION 1.03. ACCOUNTING TERMS. All accounting terms not specifically defined herein shall be construed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistent with those applied in the preparation of the financial statements referred to in Section 4.01(e) ("GAAP").

ARTICLE II

AMOUNTS AND TERMS OF THE ADVANCES

SECTION 2.01. THE REVOLVING CREDIT ADVANCES. Each Lender severally agrees, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, to make Revolving Credit Advances to any Borrower from time to time on any Business Day during the period from the Effective Date until the Termination Date in an aggregate amount (based in respect of any Revolving Credit Advances to be denominated in a Committed Currency on the Equivalent in Dollars determined on the date of delivery of the applicable Notice of Revolving Credit Borrowing) for all Borrowers not to exceed at any time outstanding such Lender's Commitment PROVIDED that the aggregate amount of the Commitments of the Lenders shall be deemed used from time to time to the extent of the aggregate amount (based in respect of any Competitive Bid Advance denominated in a Committed Currency on the Equivalent in Dollars at such time) of the Competitive Bid Advances then outstanding and such deemed use of the aggregate amount of the Commitments shall be allocated among the Lenders ratably according to their respective Commitments (such deemed use of the aggregate amount of the Commitments being a "COMPETITIVE BID REDUCTION"). Each Revolving Credit Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount of \$10,000,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof in the case of Revolving Credit Advances denominated in Dollars and the Equivalent of \$5,000,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof in the case of Revolving Credit Advances denominated in any Committed Currency (determined on the date of the applicable Notice of Revolving Credit Borrowing) and shall consist of Revolving Credit Advances of the same Type made on the same day by the Lenders ratably according to their respective Commitments. Within the limits of each Lender's Commitment, any Borrower may borrow under this Section 2.01, prepay pursuant to Section 2.10 and reborrow under this Section 2.01.

SECTION 2.02. MAKING THE REVOLVING CREDIT ADVANCES. (a) Each Revolving Credit Borrowing shall be made on notice, given not later than (x) 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the second Business Day prior to the date of the proposed Revolving Credit Borrowing in the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing consisting of Eurocurrency Rate Advances denominated in Dollars, (y) 4:00 P.M. (London time) on the third Business Day prior to the date of the proposed Revolving Credit Borrowing in the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing consisting of Eurocurrency Rate Advances denominated in any Committed Currency, or (z) 12:00 noon (New York City time) on

the date of the proposed Revolving Credit Borrowing in the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing consisting of Base Rate Advances, by any Borrower to the Agent (and, in the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing consisting of Eurocurrency Rate Advances, simultaneously to the Sub-Agent), which shall give to each Lender

prompt notice thereof by telecopier or telex. Each such notice of a Revolving Credit Borrowing (a "NOTICE OF REVOLVING CREDIT BORROWING") shall be by telephone, confirmed immediately in writing, or telecopier or telex in substantially the form of Exhibit B-1 hereto, specifying therein the requested (i) date of such Revolving Credit Borrowing, (ii) Type of Advances comprising such Revolving Credit Borrowing, (iii) aggregate amount of such Revolving Credit Borrowing, and (iv) in the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing consisting of Eurocurrency Rate Advances, initial Interest Period and currency for each such Revolving Credit Advance; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if any such notice shall fail to specify a currency, Dollars shall be deemed to have been specified. Each Lender shall, before 2:00 P.M. (New York City time) on the date of such Revolving Credit Borrowing, in the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing consisting of Advances denominated in Dollars, and before 11:00 A.M. (London time) on the date of such Revolving Credit Borrowing, in the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing consisting of Eurocurrency Rate Advances denominated in any Committed Currency, make available for the account of its Applicable Lending Office to the Agent at the applicable Agent's Account, in same day funds, such Lender's ratable portion of such Revolving Credit Borrowing. After the Agent's receipt of such funds and upon fulfillment of the applicable conditions set forth in Article III, the Agent will make such funds available to the Borrower requesting the Revolving Credit Borrowing at the Agent's address referred to in Section 9.02 or, in the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing in a Committed Currency, at the applicable Payment Office, as the case may be.

(b) Anything in subsection (a) above to the contrary notwithstanding, (i) no Borrower may select Eurocurrency Rate Advances for any Revolving Credit Borrowing if the aggregate amount of such Revolving Credit Borrowing is less than \$5,000,000 (or the Equivalent thereof in a Committed Currency) or if the obligation of the Lenders to make Eurocurrency Rate Advances shall then be suspended pursuant to Section 2.08 or 2.12 and (ii) the Eurocurrency Rate Advances may not be outstanding as part of more than twenty separate Revolving Credit Borrowings.

(c) Each Notice of Revolving Credit Borrowing of any Borrower shall be irrevocable and binding on such Borrower. In the case of any Revolving Credit Borrowing that the related Notice of Revolving Credit Borrowing specifies is to be comprised of Eurocurrency Rate Advances, the Borrower requesting such Revolving Credit Borrowing shall indemnify each Lender against any loss, cost or expense incurred by such Lender as a result of any failure to fulfill on or before the date specified in such Notice of Revolving Credit Borrowing for such Revolving Credit Borrowing the applicable conditions set forth in Article III, including, without limitation, any loss (excluding loss of anticipated profits), cost or expense incurred by reason of the liquidation or reemployment of deposits or other funds acquired by such Lender to fund the Revolving Credit Advance to be made by such Lender as part of such Revolving Credit Borrowing when such Revolving Credit Advance, as a result of such failure, is not made on such date.

(d) Unless the Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the time of any Revolving Credit Borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Agent such Lender's ratable portion of such Revolving Credit Borrowing, the Agent may assume that such Lender has made such portion available to the Agent on the date of such Revolving Credit Borrowing in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section 2.02 and the Agent may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower proposing the Revolving Credit Borrowing on such date a corresponding amount. If and to the extent that such Lender shall not have so made such ratable portion available to the Agent, such Lender and such Borrower severally agree to repay to the Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount together with interest thereon, for each day from the date such amount is made available to such Borrower until the date such amount is repaid to the Agent, at (i) in the case of such Borrower, the higher of (A) the interest rate applicable at the time to Revolving Credit Advances comprising such Revolving Credit Borrowing and (B) the cost of funds incurred by the Agent in respect of such amount and (ii) in the case of such Lender, (A) the Federal Funds Rate in the case of Advances denominated in Dollars or (B) the cost of funds incurred by the Agent in respect of such amount in the case of Advances denominated in Committed Currencies. If such Lender shall repay to the Agent such corresponding amount, such amount so repaid shall constitute such Lender's Revolving Credit Advance as part of such Revolving Credit Borrowing for purposes of this Agreement.

(e) The failure of any Lender to make the Revolving Credit Advance to be made by it as part of any

Revolving Credit Borrowing shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligation, if any, hereunder to make its Revolving Credit Advance on the date of such Revolving Credit Borrowing, but no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to make the Revolving Credit Advance to be made by such other Lender on the date of any Revolving Credit Borrowing.

SECTION 2.03. THE COMPETITIVE BID ADVANCES. (a) Each Lender severally agrees that any Borrower may make Competitive Bid Borrowings under this Section 2.03 from time to time on any Business Day during the period from the date hereof until the date occurring 30 days prior to the Termination Date in the manner set forth below; PROVIDED that, following the making of each Competitive Bid Borrowing, the aggregate amount of the Advances then outstanding (based in respect of any Advance denominated in a Committed Currency on the

Equivalent in Dollars at the time such Competitive Bid Borrowing is requested) shall not exceed the aggregate amount of the Commitments of the Lenders (computed without regard to any Competitive Bid Reduction).

(i) Any Borrower may request a Competitive Bid Borrowing under this Section 2.03 by delivering to the Agent (and, in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing not consisting of Fixed Rate Advances or LIBO Rate Advances to be denominated in Dollars, simultaneously to the Sub-Agent), by telecopier or telex, a notice of a Competitive Bid Borrowing (a "NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE BID BORROWING"), in substantially the form of Exhibit B-2 hereto, specifying therein the requested (A) date of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, (B) aggregate amount of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, (C) interest rate basis and day count convention to be offered by the Lenders, (D) currency of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, (E) in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing consisting of LIBO Rate Advances, Interest Period, or in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing consisting of Fixed Rate Advances, maturity date for repayment of each Fixed Rate Advance to be made as part of such Competitive Bid Borrowing (which maturity date may not be earlier than the date occurring 30 days after the date of such Competitive Bid Borrowing or later than the Termination Date), (F) interest payment date or dates relating thereto, (G) location of such Borrower's account to which funds are to be advanced and (H) other terms (if any) to be applicable to such Competitive Bid Borrowing, not later than (w) 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) at least one Business Day prior to the date of the proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, if such Borrower shall specify in the Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing that the rates of interest to be offered by the Lenders shall be fixed rates per annum (the Advances comprising any such Competitive Bid Borrowing being referred to herein as "FIXED RATE ADVANCES") and that the Advances comprising such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing shall be denominated in Dollars, (x) 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) at least four Business Days prior to the date of the proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, if such Borrower shall specify in the Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing that the Advances comprising such Competitive Bid Borrowing shall be LIBO Rate Advances denominated in Dollars, (y) 10:00 A.M. (London time) at least two Business Days prior to the date of the proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, if such Borrower shall specify in the Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing that the Advances comprising such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing shall be Fixed Rate Advances denominated in any Committed Currency and (z) 10:00 A.M. (London time) at least four Business Days prior to the date of the proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, if such Borrower shall specify in the Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing that the Advances comprising such Competitive Bid Borrowing shall be LIBO Rate Advances denominated in any Committed Currency. Each Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing shall be irrevocable and binding on such Borrower. Any Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing by a Designated Subsidiary shall be given to the Agent (or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be) from its office in New York, New York on behalf of such Designated Subsidiary.

(ii) Each Lender may, if, in its sole discretion, it elects to do so, irrevocably offer to make one or more Competitive Bid Advances to the Borrower proposing the Competitive Bid Borrowing as part of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing at a rate or rates of interest specified by such Lender in its sole discretion, by notifying the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be (which shall give prompt notice thereof to such Borrower), (A) before 9:30 A.M. (New York City time) on the date of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing consisting of Fixed Rate Advances denominated in Dollars, (B) before 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) three Business Days before the date of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing consisting of LIBO Rate Advances, denominated in Dollars, (C) before 12:00 noon (London time) on the

Business Day prior to the date of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing consisting of Fixed Rate Advances denominated in any Committed Currency and (D) before 12:00 noon (London time) on the third Business Day prior to the date of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing consisting of LIBO Rate Advances denominated in any Committed Currency, of the minimum amount and maximum amount of each Competitive Bid Advance which such Lender would be willing to make as part of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing (which amounts or the Equivalent thereof in Dollars, as the case may be, of such proposed Competitive Bid may, subject to the proviso to the first sentence of this Section 2.03(a), exceed such Lender's Commitment, if any), the rate or rates of interest therefor and such Lender's Applicable Lending Office with respect to such Competitive Bid Advance; PROVIDED that if the Agent in its capacity as a Lender shall, in its sole discretion, elect to make any such offer, it shall notify such Borrower of such offer at least 30 minutes before the time and on the date on which notice of such election is to be given to the Agent or to the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, by the other Lenders. If any Lender shall elect not to make such an offer, such Lender shall so notify the Agent before 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) or the Sub-Agent before 12:00 noon (London time) on the date on which notice of such election is to be given to the Agent or to the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, by the other Lenders, and such Lender shall not be obligated to, and shall not, make

any Competitive Bid Advance as part of such Competitive Bid Borrowing; PROVIDED that the failure by any Lender to give such notice shall not cause such Lender to be obligated to make any Competitive Bid Advance as part of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing.

(iii) The Borrower proposing the Competitive Bid Borrowing shall, in turn, (A) before 10:30 A.M. (New York City time) on the date of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing consisting of Fixed Rate Advances denominated in Dollars, (B) before 11:00 A.M. (New York City time) three Business Days before the date of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing consisting of LIBO Rate Advances denominated in Dollars, (C) before 3:00 P.M. (London time) on the Business Day prior to the date of such proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing, in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing consisting of either Fixed Rate Advances denominated in any Committed Currency and (D) before 3:00 P.M. (London time) on the third Business Day prior to the date of such Competitive Bid Borrowing, in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing consisting of LIBO Rate Advances denominated in any Committed Currency, either:

(x) cancel such Competitive Bid Borrowing by giving the Agent notice to that effect, or

(y) accept one or more of the offers made by any Lender or Lenders pursuant to paragraph (ii) above, in its sole discretion, by giving notice to the Agent or to the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, of the amount of each Competitive Bid Advance (which amount shall be equal to or greater than the minimum amount, and equal to or less than the maximum amount, notified to such Borrower by the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, on behalf of such Lender for such Competitive Bid Advance pursuant to paragraph (ii) above) to be made by each Lender as part of such Competitive Bid Borrowing, and reject any remaining offers made by Lenders pursuant to paragraph (ii) above by giving the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, notice to that effect. Such Borrower shall accept the offers made by any Lender or Lenders to make Competitive Bid Advances in order of the lowest to the highest rates of interest offered by such Lenders. If two or more Lenders have offered the same interest rate, the amount to be borrowed at such interest rate will be allocated among such Lenders in proportion to the amount that each such Lender offered at such interest rate.

(iv) If the Borrower proposing the Competitive Bid Borrowing notifies the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, that such Competitive Bid Borrowing is cancelled pursuant to paragraph (iii)(x) above, the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, shall give prompt notice thereof to the Lenders and such Competitive Bid Borrowing shall not be made.

(v) If the Borrower proposing the Competitive Bid Borrowing accepts one or more of the offers made by any Lender or Lenders pursuant to paragraph (iii)(y) above, the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, shall in turn promptly notify (A) each Lender that has made an offer as described in paragraph (ii) above, of the date and aggregate amount of such Competitive Bid Borrowing and whether or not any offer or offers made by such Lender pursuant to paragraph (ii) above have been accepted by such Borrower, (B) each Lender that is to make a Competitive Bid Advance as part of such Competitive Bid Borrowing, of the amount of each Competitive Bid Advance to be made by such Lender as part of such Competitive Bid Borrowing, and (C) each Lender that is to make a Competitive Bid Advance as part of such Competitive Bid Borrowing, upon receipt, that the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, has received forms of documents appearing to fulfill the applicable conditions set forth in Article III. Each Lender that is to make a Competitive Bid Advance as part of such Competitive Bid Borrowing shall, before 11:00 A.M. (New York City time), in the case of Competitive Bid Advances to be denominated in Dollars or 11:00 A.M. (London time), in the case of Competitive Bid Advances to be denominated in any Committed Currency, on the date of such Competitive Bid Borrowing specified in the notice received from the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, pursuant to clause (A) of the preceding sentence or any later time when such Lender shall have received notice from the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be pursuant to clause (C) of the preceding sentence, make available for the account of its Applicable Lending Office to the Agent (x) in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing denominated in Dollars, at its address referred to in Section 9.02, in same day funds, such Lender's portion of such Competitive Bid Borrowing in Dollars and (y) in the case of a Competitive Bid Borrowing in a Committed Currency, at the Payment Office for such Committed Currency as shall have been notified by the Agent to the Lenders prior thereto, in same day funds, such Lender's portion of such Competitive Bid Borrowing in such Committed Currency. Upon fulfillment of the applicable conditions set forth in Article III and after receipt by the Agent of such funds, the Agent will make such funds available to such Borrower at the location specified by such Borrower in its Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing. Promptly after each Competitive Bid Borrowing the Agent will notify each Lender of the amount of the Competitive Bid Borrowing, the consequent Competitive Bid Reduction and the dates upon

which such Competitive Bid Reduction commenced and will terminate.

(vi) If the Borrower proposing the Competitive Bid Borrowing notifies the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, that it accepts one or more of the offers made by any Lender or Lenders pursuant to paragraph (iii)(y) above, such notice of acceptance shall be irrevocable and binding on such Borrower. Such Borrower shall indemnify each Lender against any loss, cost or expense incurred by such Lender as a result of any failure to fulfill on or before the date specified in the related Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing for such Competitive Bid Borrowing the applicable conditions set forth in Article III, including, without limitation, any loss (excluding loss of anticipated profits), cost or expense incurred by reason of the liquidation or reemployment of deposits or other funds acquired by such Lender to fund the Competitive Bid Advance to be made by such Lender as part of such Competitive Bid Borrowing when such Competitive Bid Advance, as a result of such failure, is not made on such date.

(b) Each Competitive Bid Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount of \$10,000,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or the Equivalent thereof in any Committed Currency, determined as of the time of the applicable Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing) and, following the making of each Competitive Bid Borrowing, the Borrowers shall be in compliance with the limitation set forth in the proviso to the first sentence of subsection (a) above.

(c) Within the limits and on the conditions set forth in this Section 2.03, any Borrower may from time to time borrow under this Section 2.03, repay or prepay pursuant to subsection (d) below, and reborrow under this Section 2.03, PROVIDED that a Competitive Bid Borrowing shall not be made within three Business Days of the date of any other Competitive Bid Borrowing.

(d) Each Borrower that has borrowed through a Competitive Bid Borrowing shall repay to the Agent for the account of each Lender that has made a Competitive Bid Advance, on the maturity date of each Competitive Bid Advance (such maturity date being that specified by such Borrower for repayment of such Competitive Bid Advance in the related Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing delivered pursuant to

subsection (a)(i) above and provided in the Competitive Bid Note evidencing such Competitive Bid Advance), the then unpaid principal amount of such Competitive Bid Advance. No Borrower shall have any right to prepay any principal amount of any Competitive Bid Advance unless, and then only on the terms, specified by such Borrower for such Competitive Bid Advance in the related Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing delivered pursuant to subsection (a)(i) above and set forth in the Competitive Bid Note evidencing such Competitive Bid Advance.

(e) Each Borrower that has borrowed through a Competitive Bid Borrowing shall pay interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Competitive Bid Advance from the date of such Competitive Bid Advance to the date the principal amount of such Competitive Bid Advance is repaid in full, at the rate of interest for such Competitive Bid Advance specified by the Lender making such Competitive Bid Advance in its notice with respect thereto delivered pursuant to subsection (a)(ii) above, payable on the interest payment date or dates specified by such Borrower for such Competitive Bid Advance in the related Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing delivered pursuant to subsection (a)(i) above, as provided in the Competitive Bid Note evidencing such Competitive Bid Advance. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default under Section 6.01(a), such Borrower shall pay interest on the amount of unpaid principal of and interest on each Competitive Bid Advance owing to a Lender, payable in arrears on the date or dates interest is payable thereon, at a rate per annum equal at all times to 2% per annum above the rate per annum required to be paid on such Competitive Bid Advance under the terms of the Competitive Bid Note evidencing such Competitive Bid Advance unless otherwise agreed in such Competitive Bid Note.

(f) The indebtedness of any Borrower resulting from each Competitive Bid Advance made to such Borrower as part of a Competitive Bid Borrowing shall be evidenced by a separate Competitive Bid Note of such Borrower payable to the order of the Lender making such Competitive Bid Advance.

SECTION 2.04. FEES. (a) FACILITY FEE. The Company agrees to pay to the Agent for the account of each Lender a facility fee on the aggregate amount of such Lender's Commitment from the Effective Date in the case of each Initial Lender and from the effective date specified in the Assumption Agreement or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which it became a Lender in the case of each other Lender until the Termination Date at a rate per annum equal to the Applicable Percentage in effect from time to time, payable in arrears quarterly on the last day of each March, June, September and December, commencing June 30, 2001, and on the Termination Date.

(b) AGENT'S FEES. The Company shall pay to the Agent for its own account such fees as may from time to time be agreed between the Company and the Agent.

SECTION 2.05. TERMINATION OR REDUCTION OF THE COMMITMENTS. (a) OPTIONAL. The Company shall have the right, upon at least three Business Days'

notice to the Agent, to permanently terminate in whole or reduce ratably in part the unused portions of the respective Commitments of the Lenders, PROVIDED that each partial reduction shall be in the aggregate amount of \$10,000,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof and PROVIDED FURTHER that the aggregate amount of the Commitments of the Lenders shall not be reduced to an amount that is less than the aggregate principal amount of the Competitive Bid Advances denominated in Dollars then outstanding plus the Equivalent in Dollars (determined as of the date of the notice of prepayment) of the aggregate principal amount of the Competitive Bid Advances denominated in Committed Currencies then outstanding.

(b) MANDATORY. On the Termination Date, if the Company has made the Term Loan Election in accordance with Section 2.06 prior to such date, and from time to time thereafter upon each prepayment of the Revolving Credit Advances, the Commitments of the Lenders shall be automatically and permanently reduced on a pro rata basis by an amount equal to the amount by which (i) the aggregate Commitments immediately prior to such reduction EXCEEDS (ii) the aggregate unpaid principal amount of all Revolving Credit Advances outstanding at such time.

SECTION 2.06. REPAYMENT OF REVOLVING CREDIT ADVANCES. Each Borrower shall, subject to the next succeeding sentence, repay to the Agent for the ratable account of the Lenders on the Termination Date the aggregate principal amount of the Revolving Credit Advances then outstanding. The Company may, upon not less than 15 days' notice to the Agent, elect (the "TERM LOAN ELECTION") to convert all of the Revolving Credit Advances outstanding on the Termination Date in effect at such time into a term loan which the Borrowers shall repay in full

ratably to the Lenders on the Maturity Date; PROVIDED that the Term Loan Election may not be exercised if a Default has occurred and is continuing on the date of notice of the Term Loan Election or on such Termination Date. All Revolving Credit Advances converted into a term loan pursuant to this Section 2.06 shall continue to constitute Revolving Credit Advances except that the Borrowers may not reborrow pursuant to Section 2.01 after all or any portion of such Revolving Credit Advances have been prepaid pursuant to Section 2.10.

SECTION 2.07. INTEREST ON REVOLVING CREDIT ADVANCES. (a) SCHEDULED INTEREST. Each Borrower shall pay interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Credit Advance made to it and owing to each Lender from the date of such Revolving Credit Advance until such principal amount shall be paid in full, at the following rates per annum:

(i) BASE RATE ADVANCES. During such periods as such Revolving Credit Advance is a Base Rate Advance, a rate per annum equal at all times to the sum of (x) the Base Rate in effect from time to time PLUS (y) the Applicable Margin in effect from time to time PLUS (z) the Applicable Utilization Fee, if any, in effect from time to time, payable in arrears quarterly on the last day of each March, June, September and December during such periods and on the date such Base Rate Advance shall be Converted or paid in full.

(ii) EUROCURRENCY RATE ADVANCES. During such periods as such Revolving Credit Advance is a Eurocurrency Rate Advance, a rate per annum equal at all times during each Interest Period for such Revolving Credit Advance to the sum of (x) the Eurocurrency Rate for such Interest Period for such Revolving Credit Advance PLUS (y) the Applicable Margin in effect from time to time PLUS (z) the Applicable Utilization Fee, if any, in effect from time to time, payable in arrears on the last day of such Interest Period and, if such Interest Period has a duration of more than three months, on each day that occurs during such Interest Period every three months from the first day of such Interest Period and on the date such Eurocurrency Rate Advance shall be Converted or paid in full.

(b) DEFAULT INTEREST. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default under Section 6.01(a), the Borrowers shall pay interest on (i) the unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Credit Advance owing to each Lender, payable in arrears on the dates referred to in clause (a)(i) or (a)(ii) above, at a rate per annum equal at all times to 2% per annum above the rate per annum required to be paid on such Revolving Credit Advance pursuant to clause (a)(i) or (a)(ii) above and (ii) to the fullest extent permitted by law, the amount of any interest, fee or other amount payable hereunder that is not paid when due, from the date such amount shall be due until such amount shall be paid in full, payable in arrears on the date such amount shall be paid in full and on demand, at a rate per annum equal at all times to 2% per annum above the rate per annum required to be paid on Base Rate Advances pursuant to clause (a)(i) above.

SECTION 2.08. INTEREST RATE DETERMINATION. (a) Each Reference Bank agrees to furnish to the Agent timely information for the purpose of determining each Eurocurrency Rate and each LIBO Rate. If any one or more of the Reference Banks shall not furnish such timely information to the Agent for the purpose of determining any such interest rate, the Agent shall determine such interest rate on the basis of timely information furnished by the remaining Reference Banks. The Agent shall give prompt notice to the Company and the Lenders of the applicable interest rate determined by the Agent for purposes of Section 2.07(a)(i) or (ii), and the rate, if any, furnished by each Reference Bank for the purpose of determining the interest rate under Section 2.07(a)(ii).

(b) If, with respect to any Eurocurrency Rate Advances, the Required Lenders notify the Agent that (i) they are unable to obtain matching deposits in the London inter-bank market at or about 11:00 A.M. (London time) on the second Business Day before the making of a Borrowing in sufficient amounts to fund their respective Revolving Credit Advances as a part of such Borrowing during its Interest Period or (ii) the Eurocurrency Rate for any Interest Period for such Advances will not adequately reflect the cost to such Required Lenders of making, funding or maintaining their respective Eurocurrency Rate Advances for such Interest Period, the Agent shall forthwith so notify the Company and the Lenders, whereupon (A) the Borrower of such Eurocurrency Advances will, on the last day of the then existing Interest Period therefor, (1) if such Eurocurrency Rate Advances are denominated in Dollars, either (x) prepay such Advances or (y) Convert such Advances into Base Rate Advances and (2) if such Eurocurrency Rate Advances are denominated in any Committed Currency, either (x) prepay such Advances or (y) redenominate such Advances into an Equivalent amount of Dollars and Convert such Advances into Base Rate Advances and (B) the obligation of the Lenders to make, or to Convert Revolving Credit Advances into,

Eurocurrency Rate Advances shall be suspended until the Agent shall notify the Company and the Lenders that the circumstances causing such suspension no longer exist.

(c) If any Borrower shall fail to select the duration of any Interest Period for any Eurocurrency Rate Advances in accordance with the provisions contained in the definition of "Interest Period" in Section 1.01, the Agent will forthwith so notify such Borrower and the Lenders and such Advances will automatically, on the last day of the then existing Interest Period therefor, (i) if such Eurocurrency Rate Advances are denominated in Dollars, Convert into Base Rate Advances and (ii) if such Eurocurrency Rate Advances are denominated in a Committed Currency, be redenominated into an Equivalent amount of Dollars and be Converted into Base Rate Advances.

(d) On the date on which the aggregate unpaid principal amount of Eurocurrency Rate Advances comprising any Borrowing shall be reduced, by payment or prepayment or otherwise, to less than \$5,000,000 (or the Equivalent thereof in any Committed Currency), such Advances shall automatically Convert into Base Rate Advances.

(e) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default under Section 6.01(a), (i) each Eurocurrency Rate Advance will automatically, on the last day of the then existing Interest Period therefor, (A) if such Eurocurrency Rate Advance is denominated in Dollars, be Converted into a Base Rate Advance and (B) if such Eurocurrency Rate Advance is denominated in any Committed Currency, be redenominated into an Equivalent amount of Dollars and be Converted into a Base Rate Advance and (ii) the obligation of the Lenders to make, or to Convert Advances into, Eurocurrency Rate Advances shall be suspended.

(f) If Telerate Markets Page 3750 is unavailable and fewer than two Reference Banks furnish timely information to the Agent for determining the Eurocurrency Rate or LIBO Rate for any Eurocurrency Rate Advances or LIBO Rate Advances, as the case may be,

(i) the Agent shall forthwith notify the Company and the Lenders that the interest rate cannot be determined for such Eurocurrency Rate Advances or LIBO Rate Advances, as the case may be,

(ii) with respect to Eurocurrency Rate Advances, each such Advance will automatically, on the last day of the then existing Interest Period therefor, (A) if such Eurocurrency Rate Advance is denominated in Dollars, be prepaid by the applicable Borrower or be automatically Converted into a Base Rate Advance and (B) if such Eurocurrency Rate Advance is denominated in any Committed Currency, be prepaid by the applicable Borrower or be automatically redenominated into an Equivalent amount of Dollars and be Converted into a Base Rate Advance, and

(iii) the obligation of the Lenders to make Eurocurrency Rate Advances or LIBO Rate Advances or to Convert Base Rate Advances into Eurocurrency Rate Advances shall be suspended until the Agent shall notify the Company and the Lenders that the circumstances causing such suspension no longer exist.

SECTION 2.09. OPTIONAL CONVERSION OF REVOLVING CREDIT ADVANCES. The Borrower of any Revolving Credit Advance may on any Business Day, upon notice given to the Agent not later than 11:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the third Business Day prior to the date of the proposed Conversion and subject to the provisions of Sections 2.08 and 2.12, Convert all Revolving Credit Advances denominated in Dollars of one Type comprising the same Borrowing into Revolving Credit Advances denominated in Dollars of the other Type; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that any Conversion of Eurocurrency Rate Advances into Base Rate Advances shall be made only on the last day of an Interest Period for such Eurocurrency Rate Advances, any Conversion of Base Rate Advances into Eurocurrency Rate Advances shall be in an amount not less than the minimum amount specified in Section 2.02(b) and no Conversion of any Revolving Credit Advances shall result in more separate Revolving Credit Borrowings than permitted under Section 2.02(b). Each such notice of a Conversion shall, within the restrictions specified above,

specify (i) the date of such Conversion, (ii) the Dollar denominated Revolving Credit Advances to be Converted, and (iii) if such Conversion is into Eurocurrency Rate Advances, the duration of the initial Interest Period for each such Advance. Each notice of Conversion shall be irrevocable and binding on the Borrower giving such notice.

SECTION 2.10. PREPAYMENTS OF REVOLVING CREDIT ADVANCES. (a)

OPTIONAL. Each Borrower may, upon notice at least one Business Day prior to the date of such prepayment, in the case of Eurocurrency Rate Advances, and not later than 11:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the date of such prepayment, in the case of Base Rate Advances, to the Agent stating the proposed date and aggregate principal amount of the prepayment, and if such notice is given such Borrower shall, prepay the outstanding principal amount of the Revolving Credit Advances comprising part of the same Revolving Credit Borrowing in whole or ratably in part, together with accrued interest to the date of such prepayment on the principal amount prepaid; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that (x) each partial prepayment shall be in an aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof in the case of Revolving Credit Advances denominated in Dollars and the Equivalent of \$5,000,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof in the case of Revolving Credit Advances denominated in any Committed Currencies (determined on the date notice of prepayment is given) and (y) in the event of any such prepayment of a Eurocurrency Rate Advance, such Borrower shall be obligated to reimburse the Lenders in respect thereof pursuant to Section 9.04(c).

(b) MANDATORY PREPAYMENTS. (i) If the Agent notifies the Company on the second Business Day prior to any interest payment date that the sum of (A) the aggregate principal amount of all Advances denominated in Dollars then outstanding plus (B) the Equivalent in Dollars (both (A) and (B) determined on the third Business Day prior to such interest payment date) of the aggregate principal amount of all Advances denominated in Committed Currencies then outstanding exceeds 103% of the aggregate Commitments of the Lenders on such date, the Borrowers shall, within two Business Days after receipt of such notice, prepay the outstanding principal amount of any Advances owing by the Borrowers in an aggregate amount sufficient to reduce such sum after such payment to an amount not to exceed 100% of the aggregate Commitments of the Lenders. The Agent shall provide such notice to the Company at the request of any Lender.

(ii) Each prepayment made pursuant to this Section 2.10(b) shall be made together with any interest accrued to the date of such prepayment on the principal amounts prepaid and, in the case of any prepayment of a Eurocurrency Rate Advance or a LIBO Rate Advance on a date other than the last day of an Interest Period or at its maturity, any additional amounts which the Borrowers shall be obligated to reimburse to the Lenders in respect thereof pursuant to Section 9.04(c). The Agent shall give prompt notice of any prepayment required under this Section 2.10(b) to the Company and the Lenders.

SECTION 2.11. INCREASED COSTS. (a) If, due to either (i) the introduction of or any change in or in the interpretation of any law or regulation or (ii) the compliance with any guideline or request from any central bank or other governmental authority including, without limitation, any agency of the European Union or similar monetary or multinational authority (whether or not having the force of law), there shall be any increase in the cost to any Lender of agreeing to make or making, funding or maintaining Eurocurrency Rate Advances or LIBO Rate Advances (excluding for purposes of this Section 2.11 any such increased costs resulting from (i) Taxes or Other Taxes (as to which Section 2.14 shall govern) and (ii) changes in the basis of taxation of overall net income or overall gross income by the United States or by the foreign jurisdiction or state under the laws of which such Lender is organized or has its Applicable Lending Office or any political subdivision thereof), then the Company shall from time to time, upon demand by such Lender (with a copy of such demand to the Agent), pay to the Agent for the account of such Lender additional amounts sufficient to compensate such Lender for such increased cost. A certificate as to the amount of such increased cost, submitted to the Company and the Agent by such Lender, shall constitute prima facie evidence of such amounts.

(b) If any Lender determines that due to the introduction of or any change in or in the interpretation of any law or regulation or any guideline or request from any central bank or other governmental authority (whether or not having the force of law), taking into consideration the policies of such Lender and any corporation controlling such Lender with respect to capital adequacy, increases or would increase the amount of capital required or expected to be maintained by such Lender or any corporation controlling such Lender and that the amount of such increase is based upon the existence of such Lender's commitment to lend hereunder and other commitments of this type and the effect of such increase is to reduce the rate of return on such Lender's capital or on the capital of the corporation controlling such Lender, then, upon demand by such Lender (with a copy of such demand to the Agent), the Company shall pay to the Agent for the account of such Lender, from time to time as specified by such Lender, additional amounts sufficient to compensate such Lender or such corporation in the light of such circumstances, to the extent that such Lender reasonably determines such increase in capital to be allocable to the existence of such

Lender's commitment to lend hereunder. A certificate as to such amounts submitted to the Company and the Agent by such Lender shall constitute prima facie evidence of such amounts.

SECTION 2.12. ILLEGALITY. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if any Lender shall notify the Agent that the introduction of or any change in or in the interpretation of any law or regulation makes it unlawful, or any central bank or other governmental authority asserts that it is unlawful, for any Lender or its Eurocurrency Lending Office to perform its obligations hereunder to make Eurocurrency Rate Advances in Dollars or any Committed Currency or LIBO Rate Advances in Dollars or any Committed Currency or to fund or maintain Eurocurrency Rate Advances in Dollars or any Committed Currency or LIBO Rate Advances in Dollars or any Committed Currency hereunder, (a) each Eurocurrency Rate Advance or LIBO Rate Advance, as the case may be, will automatically, upon such demand, (i) if such Eurocurrency Rate Advance or LIBO Rate Advance is denominated in Dollars, be Converted into a Base Rate Advance or an Advance that bears interest at the rate set forth in Section 2.07(a)(i), as the case may be, and (ii) if such Eurocurrency Rate Advance or LIBO Rate Advance is denominated in any Committed Currency, be redenominated into an Equivalent amount of Dollars and be Converted into a Base Rate Advance or an Advance that bears interest at the rate set forth in Section 2.07(a)(i), as the case may be, and (b) the obligation of the Lenders to make Eurocurrency Rate Advances or LIBO Rate Advances or to Convert Revolving Credit Advances into Eurocurrency Rate Advances shall be suspended until the Agent shall notify the Company and the Lenders that the circumstances causing such suspension no longer exist.

SECTION 2.13. PAYMENTS AND COMPUTATIONS. (a) Each Borrower shall make each payment hereunder, except with respect to principal of, interest on, and other amounts relating to, Advances denominated in a Committed Currency, not later than 11:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the day when due in Dollars to the Agent at the applicable Agent's Account in same day funds and without deduction, set off or counterclaim. Each Borrower shall make each payment hereunder with respect to principal of, interest on, and other amounts relating to, Advances denominated in a Committed Currency, not later than 11:00 A.M. (at the Payment Office for such Committed Currency) on the day when due in such Committed Currency to the Agent, by deposit of such funds to the applicable Agent's Account in same day funds. The Agent will promptly thereafter cause to be distributed like funds relating to the payment of principal or interest or facility fees ratably (other than amounts payable pursuant to Section 2.03, 2.11, 2.14 or 9.04(c)) to the Lenders for the account of their respective Applicable Lending Offices, and like funds relating to the payment of any other amount payable to any Lender to such Lender for the account of its Applicable Lending Office, in each case to be applied in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Upon any Assuming Lender becoming a Lender hereunder as a result of an extension of the Termination Date pursuant to Section 2.18, and upon the Agent's receipt of such Lender's Assumption Agreement and recording of the information contained therein in the Register, from and after the applicable Extension Date the Agent shall make all payments hereunder and under any Notes issued in connection therewith in respect of the interest assumed thereby to the Assuming Lender. Upon its acceptance of an Assignment and Acceptance and recording of the information contained therein in the Register pursuant to Section 9.07(c), from and after the effective date specified in such Assignment and Acceptance, the Agent shall make all payments hereunder and under the Notes in respect of the interest assigned thereby to the Lender assignee thereunder, and the parties to such Assignment and Acceptance shall make all appropriate adjustments in such payments for periods prior to such effective date directly between themselves.

(b) All computations of interest based on the Base Rate shall be made by the Agent on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be, all computations of interest based on the Eurocurrency Rate or the Federal Funds Rate and of facility fees shall be made by the Agent on the basis of a year of 360 days and computations in respect of Competitive Bid Advances shall be made by the Agent or the Sub-Agent, as the case may be, as specified in the applicable Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing (or, in each case of Advances denominated in Committed Currencies where market practice differs, in accordance with market practice), in each case for the actual number of days (including the first day but excluding the last day) occurring in the period for which such interest or facility fees are payable. Each determination by the Agent of an interest rate hereunder shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

(c) Whenever any payment hereunder or under the Notes shall be stated to be due on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day, and such extension of time shall in such case be included in the computation of payment of interest or facility fee, as the case may be; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that, if such extension would cause payment of interest on or principal of Eurocurrency Rate Advances or LIBO Rate Advances to be made in the next following calendar month, such payment shall be made on the next

preceding Business Day.

(d) Unless the Agent shall have received notice from any Borrower

prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Lenders hereunder that such Borrower will not make such payment in full, the Agent may assume that such Borrower has made such payment in full to the Agent on such date and the Agent may, in reliance upon such assumption, cause to be distributed to each Lender on such due date an amount equal to the amount then due such Lender. If and to the extent such Borrower shall not have so made such payment in full to the Agent, each Lender shall repay to the Agent forthwith on demand such amount distributed to such Lender together with interest thereon, for each day from the date such amount is distributed to such Lender until the date such Lender repays such amount to the Agent, at (i) the Federal Funds Rate in the case of Advances denominated in Dollars or (ii) the cost of funds incurred by the Agent in respect of such amount in the case of Advances denominated in Committed Currencies.

SECTION 2.14. TAXES. (a) Any and all payments by each Borrower hereunder or under the Notes shall be made, in accordance with Section 2.13, free and clear of and without deduction for any and all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges or withholdings, and all liabilities with respect thereto, EXCLUDING, in the case of each Lender and the Agent, taxes imposed on its overall net income, and franchise taxes imposed on it in lieu of net income taxes, by the jurisdiction under the laws of which such Lender or the Agent (as the case may be) is organized or any political subdivision thereof and, in the case of each Lender, taxes imposed on its overall net income, and franchise taxes imposed on it in lieu of net income taxes, by the jurisdiction of such Lender's Applicable Lending Office or any political subdivision thereof (all such non-excluded taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges, withholdings and liabilities in respect of payments hereunder or under the Notes being hereinafter referred to as "TAXES"). If any Borrower shall be required by law to deduct any Taxes from or in respect of any sum payable hereunder or under any Note to any Lender or the Agent, (i) the sum payable shall be increased as may be necessary so that after making all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section 2.14) such Lender or the Agent (as the case may be) receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made, (ii) such Borrower shall make such deductions and (iii) such Borrower shall pay the full amount deducted to the relevant taxation authority or other authority in accordance with applicable law.

(b) In addition, the Company shall pay any present or future stamp or documentary taxes or any other excise or property taxes, charges or similar levies that arise from any payment made hereunder or under the Notes or from the execution, delivery or registration of, performing under, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or the Notes (hereinafter referred to as "OTHER TAXES").

(c) Each Borrower shall indemnify each Lender and the Agent for and hold it harmless against the full amount of Taxes or Other Taxes (including, without limitation, taxes of any kind imposed by any jurisdiction on amounts payable under this Section 2.14) imposed on or paid by such Lender or the Agent (as the case may be) and any liability (including penalties, interest and expenses) arising therefrom or with respect thereto. This indemnification shall be made within 30 days from the date such Lender or the Agent (as the case may be) makes written demand therefor.

(d) Within 30 days after the date of any payment of Taxes, each Borrower shall furnish to the Agent, at its address referred to in Section 9.02, the original or a certified copy of a receipt evidencing such payment. In the case of any payment hereunder or under the Notes by or on behalf of such Borrower through an account or branch outside the United States or by or on behalf of such Borrower by a payor that is not a United States person, if such Borrower determines that no Taxes are payable in respect thereof, such Borrower shall furnish, or shall cause such payor to furnish, to the Agent, at such address, an opinion of counsel acceptable to the Agent stating that such payment is exempt from Taxes. For purposes of this subsection (d) and subsection (e), the terms "UNITED STATES" and "UNITED STATES PERSON" shall have the meanings specified in Section 7701 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(e) Each Lender organized under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the United States, on or prior to the date of its execution and delivery of this Agreement in the case of each Initial Lender and on the date of the Assumption Agreement or the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which it becomes a Lender in the case of each other Lender, and from time to time thereafter as requested in writing by the Company (but only so long as

such Lender remains lawfully able to do so), shall provide each of the Agent and the Company with two original Internal Revenue Service forms W-8BEN or W-8ECI, as appropriate, or any successor or other form prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service, certifying that such Lender is exempt from or entitled to a reduced rate of United States withholding tax on payments pursuant to this Agreement or the Notes. If the form provided by a Lender at the time such Lender first becomes a party to this Agreement indicates a United States interest withholding tax rate in excess of zero, withholding tax at such rate shall be considered excluded from Taxes unless and until such Lender provides the appropriate forms certifying that a lesser rate applies, whereupon withholding tax at such lesser rate only shall be considered excluded from Taxes for periods governed by such form; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that, if at the date of the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which a Lender assignee becomes a party to this

Agreement, the Lender assignor was entitled to payments under subsection (a) in respect of United States withholding tax with respect to interest paid at such date, then, to such extent, the term Taxes shall include (in addition to withholding taxes that may be imposed in the future or other amounts otherwise includable in Taxes) United States withholding tax, if any, applicable with respect to the Lender assignee on such date. If any form or document referred to in this subsection (e) requires the disclosure of information, other than information necessary to compute the tax payable and information required on the date hereof by Internal Revenue Service form W-8BEN or W-8ECI, that the Lender reasonably considers to be confidential, the Lender shall give notice thereof to the Borrowers and shall not be obligated to include in such form or document such confidential information.

(f) Each Initial Lender hereby confirms as of the Effective Date, and each other Lender confirms as of the effective date of the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which it becomes a party hereto, in favor of the Agent that either (i) such Lender is not resident in the United Kingdom and is beneficially entitled to the Advances and the interest thereon or (ii) it is a bank as defined for the purposes of Section 349 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act of 1988 of the United Kingdom and is beneficially entitled to the Advances and the interest thereon, and each Lender agrees to notify the Agent if there is any change in its position from that set forth in this clause (f).

(g) For any period with respect to which a Lender has failed to provide the Company with the appropriate form described in Section 2.14(e) (OTHER THAN if such failure is due to a change in law occurring subsequent to the date on which a form originally was required to be provided, or if such form otherwise is not required under subsection (e) above), such Lender shall not be entitled to indemnification under Section 2.14(a) or (c) with respect to Taxes imposed by the United States by reason of such failure; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that should a Lender become subject to Taxes because of its failure to deliver a form required hereunder, the Company shall take such steps at such Lender's expense as the Lender shall reasonably request to assist the Lender to recover such Taxes.

(h) Any Lender claiming any additional amounts payable pursuant to this Section 2.14 agrees to use reasonable efforts (consistent with its internal policy and legal and regulatory restrictions) to change the jurisdiction of its Eurocurrency Lending Office if the making of such a change would avoid the need for, or reduce the amount of, any such additional amounts that may thereafter accrue and would not, in the reasonable judgment of such Lender, be otherwise disadvantageous to such Lender.

SECTION 2.15. SHARING OF PAYMENTS, ETC. If any Lender shall obtain any payment (whether voluntary, involuntary, through the exercise of any right of set-off, or otherwise) on account of the Revolving Credit Advances owing to it (other than pursuant to Section 2.11, 2.14 or 9.04(c)) in excess of its ratable share of payments on account of the Revolving Credit Advances obtained by all the Lenders, such Lender shall forthwith purchase from the other Lenders such participations in the Revolving Credit Advances owing to them as shall be necessary to cause such purchasing Lender to share the excess payment ratably with each of them; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if all or any portion of such excess payment is thereafter recovered from such purchasing Lender, such purchase from each Lender shall be rescinded and such Lender shall repay to the purchasing Lender the purchase price to the extent of such recovery together with an amount equal to such Lender's ratable share (according to the proportion of (i) the amount of such Lender's required repayment to (ii) the total amount so recovered from the purchasing Lender) of any interest or other amount paid or payable by the purchasing Lender in respect of the total amount so recovered. Each Borrower agrees that any Lender so purchasing a participation from another Lender pursuant to this Section 2.15 may, to the fullest extent permitted by law, exercise all its rights of payment (including the right of set-off) with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were the direct creditor of such Borrower in the amount of such participation.

SECTION 2.16. EVIDENCE OF DEBT. (a) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the indebtedness of each Borrower to such Lender resulting from each Revolving Credit Advance owing to such Lender from time to time, including the amounts of principal and interest payable and paid to such Lender from time to time hereunder in respect of Revolving Credit Advances. Each Borrower agrees that upon notice by any Lender to such Borrower (with a copy of such notice to the Agent) to the effect that a Revolving Credit Note is required or appropriate in order for such Lender to evidence (whether for purposes of pledge, enforcement or otherwise) the Revolving Credit Advances owing to, or to be made by, such Lender, such Borrower shall promptly execute and deliver to such Lender a Revolving Credit Note payable to the order of such Lender in a principal amount up to the Commitment of such Lender.

(b) The Register maintained by the Agent pursuant to Section 9.07(d) shall include a control account, and a subsidiary account for each Lender, in which accounts (taken together) shall be recorded (i) the date and amount of each Borrowing made hereunder, the Type of Advances comprising such Borrowing and, if appropriate, the Interest Period applicable thereto, (ii) the terms of each Assumption Agreement and each Assignment and Acceptance delivered to and accepted by it, (iii) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from each Borrower to each Lender hereunder and (iv)

the amount of any sum received by the Agent from such Borrower hereunder and each Lender's share thereof.

(c) Entries made in good faith by the Agent in the Register pursuant to subsection (b) above, and by each Lender in its account or accounts pursuant to subsection (a) above, shall be PRIMA FACIE evidence of the amount of principal and interest due and payable or to become due and payable from each Borrower to, in the case of the Register, each Lender and, in the case of such account or accounts, such Lender, under this Agreement, absent manifest error; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the failure of the Agent or such Lender to make an entry, or any finding that an entry is incorrect, in the Register or such account or accounts shall not limit or otherwise affect the obligations of any Borrower under this Agreement.

SECTION 2.17. USE OF PROCEEDS. The proceeds of the Advances shall be available (and each Borrower agrees that it shall use such proceeds) solely for general corporate purposes of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, including commercial paper backstop and acquisition financing.

SECTION 2.18. EXTENSION OF TERMINATION DATE. (a) Provided that the Company has not previously made a Term Loan Election pursuant to Section 2.06, at least 35 days but not more than 45 days prior to the Termination Date, the Company, by written notice to the Agent, may request an extension of the Termination Date in effect at such time by 364 days from its then scheduled expiration. The Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of such request, and each Lender shall in turn, in its sole discretion, not later than 25 days prior to the Termination Date, notify the Company and the Agent in writing as to whether such Lender will consent to such extension. If any Lender shall fail to notify the Agent and the Company in writing of its consent to any such request for extension of the Termination Date at least 25 days prior to the Termination Date, such Lender shall be deemed to be a Non-Consenting Lender with respect to such request. The Agent shall notify the Company on the next succeeding Business Day of the decision of the Lenders regarding the Company's request for an extension of the Termination Date.

(b) If all the Lenders consent in writing to any such request in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section 2.18, the Termination Date in effect at such time shall, effective as at the Termination Date (the "EXTENSION DATE"), be extended for 364 days; PROVIDED that on each Extension Date the applicable conditions set forth in Article III shall be satisfied. If less than all of the Lenders consent in writing to any such request in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section 2.18, the Termination Date in effect at such time shall, effective as at the applicable Extension Date and subject to subsection (d) of this Section 2.18, be extended as to those Lenders that so consented (each a "CONSENTING LENDER") but shall not be extended as to any other Lender (each a "NON-CONSENTING LENDER"). To the extent that the Termination Date is not extended as to any Lender pursuant to this Section 2.18 and the Commitment of such Lender is not assumed in accordance with subsection (c) of this Section 2.18 on or prior to the applicable Extension Date, the Commitment of such Non-Consenting Lender shall automatically terminate in whole on such unextended Termination Date without any further notice or other action by the Company, such Lender or any other Person; PROVIDED that such Non-Consenting Lender's rights under Sections 2.11, 2.14 and 9.04, and its obligations under Section 8.05, shall survive the Termination Date for such Lender as to matters occurring prior to such date. It is understood and agreed that no Lender shall have any obligation whatsoever

to agree to any request made by the Company for any requested extension of the Termination Date.

(c) If less than all of the Lenders consent to any such request pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section 2.18, the Agent shall promptly so notify the Consenting Lenders, and each Consenting Lender may, in its sole discretion, give written notice to the Agent not later than 10 days prior to the Termination Date of the amount of the Non-Consenting Lenders' Commitments for which it is willing to accept an assignment. If the Consenting Lenders notify the Agent that they are willing to accept assignments of Commitments in an aggregate amount that exceeds the amount of the Commitments of the Non-Consenting Lenders, such Commitments shall be allocated among the Consenting Lenders willing to accept such assignments in such amounts as are agreed between the Company and the Agent. If after giving effect to the assignments of Commitments described above there remain any Commitments of Non-Consenting Lenders, the Company may arrange for one or more Consenting Lenders or other Eligible Assignees (each, an "ASSUMING LENDER") to assume, effective as of the Extension Date, any Non-Consenting Lender's Commitment and all of the obligations of such Non-Consenting Lender under this Agreement thereafter arising, without recourse to or warranty by, or expense to, such Non-Consenting Lender; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the amount of the Commitment of any such Assuming Lender as a result of such substitution shall in no event be less than \$10,000,000 unless the amount of the Commitment of such Non-Consenting Lender is less than \$10,000,000, in which case such Assuming Lender shall assume all of such lesser amount; and PROVIDED FURTHER that:

(i) any such Consenting Lender or Assuming Lender shall have paid to such Non-Consenting Lender (A) the aggregate principal amount of, and any interest accrued and unpaid to the effective date of the assignment on, the outstanding Advances, if any, of such Non-Consenting Lender PLUS (B) any accrued but unpaid facility fees owing to such Non-Consenting Lender

as of the effective date of such assignment;

(ii) all additional costs reimbursements, expense reimbursements and indemnities payable to such Non-Consenting Lender, and all other accrued and unpaid amounts owing to such Non-Consenting Lender hereunder, as of the effective date of such assignment shall have been paid to such Non-Consenting Lender; and

(iii) with respect to any such Assuming Lender, the applicable processing and recordation fee required under Section 9.07(a) for such assignment shall have been paid;

PROVIDED FURTHER that such Non-Consenting Lender's rights under Sections 2.11, 2.14 and 9.04, and its obligations under Section 8.05, shall survive such substitution as to matters occurring prior to the date of substitution. At least three Business Days prior to any Extension Date, (A) each such Assuming Lender, if any, shall have delivered to the Company and the Agent an agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and the Company (each, an "ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT"), duly executed by such Assuming Lender, such Non-Consenting Lender, the Company and the Agent, (B) any such Consenting Lender shall have delivered confirmation in writing satisfactory to the Company and the Agent as to the increase in the amount of its Commitment and (C) each Non-Consenting Lender being replaced pursuant to this Section 2.18 shall have delivered to the Agent any Note or Notes held by such Non-Consenting Lender. Upon the payment or prepayment of all amounts referred to in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above, each such Consenting Lender or Assuming Lender, as of the Extension Date, will be substituted for such Non-Consenting Lender under this Agreement and shall be a Lender for all purposes of this Agreement, without any further acknowledgment by or the consent of the other Lenders, and the obligations of each such Non-Consenting Lender hereunder shall, by the provisions hereof, be released and discharged.

(d) If (after giving effect to any assignments or assumptions pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section 2.18) Lenders having Commitments equal to at least 50% of the Commitments in effect immediately prior to the Extension Date consent in writing to a requested extension (whether by execution or delivery of an Assumption Agreement or otherwise) not later than one Business Day prior to such Extension Date, the Agent shall so notify the Company, and, subject to the satisfaction of the applicable conditions in Article III, the Termination Date then in effect shall be extended for the additional 364-day period as described in subsection (a) of this Section 2.18, and all references in this Agreement, and in the Notes, if any, to the "TERMINATION DATE" shall, with respect to each Consenting Lender and each Assuming Lender for such Extension Date, refer to the Termination Date as so extended. Promptly following each Extension Date, the Agent shall notify the Lenders (including, without limitation, each Assuming Lender) of the extension of the scheduled Termination Date in effect immediately prior

thereto and shall thereupon record in the Register the relevant information with respect to each such Consenting Lender and each such Assuming Lender.

ARTICLE III

CONDITIONS TO EFFECTIVENESS AND LENDING

SECTION 3.01. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO EFFECTIVENESS OF SECTIONS 2.01 AND 2.03. Sections 2.01 and 2.03 of this Agreement shall become effective on and as of the first date (the "EFFECTIVE DATE") on which the following conditions precedent to the initial Advance by any Lender have been satisfied:

(a) There shall exist no action, suit, investigation, litigation or proceeding affecting the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries pending or threatened before any court, governmental agency or arbitrator that (i) could be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) purports to affect the legality, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any Note or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) Nothing shall have come to the attention of the Lenders during the course of their due diligence investigation to lead them to believe that the Information Memorandum was or has become misleading, incorrect or incomplete in any material respect; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Lender shall have been given such access to the management, records, books of account, contracts and properties of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as it shall have reasonably requested as a basis for making its decision to enter into its commitment hereunder.

(c) All governmental and third party consents and approvals necessary in connection with the transactions by the Company contemplated hereby shall have been obtained (without the imposition of any conditions that are not acceptable to the Lenders) and shall remain in effect, and no law or regulation shall be applicable in the reasonable judgment of the Lenders that restrains, prevents or imposes materially adverse conditions upon the transactions contemplated hereby.

(d) The Company shall have notified the Agent in writing as to the proposed Effective Date.

(e) The Company shall have paid all accrued fees and expenses of the Agent and the Lenders (including the invoiced accrued fees and expenses of counsel to the Agent).

(f) On the Effective Date, the following statements shall be true and the Agent shall have received for the account of each Lender a certificate signed by a duly authorized officer of the Company, dated the Effective Date, stating that:

(i) The representations and warranties contained in Section 4.01 are correct on and as of the Effective Date, and

(ii) No event has occurred and is continuing that constitutes a Default.

(g) The Agent shall have received on or before the Effective Date the following, each dated the Effective Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent and (except for the Revolving Credit Notes) in sufficient copies for each Lender:

(i) The Revolving Credit Notes of the Company to the order of the Lenders to the extent requested by any Lender pursuant to Section 2.16.

(ii) Certified copies of the resolutions of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company approving this Agreement and the Notes to be delivered by it, and of all documents evidencing other necessary corporate action and governmental approvals, if any, with respect to this Agreement and the Notes to be delivered by it.

(iii) A certificate of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company certifying the names and true signatures of the officers of the Company authorized to sign this Agreement and the Notes to be delivered by it and the other documents to be delivered by it hereunder.

(iv) A favorable opinion of Nicholas J. Camera, General Counsel of the Company, and of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, counsel for the Company, substantially in the form of Exhibits D-2 and D-1 hereto, respectively.

(v) A favorable opinion of Shearman & Sterling, counsel for the Agent, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent.

(h) The termination of the commitments of the Lenders and the payment in full of all Debt outstanding under the 364-Day Credit Agreement dated as of June 27, 2000 among the Company, the lenders parties thereto and Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent; each Lender that is a party to the foregoing Credit Agreement, by execution of this Agreement, hereby waives the requirement of three Business Days' notice set forth in Section 2.05 of such Credit Agreement for the termination of its commitments thereunder.

SECTION 3.02. INITIAL ADVANCE TO EACH DESIGNATED SUBSIDIARY. The obligation of each Lender to make an initial Advance to each Designated Subsidiary is subject to the receipt by the Agent on or before the date of such initial Advance of each of the following, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and dated such date, and (except for the Revolving Credit Notes) in sufficient copies for each Lender:

(a) The Revolving Credit Notes of such Designated Subsidiary to the order of the Lenders to the extent requested by any Lender pursuant to Section 2.16.

(b) Certified copies of the resolutions of the Board of Directors of such Designated Subsidiary (with a certified English translation if the original thereof is not in English) approving this Agreement and the Notes to be delivered by it, and of all documents evidencing other necessary corporate action and governmental approvals, if any, with respect to this Agreement.

(c) A certificate of a proper officer of such Designated Subsidiary certifying the names and true signatures of the officers of such Designated Subsidiary authorized to sign its Designation Agreement and the Notes to be delivered by it and the other documents to be delivered by it hereunder.

(d) A certificate signed by a duly authorized officer of the Company, certifying that such Designated Subsidiary has obtained all governmental and third party authorizations, consents, approvals (including exchange control approvals) and licenses required under applicable laws and regulations necessary for such Designated Subsidiary to execute and deliver its Designation Agreement and the Notes to be delivered by it and to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder.

(e) A Designation Agreement duly executed by such Designated Subsidiary and the Company.

(f) Favorable opinions of counsel (which may be in-house counsel) to such Designated Subsidiary substantially in the form of Exhibits D-1 and D-2 hereto, respectively, and as to such other matters as any Lender through the Agent may request.

(g) Such other approvals, opinions or documents as any Lender, through the Agent may reasonably request.

SECTION 3.03. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO EACH REVOLVING CREDIT BORROWING AND EXTENSION DATE. The obligation of each Lender to make a Revolving Credit Advance on the occasion of each Revolving Credit Borrowing and each extension of Commitments pursuant to Section 2.18 shall be subject to the conditions precedent that the Effective Date shall have occurred and on the date of such Revolving Credit Borrowing or the applicable Extension Date the following statements shall be true (and each of the giving of the applicable Notice of Revolving Credit Borrowing or request for Commitment extension and the acceptance by any Borrower of the proceeds of such Revolving Credit Borrowing shall constitute a representation and warranty by such Borrower that on the date of such Borrowing or such Extension Date, as the case may be, such statements are true):

(a) the representations and warranties contained in Section 4.01 (except, in the case of Revolving Credit Borrowings, the representation set forth in the last sentence of subsection (e) thereof) and, in the case of any Revolving Credit Borrowing made to a Designated Subsidiary, in the Designation Agreement for such Designated Subsidiary, are correct on and as of such date, before and after giving effect to such Revolving Credit Borrowing or such Extension Date and to the application of the proceeds therefrom, as though made on and as of such date, and

(b) no event has occurred and is continuing, or would result from such Revolving Credit Borrowing or such Extension Date or from the application of the proceeds therefrom, that constitutes a Default.

SECTION 3.04. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO EACH COMPETITIVE BID BORROWING. The obligation of each Lender that is to make a Competitive Bid Advance on the occasion of a Competitive Bid Borrowing to make such Competitive Bid Advance as part of such Competitive Bid Borrowing is subject to the conditions precedent that (i) the Agent shall have received the written confirmatory Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing with respect thereto, (ii) on or before the date of such Competitive Bid Borrowing, but prior to such Competitive Bid Borrowing, the Agent shall have received a Competitive Bid Note payable to the order of such Lender for each of the one or more Competitive Bid Advances to be made by such Lender as part of such Competitive Bid Borrowing, in a principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Competitive Bid Advance to be evidenced thereby and otherwise on such terms as were agreed to for such Competitive Bid Advance in accordance with Section 2.03, and (iii) on the date of such Competitive Bid Borrowing the following statements shall be true (and each of the giving of the applicable Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing and the acceptance by the Borrower requesting such Competitive Bid Borrowing of the proceeds of such Competitive Bid Borrowing shall constitute a representation and warranty by such Borrower that on the date of such Competitive Bid Borrowing such statements are true):

(a) the representations and warranties contained in Section 4.01 (except the representation set forth in the last sentence of subsection (e) thereof) and, in the case of any Competitive Bid Borrowing made to a Designated Subsidiary, in the Designation Agreement for such Designated Subsidiary, are correct on and as of the date of such Competitive Bid Borrowing, before and after giving effect to such Competitive Bid Borrowing and to the application of the proceeds therefrom, as though made on and as of such date, and

(b) no event has occurred and is continuing, or would result from such Competitive Bid Borrowing or from the application of the proceeds therefrom, that constitutes a Default.

SECTION 3.05. DETERMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 3.01 AND 3.02. For purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in Sections 3.01 and 3.02, each Lender shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to the Lenders unless an officer of the Agent responsible for the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the date that the Company, by notice to the Agent, designates as the proposed Effective Date or the date of the initial Advance to the applicable Designated Subsidiary, as the case may be, specifying its objection thereto. The Agent shall promptly notify the Lenders of the occurrence of the Effective Date and each date of initial Advance to a Designated Subsidiary, as applicable.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

SECTION 4.01. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY. The Company represents and warrants as follows:

(a) The Company is a corporation duly organized, incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and has all corporate powers and all material governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals required to carry on its business.

(b) The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the Notes to be delivered by it, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, are within the Company's corporate powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action, and do not contravene, or constitute a default under, any provision of applicable law or regulation or of the certificate of incorporation of the Company or of any judgment, injunction, order, decree, material agreement or other instrument binding upon the Company or result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries.

(c) No authorization or approval or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any governmental authority or regulatory body or any other third party is required for the due execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement or the Notes to be delivered by it.

(d) This Agreement has been, and each of the Notes to be delivered by it when delivered hereunder will have been, duly executed and delivered by the Company. This Agreement is, and each of the Notes to be delivered by it when delivered hereunder will be, the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their respective terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting the rights of creditors generally and subject to general principles of equity.

(e) The Consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as at December 31, 2000, and the related Consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the fiscal year then ended, accompanied by an opinion of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent public accountants, and the Consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as at March 31, 2001, and the related Consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the three months then ended, duly certified by the chief financial officer or chief accounting officer of the Company, copies of which have been furnished to each Lender, fairly present, subject, in the case of said balance sheet as at March 31, 2001, and said statements of income and cash flows for the three months then ended, to the absence of footnotes and year-end audit adjustments, the Consolidated financial condition of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as at such dates and the Consolidated results of the operations of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the periods ended on such dates, all in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied. Since December 31, 2000, there has been no Material Adverse Change.

(f) There is no action, suit, investigation, litigation or proceeding pending against, or to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries before any court or arbitrator or any governmental body, agency or official in which there is a significant probability of an adverse decision that (i) would have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) purports to affect the legality, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any Note or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

(g) Each of the Company and its ERISA Affiliates has fulfilled its obligations under the minimum funding standards of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code with respect to each Plan and is in compliance in all material respects with the presently applicable provisions of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code except when the failure to comply would not have a Material Adverse Effect. None of the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates has incurred any unsatisfied material liability to the PBGC or a Plan under Title IV of ERISA other than a liability to the PBGC for premiums under Section 4007 of ERISA.

(h) The Company is not engaged in the business of extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System). Following the application of the proceeds of each Advance, not more than 25% of the value of the property and assets of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole, subject to the provisions of Section 5.02(a) or subject to any restriction contained in any agreement or instrument between the Company and any Lender or any Affiliate of any Lender relating to Debt within the scope of Section 6.01(d) will be "margin stock" (within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System).

i) The Company is not an "investment company", or a company "controlled" by an "investment company", within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(j) The Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries have filed all United States Federal income tax returns and all other material tax returns which are required to be filed by them and have paid all taxes due reported on such returns or pursuant to any assessment received by the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary, to the extent that such assessment has become due. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in respect of taxes or other governmental charges are, in the opinion of the Company, adequate except for those which are being contested in good faith by the Company.

(k) Each of the Company's Consolidated Subsidiaries is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation, and has all corporate powers and all material governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals required to carry on its business, all to the extent material to the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

ARTICLE V

COVENANTS OF THE COMPANY

SECTION 5.01. AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS. So long as any Advance shall remain unpaid or any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, the Company will:

(a) COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, ETC. Comply, and cause each of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders, such compliance to include, without limitation, compliance with ERISA and applicable environmental laws, except where the necessity of compliance is being contested in good faith or where failure to comply would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) PAYMENT OF TAXES, ETC. Pay and discharge, and cause each of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to pay and discharge, before the same shall become delinquent, (i) all taxes, assessments and governmental charges or levies imposed upon it or upon its property and (ii) all lawful claims that, if unpaid, might solely by operation of law become a Lien upon its property; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that neither the Company nor any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries shall be required to pay or discharge any such tax, assessment, levy, charge or claim that is being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings and as to which appropriate reserves in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles are being maintained, unless and until any Lien resulting therefrom attaches to its property and becomes enforceable against its other creditors.

(c) MAINTENANCE OF INSURANCE. Maintain, and cause each of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to maintain, all to the extent material to the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole, with responsible and reputable insurance companies or associations, physical damage insurance on all real and personal property on an all risks basis, covering the repair and replacement cost of all such property and consequential loss coverage for business interruption and extra expense, public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$25,000,000 and such other insurance covering such other risks as is customarily carried by companies of established reputations engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties in the same general areas in which the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary operates; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries may self-insure to the same extent as other companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties in the same general areas in which the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary operates and to the extent consistent with prudent business practice.

(d) PRESERVATION OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE, ETC. Preserve and maintain, and cause each of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to preserve and maintain, its corporate existence, rights (charter and statutory) and franchises necessary in the normal conduct of its business, all to the extent material to the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries may consummate any merger or consolidation permitted under Section 5.02(b) and PROVIDED FURTHER that neither the Company nor any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries shall be required to preserve any right or franchise if the Board of Directors of the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the normal conduct of the business of the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary, as the case may be, and that the loss thereof is not material to the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

(e) VISITATION RIGHTS. At any reasonable time and from time to time, permit the Agent or any of the Lenders or any agents or representatives thereof at their own expense, to examine and make copies of and abstracts

from the records and books of account of, and visit the properties of, the Company and any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries, and to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries with any of their officers and with their independent certified public accountants, all as often as may reasonably be necessary to ensure compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder.

(f) KEEPING OF BOOKS. Keep, and cause each of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to keep, proper books of record and account, in which full and correct entries shall be made of all financial transactions and the assets and business of the Company and each such Consolidated Subsidiary in accordance with sound business practices and applicable statutory requirements so as to permit the preparation of the Consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time.

(g) MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTIES, ETC. Maintain and preserve, and cause each of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to maintain and preserve, all of its properties that are used and useful in the conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, except where the failure to do so would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(h) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Furnish to the Lenders or notify the Lenders of the availability of:

(i) as soon as available and in any event within 50 days after the end of each of the first three quarters of each fiscal year of the Company, the unaudited Consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the end of such quarter and unaudited Consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the period commencing at the end of the previous fiscal year and ending with the end of such quarter, duly certified (except for the absence of footnotes and subject to year-end audit adjustments) by the chief financial officer of the Company as having been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and a certificate of the chief financial officer or chief accounting officer of the Company, which certificate shall include a statement that such officer has no knowledge, except as specifically stated, of any condition, event or act which constitutes a Default and setting forth in reasonable detail the calculations necessary to demonstrate compliance with Section 5.03 on the date of such balance sheet, PROVIDED that in the event that generally accepted accounting principles used in the preparation of such financial statements shall differ from GAAP, the Company shall also provide, if necessary for the determination of compliance with Section 5.03, a statement of reconciliation conforming such financial statements to GAAP;

(ii) as soon as available and in any event within 95 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, a copy of the audited financial statements for such year for the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, containing the Consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the end of such fiscal year and Consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for such fiscal year, in each case accompanied by the report thereon of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP or other independent public accountants of nationally recognized standing, together with a certificate of the chief financial officer or chief accounting officer of the Company, which certificate shall include a statement that such officer has no knowledge, except as specifically stated, of any condition, event or act which constitutes a Default and setting forth in reasonable detail the calculations necessary to demonstrate compliance with Section 5.03 on the date of such financial statements, PROVIDED that in the event that generally accepted accounting principles used in the preparation of such financial statements shall differ from GAAP, the Company shall also provide, if necessary for the determination of compliance with Section 5.03, a statement of reconciliation conforming such financial statements to GAAP;

(iii) as soon as possible and in any event within ten days after the chief executive officer, chief operation officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer of the Company knows or has reason to know of the occurrence of each Default continuing on the date of such statement, a statement of such officer of the Company setting forth details of such Default and the action that the Company has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto;

(iv) promptly after the sending or filing thereof, copies of all quarterly and annual reports and proxy solicitations that the Company sends to any of its securityholders, and copies of all reports on form 8-K and registration statements for the public offering of securities (other than pursuant to employee Plans) that the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary files with the Securities and Exchange Commission;

(v) promptly after the commencement thereof, notice of all actions and proceedings before any court, governmental agency or arbitrator affecting the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries of the type described in Section 4.01(f); and

(vi) such other information respecting the financial condition or business of the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries as any Lender through the Agent may from time to time reasonably request.

The financial statements required to be delivered pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) and the reports required to be delivered pursuant to clause (iv) of this Section 5.01(h) shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date on which the Company notifies the Agent, in the case of clauses (i) and (ii), that the reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, respectively, containing such financial statements and, in the case of clause (iv), that such reports have been posted on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov; PROVIDED that the Company shall deliver paper copies of the reports (without the exhibits thereto) referred to in clauses (i), (ii) and (iv) of this Section 5.01(h) to the Agent or any Lender who requests the Company to deliver such paper copies until written notice to cease delivering paper copies is given by the Agent or such Lender and PROVIDED, FURTHER, that in every instance the Company shall provide paper copies of the certificates required to be delivered in accordance with this Section 5.01(h) until such time as the Agent shall provide the Company notice otherwise.

SECTION 5.02. NEGATIVE COVENANTS. So long as any Advance shall remain unpaid or any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, the Company will not:

(a) LIENS, ETC. Create or suffer to exist, or permit any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to create or suffer to exist, any Lien on or with respect to any of its assets, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, other than:

(i) Liens existing on the date hereof;

(ii) any Lien existing on any asset of any corporation at the time such corporation becomes a Consolidated Subsidiary and not created in contemplation of such event;

(iii) any Lien on any asset securing Debt incurred or assumed for the purpose of financing all or any part of the cost of acquiring such asset, PROVIDED that such Lien attaches to such asset concurrently with or within 90 days after the acquisition thereof;

(iv) any Lien on any asset of any corporation existing at the time such corporation is merged into or consolidated with the Company or a Consolidated Subsidiary and not created in contemplation of such event;

(v) any Lien existing on any asset prior to the acquisition thereof by the Company or a Consolidated Subsidiary and not created in contemplation of such acquisition;

(vi) any Lien created in connection with capitalized lease obligations, but only to the extent that such Lien encumbers property financed by such capital lease obligation and the principal component of such capitalized lease obligation is not increased;

(vii) Liens arising in the ordinary course of its business which (A) do not secure Debt and (B) do not in the aggregate materially impair the operation of the business of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(viii) any Lien arising out of the refinancing, extension, renewal or refunding of any Debt secured by any Lien permitted by any of the foregoing clauses of this Section, PROVIDED that such Debt is not increased and is not secured by any additional assets;

(ix) Liens securing taxes, assessments, fees or other governmental charges or levies, Liens securing the claims of materialmen, mechanics, carriers, landlords, warehousemen and similar Persons, Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business in connection with workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance and other similar laws, Liens to secure surety, appeal and performance bonds and other similar obligations not incurred in connection with the borrowing of money, and attachment, judgment and other similar Liens arising in connection with court proceedings so long as the enforcement of such Liens is effectively stayed and the claims secured thereby are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;

(x) Liens not otherwise permitted by the foregoing clauses of this Section securing Debt in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed 10% of the Consolidated net worth of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries;

(xi) any Liens on property arising in connection with a securities repurchase transaction; and

(xii) any legal or contractual right of set-off or any contractual right to charge the accounts of the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to effect the payment of amounts due in respect of any Debt or financing arrangement.

(b) MERGERS, ETC. (i) Merge or consolidate with or into any Person (other than a Consolidated Subsidiary of the Company) except that the Company may agree to merge or consolidate any Consolidated Subsidiary with any Person in connection with an acquisition of such Person, (ii) sell, lease or otherwise transfer (whether in one transaction or a series of transactions) all or substantially all of the Company's business or assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) to any Person (other than a Consolidated Subsidiary of the Company) or (iii) permit any Consolidated Subsidiary to merge or consolidate with or into or transfer (whether in one transaction or a series of transactions) all or any substantial part of its assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) to any Person except (x) the Company or another Consolidated Subsidiary of the Company or to any other Person if the Board of Directors of the Company (or the finance committee or an officer of the Company duly authorized for such purpose) determines in good faith that the Consolidated Subsidiary or the assets of such Consolidated Subsidiary, as the case may be, are not material to the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole, and (y) any Consolidated Subsidiary may merge with or consolidate into any Person in connection with an acquisition of such Person, PROVIDED, in each case, that no Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such proposed transaction or would result therefrom.

(c) ACCOUNTING CHANGES. Make or permit, or permit any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to make or permit, any change in accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required or permitted by generally accepted accounting principles or applicable statutory requirements.

(d) CHANGE IN NATURE OF BUSINESS. Engage, or permit any Consolidated Subsidiary to engage, predominantly in any business other than business of the same general type as conducted on the date hereof by the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries.

SECTION 5.03. FINANCIAL COVENANTS. So long as any Advance shall remain unpaid or any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, the Company will:

(a) INTEREST COVERAGE RATIO. Maintain, as of the end of each fiscal quarter, a ratio of Consolidated EBITDA of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the four fiscal quarters then ended to Interest Expense during such period by the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries of not less than 3.5 to 1.

(b) DEBT TO EBITDA RATIO. Maintain, as of the end of each fiscal quarter, a ratio of Debt for Borrowed Money to Consolidated EBITDA of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the four quarters then ended of not greater than 3.5 to 1.

ARTICLE VI

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

SECTION 6.01. EVENTS OF DEFAULT. If any of the following events ("EVENTS OF DEFAULT") shall occur and be continuing:

(a) The Company or any other Borrower shall fail to pay any principal of any Advance when the same becomes due and payable; or the Company or any other Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Advance or make any other payment of fees or other amounts payable under this Agreement or any Note within five Business Days after the same becomes due and payable; or

(b) Any representation or warranty made by the Company or any Designated Subsidiary (or any of its officers) in any certificate, financial statement or other document delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect when made; or

(c) (i) The Company shall fail to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in Section 5.01(e) or (h), 5.02(a), (b) or (d) or 5.03; (ii) the Company or any other Borrower shall fail to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in Section 5.01(d) if such failure shall remain unremedied for 10 days after written notice thereof shall have been given to the Company by the Agent or any Lender;

or (iii) the Company or any other Borrower shall fail to perform or observe any other term, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement on its part to be performed or observed if such failure shall remain unremedied for 30 days after written notice thereof shall have been given to the Company by the Agent or any Lender; or

(d) The Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries shall fail to pay any principal of or premium or interest on any Debt (but excluding Debt outstanding hereunder and Debt owed solely to the Company or to a Consolidated Subsidiary) of the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary (as the case may be), when the same becomes due and payable (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand or otherwise), and such failure shall continue after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in the agreement or instrument creating or evidencing such Debt; or any other event shall occur or condition shall exist under any agreement or instrument creating or evidencing any such Debt and shall continue after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in such agreement or instrument, if the effect of such event or condition is to accelerate, or to permit the acceleration of, the maturity of such Debt; or any such Debt shall be declared to be due and payable, or required to be prepaid or redeemed (other than by a regularly scheduled required prepayment or redemption), purchased or defeased, or an offer to prepay, redeem, purchase or defease such Debt shall be required to be made, in each case prior to the stated maturity thereof; PROVIDED that the aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of any payment default, failure or other event in respect of a Hedge Agreement, the net amount due and payable under such Hedge Agreement as of the date of such payment default, failure or event) of all Debt as to which any such payment defaults (whether or not at stated maturity thereof), failures or other events shall have occurred and be continuing exceeds \$10,000,000, PROVIDED, FURTHER, that if any of the actions or events set forth above in this subsection (d) shall be taken in respect of, or occur with respect to, a Consolidated Subsidiary, such action or event shall not be the basis for or give rise to an Event of Default under this subsection (d) until five Business Days after the chief executive officer, chief operation officer, principal financial officer or principle accounting officer of the Company knows or has reason to know of the occurrence of such action or event if (x) the assets or revenues of such Consolidated Subsidiary and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, comprise 5% or less of the assets or revenues, respectively, of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and (y) the aggregate assets and revenues of all Consolidated Subsidiaries otherwise subject to such actions or events set forth above do not comprise more than 15% of the assets or revenues, respectively, of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole; or

(e) The Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries shall generally not pay its debts as such debts become due, or shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally, or shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or any proceeding shall be instituted by or against the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking liquidation, winding up, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, protection, relief, or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors, or seeking the entry of an order for relief or the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for any substantial part of its property and, in the case of any such proceeding instituted against it (but not instituted by it), either such proceeding shall remain undismissed or unstayed for a period of 60 days, or any of the actions sought in such proceeding (including, without limitation, the entry of an order for relief against, or the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for, it or for any substantial part of its property) shall occur; or the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries shall take any corporate action to authorize any of the actions set forth above in this subsection (e); PROVIDED, that if any of the actions or events set forth above in this subsection (e) shall be taken in respect of, or occur with respect to, a Consolidated Subsidiary, such action or event shall not be the basis for or give rise to an Event of Default under this subsection (e) if (x) the assets or revenues of such Consolidated Subsidiary and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, comprise 5% or less of the assets or revenues, respectively, of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and (y) the aggregate assets and revenues of all Consolidated Subsidiaries otherwise subject to such actions or events set forth above do not comprise more than 15% of the assets or revenues, respectively, of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole; or

(f) Judgments or orders for the payment of money in excess of \$10,000,000 in the aggregate shall be rendered against the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries and either (i) enforcement proceedings shall have been commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or order or (ii) there shall be any period of 60 consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement of such judgment or order, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, shall not be in effect; or

(g) (i) Any Person or two or more Persons acting in concert (other than the Company or a Consolidated Subsidiary) shall have acquired beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), directly or indirectly, of Voting Stock of the Company (or other securities convertible into such Voting Stock) representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of all Voting Stock of the Company; or (ii) during any period of up to 24 consecutive months, commencing after the date of this Agreement, individuals who at the beginning of such period were directors of the Company shall cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the board of directors of the Company unless the election or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders of each new director was approved by the vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of such period; or

(h) The Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates shall incur liability, or in the case of clause (i) below, shall be reasonably likely to incur liability, in excess of \$10,000,000 in the aggregate as a result of one or more of the following: (i) the occurrence of any ERISA Event; (ii) the partial or complete withdrawal of the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates from a Multiemployer Plan; or (iii) the reorganization or termination of a Multiemployer Plan; or

(i) so long as any Consolidated Subsidiary of the Company is a Designated Subsidiary, any provision of Article VII shall for any reason cease to be valid and binding on or enforceable against the Company, or the Company shall so state in writing;

then, and in any such event, the Agent (i) shall at the request, or may with the consent, of the Required Lenders, by notice to the Company and the other Borrowers, declare the obligation of each Lender to make Advances to be terminated, whereupon the same shall forthwith terminate, and (ii) shall at the request, or may with the consent, of the Required Lenders, by notice to the Company and the other Borrowers, declare the Advances, all interest thereon and all other amounts payable under this Agreement to be forthwith due and payable, whereupon the Advances, all such interest and all such amounts shall become and be forthwith due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or further notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by each Borrower; PROVIDED,

HOWEVER, that in the event of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to any Borrower under the Federal Bankruptcy Code, (A) the obligation of each Lender to make Advances shall automatically be terminated and (B) the Advances, all such interest and all such amounts shall automatically become and be due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or any notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by each Borrower.

ARTICLE VII

GUARANTY

SECTION 7.01. GUARANTY. The Company hereby absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees, as a guarantee of payment and not of collection, the punctual payment when due, whether at scheduled maturity or on any date of a required prepayment or by acceleration, demand or otherwise, of all obligations of each other Borrower now or hereafter existing under or in respect of this Agreement and the Notes (including, without limitation, any extensions, modifications, substitutions, amendments or renewals of any or all of the foregoing obligations), whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, and whether for principal, interest, premiums, fees, indemnities, contract causes of action, costs, expenses or otherwise (such obligations being the "GUARANTEED OBLIGATIONS"), and agrees to pay any and all expenses (including, without limitation, fees and expenses of counsel) incurred by the Agent or any other Lender in enforcing any rights under this Article VII. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company's liability shall extend to all amounts that constitute part of the Guaranteed Obligations and would be owed by any such Borrower to the Agent or any Lender under or in respect of this Agreement or the Notes but for the fact that they are unenforceable or not allowable due to the existence of a bankruptcy, reorganization or similar proceeding involving such Borrower.

SECTION 7.02. GUARANTY ABSOLUTE. The Company guarantees that the Guaranteed Obligations will be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Notes, regardless of any law, regulation or order now or hereafter in effect in any jurisdiction affecting any of such terms or the rights of any Lender with respect thereto. The obligations of the Company under or in respect of this Article VII are independent of the Guaranteed Obligations or any other obligations of any other Borrower under or in respect of this Agreement and the Notes, and a separate action or actions may be brought and prosecuted against the Company to enforce this Article VII, irrespective of whether any action is brought against any Borrower or whether any Borrower is joined in any such action or actions. The liability of the Company under this Article VII shall be irrevocable, absolute and unconditional irrespective of, and the Company hereby irrevocably waives any defenses it may now have or hereafter acquire in any way relating to, any or all of the following:

(a) any lack of validity or enforceability of this Agreement (other

than this Article VII), the Notes or any agreement or instrument relating thereto;

(b) any change in the time, manner or place of payment of, or in any other term of, all or any of the Guaranteed Obligations or any other obligations of any Borrower under or in respect of this Agreement or the Notes, or any other amendment or waiver of or any consent to departure from this Agreement or the Notes, including, without limitation, any increase in the Guaranteed Obligations resulting from the extension of additional credit to any Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or otherwise;

(c) any taking, exchange, release or non-perfection of any collateral, or any taking, release or amendment or waiver of, or consent to departure from, any other guaranty, for all or any of the Guaranteed Obligations;

(d) any manner of application of collateral, or proceeds thereof, to all or any of the Guaranteed Obligations, or any manner of sale or other disposition of any collateral for all or any of the Guaranteed Obligations or any other obligations of any Borrower under this Agreement or the Notes or any other assets of any Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries;

(e) any change, restructuring or termination of the corporate structure or existence of any Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries;

(f) any failure of any Lender or the Agent to disclose to the Company any information relating to the business, condition (financial or otherwise), operations, performance, properties or prospects of any Borrower now or hereafter known to such Lender or the Agent (the Company waiving any duty on the part of the Lenders and the Agent to disclose such information); or

(g) any other circumstance (including, without limitation, any statute of limitations) or any existence of or reliance on any representation by any Lender or the Agent that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, any Borrower or any other guarantor or surety.

This Article VII shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any payment of any of the Guaranteed Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be returned by any Lender or the Agent or any other Person upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of any Borrower or otherwise, all as though such payment had not been made.

SECTION 7.03. WAIVERS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. (a) The Company hereby unconditionally and irrevocably waives promptness, diligence, notice of acceptance, presentment, demand for performance, notice of nonperformance, default, acceleration, protest or dishonor and any other notice with respect to any of the Guaranteed Obligations and this Article VII and any requirement that any Lender or the Agent protect, secure, perfect or insure any Lien or any property subject thereto or exhaust any right or take any action against any Borrower or any other Person or any collateral.

(b) The Company hereby unconditionally and irrevocably waives any right to revoke this Article VII and acknowledges that the guaranty under this Article VII is continuing in nature and applies to all Guaranteed Obligations, whether existing now or in the future.

(c) The Company hereby unconditionally and irrevocably waives (i) any defense arising by reason of any claim or defense based upon an election of remedies by any Lender or the Agent that in any manner impairs, reduces, releases or otherwise adversely affects the subrogation, reimbursement, exoneration, contribution or indemnification rights of the Company or other rights of the Company to proceed against any Borrower, any other guarantor or any other Person or any collateral and (ii) any defense based on any right of set-off or counterclaim against or in respect of the obligations of the Company hereunder.

(d) The Company hereby unconditionally and irrevocably waives any duty on the part of any Lender or the Agent to disclose to the Company any matter, fact or thing relating to the business, condition (financial or otherwise), operations, performance, properties or prospects of any Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries now or hereafter known by such Lender or the Agent.

(e) The Company acknowledges that it will receive substantial direct and indirect benefits from the financing arrangements contemplated by this Agreement and the Notes and that the waivers set forth in Section 7.02 and this Section 7.03 are knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

SECTION 7.04. SUBROGATION. The Company hereby unconditionally and irrevocably agrees not to exercise any rights that it may now have or hereafter acquire against any Borrower or any other insider guarantor that arise from the existence, payment, performance or enforcement of the Company's Obligations under or in respect of this Article VII, including, without limitation, any right of subrogation, reimbursement, exoneration, contribution or indemnification and any right to participate in any claim or remedy of any

Lender or the Agent against any Borrower or any other insider guarantor or any collateral, whether or not such claim, remedy or right arises in equity or under contract, statute or common law, including, without limitation, the right to take or receive from any Borrower or any other insider guarantor, directly or indirectly, in cash or other property or by set-off or in any other manner, payment or security on account of such claim, remedy or right, unless and until all of the Guaranteed Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Article VII shall have been paid in full in cash and the Commitments shall have expired or been terminated. If any amount shall be paid to the Company in violation of the immediately preceding sentence at any time prior to the later of (a) the payment in full in cash of the Guaranteed Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Article VII and (b) the Termination Date, such amount shall be

received and held in trust for the benefit of the Lenders and the Agent, shall be segregated from other property and funds of the Company and shall forthwith be paid or delivered to the Agent in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsement or assignment) to be credited and applied to the Guaranteed Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Article VII, whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, or to be held as collateral for any Guaranteed Obligations or other amounts payable under this Article VII thereafter arising. If (i) the Company shall make payment to any Lender or the Agent of all or any part of the Guaranteed Obligations, (ii) all of the Guaranteed Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Article VII shall have been paid in full in cash and (iii) the Termination Date shall have occurred, the Lenders and the Agent will, at the Company's request and expense, execute and deliver to the Company appropriate documents, without recourse and without representation or warranty, necessary to evidence the transfer by subrogation to the Company of an interest in the Guaranteed Obligations resulting from such payment made by the Company pursuant to this Article VII.

SECTION 7.05. CONTINUING GUARANTY; ASSIGNMENTS. The guaranty under this Article VII is a continuing guaranty and shall (a) remain in full force and effect until the later of (i) the payment in full in cash of the Guaranteed Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Article VII and (ii) the Termination Date, (b) be binding upon the Company, its successors and assigns and (c) inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Lenders and the Agent and their successors, transferees and assigns. Without limiting the generality of clause (c) of the immediately preceding sentence, any Lender may assign or otherwise transfer all or any portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including, without limitation, all or any portion of its Commitments, the Advances owing to it and the Note or Notes held by it) to any other Person, and such other Person shall thereupon become vested with all the benefits in respect thereof granted to such Lender herein or otherwise, in each case as and to the extent provided in Section 9.07. The Company shall not have the right to assign its rights hereunder or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the Lenders.

ARTICLE VIII

THE AGENT

SECTION 8.01. AUTHORIZATION AND ACTION. Each Lender hereby appoints and authorizes the Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers and discretion under this Agreement as are delegated to the Agent by the terms hereof, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto. As to any matters not expressly provided for by this Agreement (including, without limitation, enforcement or collection of the Notes), the Agent shall not be required to exercise any discretion or take any action, but shall be required to act or to refrain from acting (and shall be fully protected in so acting or refraining from acting) upon the instructions of the Required Lenders, and such instructions shall be binding upon all Lenders and all holders of Notes; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Agent shall not be required to take any action that exposes the Agent to personal liability or that is contrary to this Agreement or applicable law. The Agent agrees to give to each Lender prompt notice of each notice given to it by the Company or any other Borrower pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

SECTION 8.02. AGENT'S RELIANCE, ETC. Neither the Agent nor any of its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it or them under or in connection with this Agreement, except for its or their own gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limitation of the generality of the foregoing, the Agent: (i) may treat the Lender that made any Advance as the holder of the Debt resulting therefrom until the Agent receives and accepts an Assumption Agreement entered into by an Assuming Lender as provided in Section 2.18 or an Assignment and Acceptance entered into by such Lender, as assignor, and an Eligible Assignee, as assignee, as provided in Section 9.07; (ii) may consult with legal counsel (including counsel for the Company), independent public accountants and other experts selected by it and shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken in good faith by it in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or experts; (iii) makes no warranty or representation to any Lender and shall not be responsible to any Lender for any statements, warranties or representations (whether written or oral) made in or in connection with this Agreement; (iv) shall not have any duty to ascertain or to inquire as to the performance or observance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement on the part of the Company

or any other Borrower or to inspect the property (including the books and records) of the Company or any other Borrower; (v) shall not be responsible to any Lender for the due execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of this Agreement or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto; and (vi) shall incur no liability under or in respect of this Agreement by acting upon any notice, consent, certificate or other instrument or writing (which

may be by telecopier, telegram or telex) believed by it to be genuine and signed or sent by the proper party or parties.

SECTION 8.03. CITIBANK AND AFFILIATES. With respect to its Commitment, the Advances made by it and the Notes issued to it, Citibank shall have the same rights and powers under this Agreement as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Agent; and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated, include Citibank in its individual capacity. Citibank and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, act as trustee under indentures of, accept investment banking engagements from and generally engage in any kind of business with, the Company, any of its Subsidiaries and any Person who may do business with or own securities of the Company or any such Subsidiary, all as if Citibank were not the Agent and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.

SECTION 8.04. LENDER CREDIT DECISION. Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender and based on the financial statements referred to in Section 4.01 and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement.

SECTION 8.05. INDEMNIFICATION. The Lenders agree to indemnify the Agent (to the extent not reimbursed by the Company), ratably according to the respective principal amounts of the Revolving Credit Advances then owed to each of them (or if no Revolving Credit Advances are at the time outstanding, ratably according to the respective amounts of their Commitments), from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever that may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against the Agent in any way relating to or arising out of this Agreement or any action taken or omitted by the Agent under this Agreement (collectively, the "INDEMNIFIED COSTS"), PROVIDED that no Lender shall be liable for any portion of the Indemnified Costs resulting from the Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limitation of the foregoing, each Lender agrees to reimburse the Agent promptly upon demand for its ratable share of any out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable counsel fees) incurred by the Agent in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration, modification, amendment or enforcement (whether through negotiations, legal proceedings or otherwise) of, or legal advice in respect of rights or responsibilities under, this Agreement, to the extent that the Agent is not reimbursed for such expenses by the Company. In the case of any investigation, litigation or proceeding giving rise to any Indemnified Costs, this Section 8.05 applies whether any such investigation, litigation or proceeding is brought by the Agent, any Lender or a third party.

SECTION 8.06. SUCCESSOR AGENT. The Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Lenders and the Company and may be removed at any time with or without cause by the Required Lenders. Upon any such resignation or removal, the Required Lenders shall have the right to appoint a successor Agent. If no successor Agent shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders, and shall have accepted such appointment, within 30 days after the retiring Agent's giving of notice of resignation or the Required Lenders' removal of the retiring Agent, then the retiring Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders, appoint a successor Agent, which shall be a commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States of America or of any State thereof and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$500,000,000. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as Agent hereunder by a successor Agent, such successor Agent shall thereupon succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, discretion, privileges and duties of the retiring Agent, and the retiring Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Agreement. After any retiring Agent's resignation or removal hereunder as Agent, the provisions of this Article VII shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was Agent under this Agreement.

SECTION 8.07. SUB-AGENT. The Sub-Agent has been designated under this Agreement to carry out duties of the Agent. The Sub-Agent shall be subject to each of the obligations in this Agreement to be performed by the Sub-Agent, and each of the Company, each other Borrower and the Lenders agrees that the Sub-Agent shall be entitled to exercise each of the rights and shall be entitled to each of the benefits of the Agent under this Agreement as relate to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 8.08. OTHER AGENTS. Each Lender hereby acknowledges that

neither the documentation agent nor any other Lender designated as any "Agent" (other than the Agent) on the signature pages hereof has any liability hereunder other than in its capacity as a Lender.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 9.01. AMENDMENTS, ETC. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or the Revolving Credit Notes, nor consent to any departure by the Company or any other Borrower therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Required Lenders, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by all the Lenders, do any of the following: (a) waive any of the conditions specified in Section 3.01 or Section 3.02, (b) except as provided in Section 2.18(c), increase the Commitments of the Lenders or subject the Lenders to any additional obligations, (c) reduce the principal of, or interest on, the Revolving Credit Advances or any fees or other amounts payable hereunder, (d) except as provided in Section 2.18(b), postpone any date fixed for any payment of principal of, or interest on, the Revolving Credit Advances or any fees or other amounts payable hereunder, (e) change the percentage of the Commitments or of the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Revolving Credit Advances, or the number of Lenders, that shall be required for the Lenders or any of them to take any action hereunder, (f) reduce or limit the obligations of the Company under Section 7.01 or release or otherwise limit the Company's liability with respect to its obligations under Article VII or (g) amend the definition of "Required Lenders" or this Section 9.01; and PROVIDED FURTHER that (x) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Agent in addition to the Lenders required above to take such action, affect the rights or duties of the Agent under this Agreement or any Note and (y) no amendment, waiver or consent of Section 9.07(f) shall, unless in writing and signed by each Lender that has granted a funding option to an SPC in addition to the Lenders required above to take such action, affect the rights or duties of such Lender or SPC under this Agreement or any Note.

SECTION 9.02. NOTICES, ETC. All notices and other communications provided for hereunder shall be in writing (including telecopier, telegraphic or telex communication) and mailed, telecopied, telegraphed, telexed or delivered, if to the Company or any other Borrower, to (or in care of) the Company, at its address at 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020, Attention: Vice President and Treasurer (with a copy at the same address to the Senior Vice President and General Counsel); if to any Initial Lender, at its Domestic Lending Office specified opposite its name on Schedule I hereto; if to any other Lender, at its Domestic Lending Office specified in the Assumption Agreement or the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which it became a Lender; and if to the Agent, at its address at Two Penns Way, New Castle, Delaware 19720, Attention: Bank Loan Syndications Department; or, as to the Company or the Agent, at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other parties and, as to each other party, at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the Company and the Agent. All such notices and communications shall, when mailed, telecopied, telegraphed or telexed, be effective when deposited in the mails, telecopied, delivered to the telegraph company or confirmed by telex answerback, respectively, except that notices and communications to the Agent pursuant to Article II, III or VII shall not be effective until received by the Agent. Delivery by telecopier of an executed counterpart of any amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or the Notes or of any Exhibit hereto to be executed and delivered hereunder shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart thereof.

SECTION 9.03. NO WAIVER; REMEDIES. No failure on the part of any Lender or the Agent to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right hereunder or under any Note shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law.

SECTION 9.04. COSTS AND EXPENSES. (a) The Company agrees to pay on demand all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of the Agent in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration, modification and amendment of this Agreement, the Notes and the other documents to be delivered hereunder, including, without limitation, (A) all due diligence, syndication (including printing, distribution and bank meetings),

transportation, computer, duplication, appraisal, consultant, and audit expenses and (B) the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Agent with respect thereto and with respect to advising the Agent as to its rights and responsibilities under this Agreement. The Company further agrees to pay on demand all costs and expenses of the Agent and the Lenders, if any (including, without limitation, reasonable counsel fees and expenses), in connection with the enforcement (whether through negotiations, legal proceedings or otherwise) of this Agreement, the Notes and the other documents to be delivered hereunder, including, without limitation, reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Agent and each Lender in connection with the enforcement of rights under this Section 9.04(a).

(b) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Agent and each Lender and each of their Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees, agents and advisors (each, an "INDEMNIFIED PARTY") from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) incurred by or asserted or awarded against any Indemnified Party, in each case arising out of or in connection with or by reason of (including, without limitation, in connection with any investigation, litigation or proceeding or preparation of a defense in connection therewith) the Notes, this Agreement, any of the transactions contemplated herein or the actual or proposed use of the proceeds of the Advances, except to the extent such claim, damage, loss, liability or expense is found in a final, non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from such Indemnified Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct. In the case of an investigation, litigation or other proceeding to which the indemnity in this Section 9.04(b) applies, such indemnity shall be effective whether or not such investigation, litigation or proceeding is brought by the Company, its directors, shareholders or creditors or an Indemnified Party or any other Person or any Indemnified Party is otherwise a party thereto. The Company also agrees not to assert any claim for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages against the Agent, any Lender, any of their Affiliates, or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, attorneys and agents, on any theory of liability, arising out of or otherwise relating to the Notes, this Agreement, any of the transactions contemplated herein or the actual or proposed use of the proceeds of the Advances.

(c) If any payment of principal of, or Conversion of, any Eurocurrency Rate Advance or LIBO Rate Advance is made by any Borrower to or for the account of a Lender other than on the last day of the Interest Period for such Advance, as a result of a payment or Conversion pursuant to Section 2.08(d) or (e), 2.10 or 2.12, acceleration of the maturity of the Notes pursuant to Section 6.01 or for any other reason, or by an Eligible Assignee to a Lender other than on the last day of the Interest Period for such Advance upon an assignment of rights and obligations under this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.07 as a result of a demand by the Company pursuant to Section 9.07(a), such Borrower shall, upon demand by such Lender (with a copy of such demand to the Agent), pay to the Agent for the account of such Lender any amounts required to compensate such Lender for any additional losses, costs or expenses that it may reasonably incur as a result of such payment or Conversion, including, without limitation, any loss (excluding loss of anticipated profits), cost or expense incurred by reason of the liquidation or reemployment of deposits or other funds acquired by any Lender to fund or maintain such Advance.

(d) Without prejudice to the survival of any other agreement of the Company and the other Borrowers hereunder, the agreements and obligations of the Company and the other Borrowers contained in Sections 2.11, 2.14 and 9.04 shall survive the payment in full of principal, interest and all other amounts payable hereunder and under the Notes.

SECTION 9.05. RIGHT OF SET-OFF. Upon (i) the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default and (ii) the making of the request or the granting of the consent specified by Section 6.01 to authorize the Agent to declare the Advances due and payable pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.01, each Lender and each of its Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held and other indebtedness at any time owing by such Lender or such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Company or any Borrower against any and all of the obligations of the Company or any Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement and any Note held by such Lender, whether or not such Lender shall have made any demand under this Agreement or such Note and although such obligations may be unmatured. Each Lender agrees promptly to notify the appropriate Borrower after any such set-off and application, PROVIDED that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such set-off and application. The rights of each Lender and its Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including, without limitation, other rights of set-off) that such Lender and its Affiliates may have.

SECTION 9.06. BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement shall become effective (other than Sections 2.01 and 2.03, which shall only become effective upon satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 3.01) when it shall have been executed by the Company and the Agent and when the Agent shall have been notified by each Initial Lender that such Initial Lender has executed it and thereafter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Company, the Agent and each Lender and their respective successors and assigns, except that neither the Company nor any other Borrower shall have the right to assign its rights hereunder or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the Lenders.

SECTION 9.07. ASSIGNMENTS AND PARTICIPATIONS. (a) Each Lender may and, if demanded by the Company (following a demand by such Lender pursuant to Section 2.11 or 2.14) upon at least 5 Business Days' notice to such Lender and the Agent, will assign to one or more Persons all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including, without limitation, all or a

portion of its Commitment, the Revolving Credit Advances owing to it and the Revolving Credit Note or Notes held by it); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that (i) each such assignment shall be of a constant, and not a varying, percentage of all rights and obligations under this Agreement (other than any right to make Competitive Bid Advances, Competitive Bid Advances owing to it and Competitive Bid Notes), (ii) except in the case of an assignment to a Person that, immediately prior to such assignment, was a Lender or an assignment of all of a Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, the amount of the Commitment of the assigning Lender being assigned pursuant to each such assignment (determined as of the date of the Assignment and Acceptance with respect to such assignment) shall in no event be less than \$5,000,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof, (iii) each such assignment shall be to an Eligible Assignee, (iv) each such assignment made as a result of a demand by the Company pursuant to this Section 9.07(a) shall be arranged by the Company after consultation with the Agent and shall be either an assignment of all of the rights and obligations of the assigning Lender under this Agreement or an assignment of a portion of such rights and obligations made concurrently with another such assignment or other such assignments that together cover all of the rights and obligations of the assigning Lender under this Agreement, (v) no Lender shall be obligated to make any such assignment as a result of a demand by the Company pursuant to this Section 9.07(a) unless and until such Lender shall have received one or more payments from either the Company or one or more Eligible Assignees in an aggregate amount at least equal to the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Advances owing to such Lender, together with accrued interest thereon to the date of payment of such principal amount and all other amounts payable to such Lender under this Agreement, and (vi) the parties to each such assignment shall execute and deliver to the Agent, for its acceptance and recording in the Register, an Assignment and Acceptance, together with any Revolving Credit Note subject to such assignment and a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500 payable by the parties to each such assignment, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in the case of each assignment made as a result of a demand by the Company, such recordation fee shall be payable by the Company except that no such recordation fee shall be payable in the case of an assignment made at the request of the Company to an Eligible Assignee that is an existing Lender, and (vii) any Lender may, without the approval of the Company or the Agent, assign all or a portion of its rights to any of its Affiliates or to another Lender unless on the date of such assignment the assignee would be entitled to make a demand pursuant to Section 2.11 or 2.14, in which case such assignment shall be permitted only if the assignee shall waive in a manner satisfactory to the Company in form and substance its rights to make such a demand. Upon such execution, delivery, acceptance and recording, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Acceptance, (x) the assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent that rights and obligations hereunder have been assigned to it pursuant to such Assignment and Acceptance, have the rights and obligations of a Lender hereunder and (y) the Lender assignor thereunder shall, to the extent that rights and obligations hereunder have been assigned by it pursuant to such Assignment and Acceptance, relinquish its rights (other than its rights under Section 2.11, 2.14 and 9.04 to the extent any claim thereunder relates to an event arising prior such assignment) and be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Acceptance covering all or the remaining portion of an assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto).

(b) By executing and delivering an Assignment and Acceptance, the Lender assignor thereunder and the assignee thereunder confirm to and agree with each other and the other parties hereto as follows: (i) other than as provided in such Assignment and Acceptance, such assigning Lender makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with this Agreement or the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of this Agreement or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto; (ii) such assigning Lender makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to the financial condition of the Company or any other Borrower or the performance or observance by the Company or any other Borrower of any of its obligations under this Agreement or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto; (iii) such assignee confirms that it has received a copy of this Agreement, together with copies of the financial statements referred to in Section 4.01 and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into such Assignment and Acceptance; (iv) such assignee will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent, such assigning Lender or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action

under this Agreement; (v) such assignee confirms that it is an Eligible Assignee; (vi) such assignee appoints and authorizes the Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers and discretion under this Agreement as are delegated to the Agent by the terms hereof, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto; and (vii) such assignee agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations that by the terms of this Agreement are required to be performed by it as a Lender.

(c) Upon its receipt of an Assignment and Acceptance executed by an assigning Lender and an assignee representing that it is an Eligible Assignee,

together with any Revolving Credit Note or Notes subject to such assignment, the Agent shall, if such Assignment and Acceptance has been completed and is in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto, (i) accept such Assignment and Acceptance, (ii) record the information contained therein in the Register and (iii) give prompt notice thereof to the Company.

(d) The Agent shall maintain at its address referred to in Section 9.02 a copy of each Assumption Agreement and each Assignment and Acceptance delivered to and accepted by it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders and the Commitment of, and principal amount of the Advances owing to, each Lender from time to time (the "REGISTER"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error, and the Company, the Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Company or any Lender at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(e) Each Lender may sell participations to one or more banks or other entities (other than the Company or any of its Affiliates) in or to all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including, without limitation, all or a portion of its Commitment, the Advances owing to it and any Note or Notes held by it); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement (including, without limitation, its Commitment to the Company hereunder) shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, (iii) such Lender shall remain the holder of any such Note for all purposes of this Agreement, (iv) the Company, the other Borrowers, the Agent and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement and (v) no participant under any such participation shall have any rights as a Lender hereunder, including, without limitation, any right to make any demand under Section 2.11 or 2.14 or right to approve any amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any Note, or any consent to any departure by the Company or any other Borrower therefrom, except to the extent that such amendment, waiver or consent would reduce the principal of, or interest on, the Notes or any fees or other amounts payable hereunder, in each case to the extent subject to such participation, or postpone any date fixed for any payment of principal of, or interest on, the Notes or any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or reduce or limit the obligations of the Company under Section 7.01 or release or otherwise limit the Company's liability with respect to its obligations under Article VII or amend this Section 9.07(e) in any manner adverse to such participant, in each case to the extent subject to such participation.

(f) Each Lender may grant to a special purpose funding vehicle (an "SPC") the option to fund all or any part of any Advance that such Lender is obligated to fund under this Agreement (and upon the exercise by such SPC of such option to fund, such Lender's obligations with respect to such Advance shall be deemed satisfied to the extent of any amounts funded by such SPC); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement (including, without limitation, its Commitment to the Company hereunder) shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, (iii) each Borrower, the Agent and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, (iv) any such option granted to an SPC shall not constitute a commitment by such SPC to fund any Advance, (v) neither the grant nor the exercise of such option to an SPC shall increase the costs or expenses or otherwise increase or change the obligations of any Borrower under this Agreement (including, without limitation, its obligations under Section 2.14) and (vi) no SPC shall have any right to approve any amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any Note, or any consent to any departure by any Borrower therefrom, except to the extent that such amendment, waiver or consent would reduce the principal of, or interest on, the Notes or any fees or other amounts payable hereunder, in each case to the extent subject to such grant of funding option, or postpone any date fixed for any payment of principal of, or interest on, the Notes or any fees or other amounts payable hereunder, in each case to the extent subject to such grant

of funding option. Each party to this Agreement hereby agrees that no SPC shall be liable for any indemnity or payment under this Agreement for which a Lender would otherwise be liable. In furtherance of the foregoing, each party hereto hereby agrees (which agreements shall survive the termination of this Agreement) that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding commercial paper or other senior indebtedness of any SPC, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, such SPC any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under the laws of the United States or any State thereof.

(g) Any Lender may, in connection with any assignment, participation or grant of funding option or proposed assignment, participation or grant of funding option pursuant to this Section 9.07, disclose to the assignee, participant or SPC or proposed assignee, participant or SPC, any information relating to any Borrower furnished to such Lender by or on behalf of such Borrower; PROVIDED that, prior to any such disclosure, the assignee, participant or SPC or proposed assignee, participant or SPC shall agree to preserve the

confidentiality of any Confidential Information relating to any Borrower received by it from such Lender.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision set forth in this Agreement, any Lender may at any time create a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (including, without limitation, the Advances owing to it and any Note or Notes held by it) in favor of any Federal Reserve Bank in accordance with Regulation A of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SECTION 9.08. CONFIDENTIALITY. Neither the Agent nor any Lender or SPC shall disclose any Confidential Information to any other Person without the consent of the Company, other than (a) to the Agent's or such Lender's Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees, agents and advisors and, as contemplated by Section 9.07(f), to actual or prospective assignees and participants, and then only on a confidential basis, (b) as required by any law, rule or regulation or judicial process and (c) as requested or required by any state, federal or foreign authority or examiner regulating banks or banking.

SECTION 9.09. DESIGNATED SUBSIDIARIES. (a) DESIGNATION. The Company may at any time, and from time to time, by delivery to the Agent of a Designation Agreement duly executed by the Company and the respective Subsidiary and substantially in the form of Exhibit E hereto, designate such Subsidiary as a "Designated Subsidiary" for purposes of this Agreement and such Subsidiary shall thereupon become a "Designated Subsidiary" for purposes of this Agreement and, as such, shall have all of the rights and obligations of a Borrower hereunder. The Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of each such designation by the Company and the identity of the respective Subsidiary.

(b) TERMINATION. Upon the payment and performance in full of all of the indebtedness, liabilities and obligations under this Agreement of any Designated Subsidiary then, so long as at the time no Notice of Revolving Credit Borrowing or Notice of Competitive Bid Borrowing in respect of such Designated Subsidiary is outstanding, such Subsidiary's status as a "Designated Subsidiary" shall terminate upon notice to such effect from the Agent to the Lenders (which notice the Agent shall give promptly, and only upon its receipt of a request therefor from the Company). Thereafter, the Lenders shall be under no further obligation to make any Advance hereunder to such Designated Subsidiary.

SECTION 9.10. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement and the Notes shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

SECTION 9.11. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by telecopier shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

SECTION 9.12. JUDGMENT. (a) If for the purposes of obtaining judgment in any court it is necessary to convert a sum due hereunder in Dollars into another currency, the parties hereto agree, to the fullest extent that they may effectively do so, that the rate of exchange used shall be that at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Agent could purchase Dollars with such other currency at Citibank's principal office in London at 11:00 A.M. (London time) on the Business Day preceding that on which final judgment is given.

(b) If for the purposes of obtaining judgment in any court it is necessary to convert a sum due hereunder in a Committed Currency into Dollars, the parties agree to the fullest extent that they may effectively do so, that the rate of exchange used shall be that at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Agent could purchase such Committed Currency with Dollars at Citibank's principal office in London at 11:00 A.M. (London time) on the Business Day preceding that on which final judgment is given.

(c) The obligation of the Company and each other Borrower in respect of any sum due from it in any currency (the "PRIMARY CURRENCY") to any Lender or the Agent hereunder shall, notwithstanding any judgment in any other currency, be discharged only to the extent that on the Business Day following receipt by such Lender or the Agent (as the case may be), of any sum adjudged to be so due in such other currency, such Lender or the Agent (as the case may be) may in accordance with normal banking procedures purchase the applicable Primary Currency with such other currency; if the amount of the applicable Primary Currency so purchased is less than such sum due to such Lender or the Agent (as the case may be) in the applicable Primary Currency, the Company and each other Borrower agrees, as a separate obligation and notwithstanding any such judgment, to indemnify such Lender or the Agent (as the case may be) against such loss, and if the amount of the applicable Primary Currency so purchased exceeds such sum due to any Lender or the Agent (as the case may be) in the applicable Primary Currency, such Lender or the Agent (as the case may be) agrees to remit to the Company or such other Borrower such excess.

SECTION 9.13. JURISDICTION, ETC. (a) Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to

the nonexclusive jurisdiction of any New York State court or federal court of the United States of America sitting in New York City, and any appellate court from any thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the Notes, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in any such New York State court or, to the extent permitted by law, in such federal court. The Company and each other Borrower hereby further irrevocably consent to the service of process in any action or proceeding in such courts by the mailing thereof by any parties hereto by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the Company at its address specified pursuant to Section 9.02. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect any right that any party may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or the Notes in the courts of any jurisdiction.

(b) Each of the parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the Notes in any New York State or federal court. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

SECTION 9.14. SUBSTITUTION OF CURRENCY. If a change in any Committed Currency occurs pursuant to any applicable law, rule or regulation of any governmental, monetary or multi-national authority, this Agreement (including, without limitation, the definitions of Eurocurrency Rate and LIBO Rate) will be amended to the extent determined by the Agent (acting reasonably and in consultation with the Company) to be necessary to reflect the change in currency and to put the Lenders and the Company in the same position, so far as possible, that they would have been in if no change in such Committed Currency had occurred.

SECTION 9.15. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. Each of the Company, each other Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders hereby irrevocably waives all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based on contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the Notes or the actions of the Agent or any Lender in the negotiation, administration, performance or enforcement thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

By _____
Name:
Title:

CITIBANK, N.A.,
as Agent

By _____
Name:
Title:

LEAD ARRANGER

\$55,000,000

CITIBANK, N.A.

By _____
Name:
Title:

AGENTS

\$42,500,000

HSBC BANK USA

By _____
Name:
Title:

\$42,500,000

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

By _____
Name:
Title:

\$42,500,000

LLOYDS TSB BANK PLC

By _____
Name:
Title:

SENIOR MANAGING AGENT

\$35,000,000

FLEET NATIONAL BANK (successor
by merger to Fleet Bank, N.A.)

By _____
Name:
Title:

\$35,000,000

BANCO BILBAO VIZCAYA

By _____
Name:
Title:

LENDERS

\$17,500,000

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By _____
Name:
Title:

\$20,000,000

THE BANK OF TOKYO-MITSUBISHI
TRUST COMPANY

By _____
Name:
Title:

\$20,000,000

BANCA POPOLAIRE DI BERGAMO

By _____
Name:
Title:

\$20,000,000

THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY

By _____
Name:
Title:

\$20,000,000

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

By _____
Name:
Title:

\$20,000,000

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

By _____
Name:
Title:

\$20,000,000

SUNTRUST BANK

By _____
Name:
Title:

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KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By _____

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With a copy to:
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F: 212 809-7148

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EXHIBIT A-1 - FORM OF
REVOLVING CREDIT
PROMISSORY NOTE

U.S.\$ _____

Dated: _____, 200__

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "BORROWER"), HEREBY PROMISES TO PAY to the order of _____ (the "LENDER") for the account of its Applicable Lending Office on the later of (a) the Termination Date and (b) if the Borrower has made the Term Loan Election prior to the Termination Date, the Maturity Date (each as defined in the Credit Agreement referred to below) the principal sum of U.S.\$[amount of the Lender's Commitment in figures] or, if less, the aggregate principal amount of the Revolving Credit Advances made by the Lender to the Borrower pursuant to the 364-Day Credit Agreement dated as of June 26, 2001 among the Borrower, the Lender and certain other lenders parties thereto, Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., as lead arranger and book manager, and Citibank, N.A. as Agent for the Lender and such other lenders (as amended or modified from time to time, the "CREDIT AGREEMENT"; the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined) outstanding on such date.

The Borrower promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Credit Advance from the date of such Revolving Credit Advance until such principal amount is paid in full, at such interest rates, and payable at such times, as are specified in the Credit Agreement.

Both principal and interest in respect of each Revolving Credit Advance (i) in Dollars are payable in lawful money of the United States of America to the Agent at its account maintained at 399 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10043, in same day funds and (ii) in any Committed Currency are payable in such currency at the applicable Payment Office in same day funds. Each Revolving Credit Advance owing to the Lender by the Borrower pursuant to the Credit Agreement, and all payments made on account of principal thereof, shall be recorded by the Lender and, prior to any transfer hereof, endorsed on the grid attached hereto which is part of this Promissory Note.

This Promissory Note is one of the Revolving Credit Notes referred to in, and is entitled to the benefits of, the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement, among other things, (i) provides for the making of Revolving Credit Advances by the Lender to the Borrower from time to time in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the U.S. dollar amount first above mentioned, the indebtedness of the Borrower resulting from each such Revolving Credit Advance being evidenced by this Promissory Note, (ii) contains provisions for determining the Dollar Equivalent of Revolving Credit Advances denominated in Committed Currencies and (iii) contains provisions for acceleration of the maturity hereof upon the happening of certain stated events and also for prepayments on account of principal hereof prior to the maturity hereof upon the terms and conditions therein specified.

This Promissory Note shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF
COMPANIES, INC.

By _____
Title:

U.S.\$ _____

Dated: _____, 200__

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "BORROWER"), HEREBY PROMISES TO PAY to the order of _____ (the "LENDER") for the account of its Applicable Lending Office (as defined in the 364-Day Credit Agreement dated as of June 26, 2001 among the Borrower, the Lender and certain other lenders parties thereto, Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., as lead arranger and book manager, and Citibank, N.A., as Agent for the Lender and such other lenders (as amended or modified from time to time, the "CREDIT AGREEMENT"; the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined)), on _____, 200__, the principal amount of [U.S.\$ _____] [for a Competitive Bid Advance in a Committed Currency, list currency and amount of such Advance].

The Borrower promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount hereof from the date hereof until such principal amount is paid in full, at the interest rate and payable on the interest payment date or dates provided below:

Interest Rate: _____% per annum (calculated on the basis of a year of _____ days for the actual number of days elapsed).

Both principal and interest are payable in lawful money of _____ to Citibank, as agent, for the account of the Lender at the office of _____, at _____ in same day funds.

This Promissory Note is one of the Competitive Bid Notes referred to in, and is entitled to the benefits of, the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement, among other things, contains provisions for acceleration of the maturity hereof upon the happening of certain stated events.

The Borrower hereby waives presentment, demand, protest and notice of any kind. No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any rights hereunder on the part of the holder hereof shall operate as a waiver of such rights.

This Promissory Note shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF
COMPANIES, INC.

By _____
Title:

EXHIBIT B-1 - FORM OF NOTICE OF
REVOLVING CREDIT BORROWING

Citibank, N.A., as Agent
for the Lenders parties
to the Credit Agreement
referred to below
Two Penns Way
New Castle, Delaware 19720

[Date]

Attention: Bank Loan Syndications Department

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned, [The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.][Name of Designated Subsidiary], refers to the 364-Day Credit Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2001 (as amended or modified from time to time, the "CREDIT AGREEMENT", the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., certain Lenders parties thereto, Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., as lead arranger and book manager, and Citibank, N.A., as Agent for said Lenders, and hereby gives you notice, irrevocably, pursuant to Section 2.02 of the Credit Agreement that the undersigned hereby requests a Revolving Credit Borrowing under the Credit Agreement, and in that connection sets forth below the information relating to such Revolving Credit Borrowing (the "PROPOSED REVOLVING CREDIT BORROWING") as required by Section 2.02(a) of the Credit Agreement:

(i) The Business Day of the Proposed Revolving Credit Borrowing is _____, 200__.

(ii) The Type of Advances comprising the Proposed Revolving Credit Borrowing is [Base Rate Advances] [Eurocurrency Rate Advances].

(iii) The aggregate amount of the Proposed Revolving Credit Borrowing is [\$ _____][for a Revolving Credit Borrowing in a

Committed Currency, list currency and amount of Revolving Credit Borrowing].

[(iv) The initial Interest Period for each Eurocurrency Rate Advance made as part of the Proposed Revolving Credit Borrowing is ____ month[s].]

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following statements are true on the date hereof, and will be true on the date of the Proposed Revolving Credit Borrowing:

(A) the representations and warranties contained in Section 4.01 of the Credit Agreement (except the representation set forth in the last sentence of subsection (e) thereof) [and in the Designation Agreement of the undersigned] are correct, before and after giving effect to the Proposed Revolving Credit Borrowing and to the application of the proceeds therefrom, as though made on and as of such date; and

(B) no event has occurred and is continuing, or would result from such Proposed Revolving Credit Borrowing or from the application of the proceeds therefrom, that constitutes a Default.

Very truly yours,

[THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.][DESIGNATED SUBSIDIARY]

By _____
Title:

EXHIBIT B-2 - FORM OF NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE BID BORROWING

Citibank, N.A., as Agent
for the Lenders parties
to the Credit Agreement
referred to below
Two Penns Way
New Castle, Delaware 19720

[Date]

Attention: Bank Loan Syndications Department

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned, The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.[, on behalf of [Name of Designated Subsidiary]], refers to the 364-Day Credit Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2001 (as amended or modified from time to time, the "CREDIT AGREEMENT", the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., certain Lenders parties thereto, Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., as lead arranger and book manager, and Citibank, N.A., as Agent for said Lenders, and hereby gives you notice, irrevocably, pursuant to Section 2.03 of the Credit Agreement that the undersigned hereby requests a Competitive Bid Borrowing under the Credit Agreement, and in that connection sets forth the terms on which such Competitive Bid Borrowing (the "PROPOSED COMPETITIVE BID BORROWING") is requested to be made:

- (A) Date of Competitive Bid Borrowing _____
- (B) Amount of Competitive Bid Borrowing _____
- (C) [Maturity Date] [Interest Period] _____
- (D) Interest Rate Basis _____
- (E) Day Count Convention _____
- (F) Interest Payment Date(s) _____
- (G) Currency _____
- (H) Borrower's Account Location _____
- (I) _____

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following statements are true on the date hereof, and will be true on the date of the Proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing:

(a) the representations and warranties contained in Section 4.01 of the Credit Agreement (except the representation set forth in the last sentence of subsection (e) thereof) [and in the Designation Agreement of the undersigned] are correct, before and after giving effect to the Proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing and to the application of the proceeds therefrom, as though made on and as of such date;

(b) no event has occurred and is continuing, or would result from the Proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing or from the application of the proceeds therefrom, that constitutes a Default; and

(c) the aggregate amount of the Proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing and all other Borrowings to be made on the same day under the Credit Agreement is within

the aggregate amount of the unused Commitments of the Lenders.

The undersigned hereby confirms that the Proposed Competitive Bid Borrowing is to be made available to it in accordance with Section 2.03(a)(v) of the Credit Agreement.

Very truly yours,

[THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF
COMPANIES, INC.

By _____
Title:

EXHIBIT C - FORM OF
ASSIGNMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

Reference is made to the 364-Day Credit Agreement dated as of June 26, 2001 (as amended or modified from time to time, the "CREDIT AGREEMENT") among The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "COMPANY"), the Lenders (as defined in the Credit Agreement), Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., as lead arranger and book manager, and Citibank, N.A., as agent for the Lenders (the "AGENT"). Terms defined in the Credit Agreement are used herein with the same meaning.

The "Assignor" and the "Assignee" referred to on Schedule I hereto agree as follows:

1. The Assignor hereby sells and assigns to the Assignee, and the Assignee hereby purchases and assumes from the Assignor, an interest in and to the Assignor's rights and obligations under the Credit Agreement as of the date hereof (other than in respect of Competitive Bid Advances and Competitive Bid Notes) equal to the percentage interest specified on Schedule 1 hereto of all outstanding rights and obligations under the Credit Agreement (other than in respect of Competitive Bid Advances and Competitive Bid Notes). After giving effect to such sale and assignment, the Assignee's Commitment and the amount of the Revolving Credit Advances owing to the Assignee will be as set forth on Schedule 1 hereto.

2. The Assignor (i) represents and warrants that it is the legal and beneficial owner of the interest being assigned by it hereunder and that such interest is free and clear of any adverse claim; (ii) makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with the Credit Agreement or the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of the Credit Agreement or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant thereto; (iii) makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to the financial condition of the Company or the performance or observance by the Company of any of its obligations under the Credit Agreement or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant thereto; and (iv) attaches the Revolving Credit Note, if any, held by the Assignor [and requests that the Agent exchange such Revolving Credit Note for a new Revolving Credit Note payable to the order of [the Assignee in an amount equal to the Commitment assumed by the Assignee pursuant hereto or new Revolving Credit Notes payable to the order of the Assignee in an amount equal to the Commitment assumed by the Assignee pursuant hereto and] the Assignor in an amount equal to the Commitment retained by the Assignor under the Credit Agreement[, respectively,] as specified on Schedule 1 hereto].

3. The Assignee (i) confirms that it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement, together with copies of the financial statements referred to in Section 4.01(e) thereof and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Acceptance; (ii) agrees that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent, the Assignor or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Credit Agreement; (iii) confirms that it is an Eligible Assignee; (iv) appoints and authorizes the Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers and discretion under the Credit Agreement as are delegated to the Agent by the terms thereof, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto; (v) agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations that by the terms of the Credit Agreement are required to be performed by it as a Lender; and (vi) attaches any U.S. Internal Revenue Service forms required under Section 2.14 of the Credit Agreement.

4. Following the execution of this Assignment and Acceptance, it will be delivered to the Agent for acceptance and recording by the Agent. The effective date for this Assignment and Acceptance (the "EFFECTIVE DATE") shall be the date of acceptance hereof by the Agent, unless otherwise specified on Schedule 1 hereto.

5. Upon such acceptance and recording by the Agent, as of the Effective Date, (i) the Assignee shall be a party to the Credit Agreement and, to the extent provided in this Assignment and Acceptance, have the rights and

obligations of a Lender thereunder and (ii) the Assignor shall, to the extent provided in this Assignment and Acceptance, relinquish its rights and be released from its obligations under the Credit Agreement.

6. Upon such acceptance and recording by the Agent, from and after the Effective Date, the Agent

shall make all payments under the Credit Agreement and the Revolving Credit Notes in respect of the interest assigned hereby (including, without limitation, all payments of principal, interest and facility fees with respect thereto) to the Assignee. The Assignor and Assignee shall make all appropriate adjustments in payments under the Credit Agreement and the Revolving Credit Notes for periods prior to the Effective Date directly between themselves.

7. This Assignment and Acceptance shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

8. This Assignment and Acceptance may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of Schedule 1 to this Assignment and Acceptance by telecopier shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Assignment and Acceptance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Assignor and the Assignee have caused Schedule 1 to this Assignment and Acceptance to be executed by their officers thereunto duly authorized as of the date specified thereon.

Schedule 1 to
Assignment and
Acceptance
Percentage interest
assigned: _____%
Assignee's
Commitment: \$ _____
Aggregate
outstanding
principal amount of
Revolving Credit
Advances assigned:
\$ _____ Principal
amount of Revolving
Credit Note payable
to Assignee: \$ _____
Principal amount of
Revolving Credit
Note payable to
Assignor: \$ _____
Effective Date*:
_____, 200_

[NAME OF ASSIGNOR], as Assignor

By _____
Title:

Dated: _____, 200_

[NAME OF ASSIGNEE], as Assignee

By _____
Title:

Dated: _____, 200_

Domestic Lending Office:
[Address]

Eurocurrency Lending Office:
[Address]

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* This date should be no earlier than five Business Days after the delivery of this Assignment and Acceptance to the Agent.

Accepted [and Approved]** this
_____ day of _____, 200_

CITIBANK, N.A., as Agent

By _____
Title:

[Approved this ____ day
of _____, 200_

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

By _____]*

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** Required if the Assignee is an Eligible Assignee solely by reason of clause (iii) of the definition of "Eligible Assignee".

* Required if the Assignee is an Eligible Assignee solely by reason of clause (iii) of the definition of "Eligible Assignee".

EXHIBIT D1 - FORM OF
OPINION OF CLEARY,
GOTTLIEB, STEEN &
HAMILTON

[Effective Date]

To each of the Lenders parties
to the Credit Agreement dated
as of June 26, 2001
among The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.,
said Lenders and Citibank, N.A.,
as Agent for said Lenders, and
to Citibank, N.A., as Agent

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (the "COMPANY") in connection with that certain 364-Day Credit Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2001 (the "CREDIT AGREEMENT"), among the Company, the Lenders parties thereto, Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., as lead arranger and book manager, and Citibank, N.A., as Agent for said Lenders. Terms defined in the Credit Agreement are used herein as therein defined. This opinion is furnished to you pursuant to Section 3.01(g)(iv) of the Credit Agreement.

In arriving at the opinions expressed below, we have examined the following documents:

- (1) an executed copy of the Credit Agreement; and
- (2) the documents furnished by the Company pursuant to Article III of the Credit Agreement.

In addition, we have examined the originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such other corporate records of the Company, certificates of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company and such other persons, and we have made such investigations of law, as we have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinions expressed below.

In rendering the opinions expressed below, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies. In addition, we have assumed and have not verified the accuracy as to factual matters of each document we have reviewed (including, without limitation, the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company in the Credit Agreement).

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the further assumptions and qualifications set forth below, it is our opinion that:

1. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Credit Agreement and the Notes, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, are within the Company's corporate powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action, and do not contravene any law, rule or regulation applicable to the Company.

2. The Credit Agreement is, and after giving effect to the initial Borrowing, the Notes delivered by the Company will be, valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the Company in accordance with their respective terms.

3. No authorization, approval or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any governmental authority of the United States or the State of New York is required for the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Credit Agreement and the Notes to be delivered by

it.

Insofar as the foregoing opinions relate to the validity, binding effect or enforceability of any agreement or obligation of the Company, (a) we have assumed that each party to such agreement or obligation has satisfied those legal requirements that are applicable to it to the extent necessary to make such agreement or obligation enforceable against it (except that no such assumption is made as to the Company regarding matters of the federal law of the United States of America, the law of the State of New York or the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware) and (b) such opinions are subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity.

We express no opinion as to (i) Section 2.14 of the Credit Agreement insofar as it provides that any Lender purchasing a participation from another Lender pursuant thereto may exercise set-off or similar rights with respect to such participation and (ii) the effect of the law of any jurisdiction other than the State of New York wherein any Lender may be located or wherein enforcement of the Credit Agreement or the Notes may be sought that limits the rates of interest legally chargeable or collectible.

We note that the designations in Section 9.13(a) of the Credit Agreement, are (notwithstanding the waiver in Section 9.13(b) of the Credit Agreement) subject to the power of such courts to transfer actions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. SS 1404(a) or to dismiss such actions or proceedings on the grounds that such a federal court is an inconvenient forum for such action or proceeding.

With respect to the first sentence of Section 9.13(a) of the Credit Agreement, we express no opinion as to the subject matter jurisdiction of any United States federal court to adjudicate any action relating to the Credit Agreement where jurisdiction based on diversity of citizenship under 28 U.S.C. SS 1332 does not exist.

We express no opinion as to Section 9.12 of the Credit Agreement. In addition, the opinion expressed in paragraph 1 above relates only to those laws and regulations that, in our experience, are normally applicable to transactions of the type referred to in the Credit Agreement.

The foregoing opinions are limited to the law of the State of New York, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the federal law of the United States.

We are furnishing this opinion letter to you solely for your benefit in connection with the Credit Agreement. This opinion letter is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a copy of this opinion letter may be furnished to, and relied upon by, a permitted transferee who becomes a party to the Credit Agreement as a Lender thereunder, and you or any such transferee may show this opinion to any governmental authority pursuant to requirements of applicable law or regulations. The opinions expressed herein are, however, rendered on and as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to advise you or any such transferee or governmental authority or any other person, or to make any investigations, as to any legal developments or factual matters arising subsequent to the date hereof that might affect the opinions expressed herein.

Very truly yours,

CLEARY, GOTTLIEB, STEEN & HAMILTON

By: _____
James F. Munsell, a partner

EXHIBIT D2 - FORM OF
OPINION OF IN-HOUSE
COUNSEL OF THE
COMPANY

[Effective Date]

To each of the Lenders parties
to the Credit Agreement dated
as of June 26, 2001
among The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.,
said Lenders and Citibank, N.A.,
as Agent for said Lenders, and
to Citibank, N.A., as Agent

364-DAY REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This opinion is furnished to you pursuant to Section 3.01(g)(iv) of the 364-Day Credit Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2001 (the "CREDIT AGREEMENT"), among The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (the "COMPANY"), the Lenders parties thereto, Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., as lead arranger and book

manager, and Citibank, N.A., as Agent for said Lenders. Terms defined in the Credit Agreement are used herein as therein defined.

I have acted as General Counsel for the Company in connection with the preparation, execution and delivery of the Credit Agreement.

In arriving at the opinions expressed below, I have examined the following documents:

- (1) An executed copy of the Credit Agreement
- (2) The documents furnished by the Company pursuant to Article III of the Credit Agreement.
- (3) A copy of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company and all amendments thereto (the "CHARTER").
- (4) A copy of the by-laws of the Company and all amendments thereto (the "BY-LAWS").
- (5) A certificate of the Secretary of State of Delaware, dated _____, 2001, attesting to the continued corporate existence and good standing of the Company in that State.

In addition, I have examined the originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to my satisfaction, of such other corporate records of the Company, certificates of public officials and of officers of the Company and such other persons as I have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinions expressed below.

In rendering the opinions expressed below, I have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to me as originals and the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to me as copies. In addition, I have assumed and have not verified the accuracy as to factual matters of each document I have reviewed (including, without limitation, the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company in the Credit Agreement).

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the further assumptions and qualifications set forth below,

it is my opinion that:

- (1) The Company is a corporation validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- (2) The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Credit Agreement and the Notes, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, are within the Company's corporate powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action, and do not contravene (i) the Charter or the By-laws or (ii) any material contractual or legal restriction known to me contained in any material document to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound. The Credit Agreement and the Notes have been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Company..
- (3) To my knowledge, no authorization, approval or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any third party is required for the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Credit Agreement and the Notes to be delivered by it.
- (4) To my knowledge, there are no pending or overtly threatened actions or proceedings against the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries before any court, governmental agency or arbitrator that purport to affect the validity, binding effect or enforceability of the Credit Agreement or any of the Notes or the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby or that are likely to have a materially adverse effect upon the financial condition or operations of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

The foregoing opinions are limited to the law of the State of New York, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the Federal law of the United States.

I am furnishing this opinion letter to you solely for your benefit in connection with the Credit Agreement. This opinion letter is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a copy of this opinion letter may be furnished to, and relied upon by, a permitted transferee who becomes a party to the Credit Agreement as a Lender thereunder, and you or any such transferee may show this opinion to any governmental authority pursuant to requirements of applicable law or regulations. The opinions expressed herein are, however, rendered on and as of the date hereof, and I assume no obligation to advise you or any such transferee or governmental authority or any other person, or to make any investigations, as to any legal developments or factual matters arising subsequent to the date hereof that might affect the opinions expressed herein.

Very truly yours,

EXHIBIT E - FORM OF
DESIGNATION AGREEMENT

[DATE]

To each of the Lenders
parties to the Credit Agreement
(as defined below) and to Citibank, N.A.
as Agent for such Lenders

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the 364-Day Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of June 26, 2001 among The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (the "COMPANY"), certain other borrowers parties thereto, the Lenders parties thereto, Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., as lead arranger and book manager, and Citibank, N.A., as Agent for said Lenders (the "CREDIT AGREEMENT"). Terms used herein and defined in the Credit Agreement shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

Please be advised that the Company hereby designates its undersigned Subsidiary, _____ ("DESIGNATED SUBSIDIARY"), as a "Designated Subsidiary" under and for all purposes of the Credit Agreement.

The Designated Subsidiary, in consideration of each Lender's agreement to extend credit to it under and on the terms and conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement, does hereby assume each of the obligations imposed upon a "Designated Subsidiary" and a "Borrower" under the Credit Agreement and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Designated Subsidiary hereby represents and warrants to each Lender as follows:

(a) The Designated Subsidiary is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of _____.

(b) The execution, delivery and performance by the Designated Subsidiary of this Designation Agreement, the Credit Agreement and the Notes to be delivered by it are within the Designated Subsidiary's corporate powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not contravene (i) the Designated Subsidiary's charter or by-laws or (ii) any law, rule or regulation applicable to the Designated Subsidiary or (iii) any material contractual or legal restriction binding on the Designated Subsidiary. The Designation Agreement and the Notes delivered by it have been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Designated Subsidiary.

(c) No authorization or approval or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any governmental authority or regulatory body is required for the due execution, delivery and performance by the Designated Subsidiary of this Designation Agreement, the Credit Agreement or the Notes to be delivered by it.

(d) This Designation Agreement is, and the Notes to be delivered by the Designated Subsidiary when delivered will be, legal, valid and binding obligations of the Designated Subsidiary enforceable against the Designated Subsidiary in accordance with their respective terms.

(e) There is no pending or, to the knowledge of the Designated Subsidiary, threatened action or proceeding affecting the Designated Subsidiary or any of its Subsidiaries before any court, governmental agency or arbitrator which purports to affect the legality, validity or enforceability of this Designation Agreement, the Credit Agreement or any Note of the Designated Subsidiary.

This Designation Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Very truly yours,

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

By _____
Name:
Title:

[THE DESIGNATED SUBSIDIARY]

By _____
Name:

U.S. \$500,000,000

364-DAY CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of June 26, 2001

Among

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.
AS COMPANY

THE INITIAL LENDERS NAMED HEREIN

AS INITIAL LENDERS

CITIBANK, N.A.

AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

and

SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.

AS LEAD ARRANGER AND BOOK MANAGER

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AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE
FIVE YEAR CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of June 26, 2001

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FIVE YEAR CREDIT AGREEMENT among The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "COMPANY"), the banks, financial institutions and other institutional lenders parties to the Credit Agreement referred to below (collectively, the "LENDERS") and Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent (the "AGENT") for the Lenders.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS:

(1) The Company, the Lenders and the Agent have entered into a Five Year Credit Agreement dated as of June 27, 2000 (the "CREDIT AGREEMENT"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Amendment have the same meanings as specified in the Credit Agreement.

(2) The Company and the Lenders have agreed to amend the Credit Agreement as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 1. Amendments to Credit Agreement The Credit Agreement is, effective as of the date hereof and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 2, hereby amended as follows:

(a) The definitions of "COMMITTED CURRENCIES", "EBITDA", "EUROCURRENCY RATE", "LIBO RATE" and "REFERENCE BANKS" in Section 1.01 are in full to read as follows:

"COMMITTED CURRENCIES" means lawful currency of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, lawful currency of the Federal Republic of Germany, lawful currency of the Republic of France, lawful currency of The Swiss Federation, lawful currency of Japan, Euro and any other currency requested by the applicable Borrower that can be provided by all Lenders.

"EBITDA" means, for any period, net income (or net loss) PLUS the sum of (a) Interest Expense, (b) income tax expense, (c) depreciation expense, (d) amortization expense, in each case determined in accordance with GAAP for such period, (e) restructuring and other merger related charges, (f) costs related to the acquisition of Deutsch, Inc. and its Affiliates, (g) investment impairment charges, in the case of (e), (f) and (g), as recorded in the financial statements of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP for the fiscal quarters ended September 30, 2000, December 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001 and (h) non-recurring charges up to an aggregate amount of \$100,000,000, as recorded in the financial statements of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP for the six months ended September 30, 2001.

"EUROCURRENCY RATE" means, for any Interest Period for each Eurocurrency Rate Advance comprising part of the same Revolving Credit Borrowing, an interest rate per annum equal to the rate per annum obtained by dividing (a)(i) in the case of any Revolving Credit Borrowing denominated in Dollars or any Committed Currency other than Euro, the rate per annum (rounded upward to the nearest whole multiple of 1/16 of 1% per annum) appearing on Telerate Markets Page 3750 (or any successor page) as the London interbank offered rate for deposits in Dollars or the applicable Committed Currency at approximately 11:00 A.M. (London time) two Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period for a term comparable to such Interest Period or, if for any reason such rate is not available, the average (rounded upward to the nearest whole

multiple of 1/16 of 1% per annum, if such average is not such a multiple) of the respective rates per annum at which deposits in Dollars or the applicable Committed Currency are offered by the principal office of each of the Reference Banks in London, England to prime banks in the London interbank market at 11:00 A.M. (London time) two Business Days before the first day of such Interest Period in an amount substantially equal to such Reference Bank's Eurocurrency Rate Advance comprising part of such Revolving Credit Borrowing to be outstanding during such Interest Period and for a period equal to such Interest Period (subject, however, to the provisions of Section 2.08) or (ii) in the case of any Revolving Credit Borrowing denominated in Euro, the EURIBO Rate by (b) a percentage equal to 100% minus the Eurocurrency Rate Reserve Percentage for such Interest Period.

"LIBO RATE" means, for any Interest Period for all LIBO Rate Advances comprising part of the same Competitive Bid Borrowing, an interest rate per annum equal to the rate per annum obtained by

dividing (a)(i) in the case of any Competitive Bid Borrowing denominated in Dollars or any Committed Currency other than Euro, the rate per annum (rounded upward to the nearest whole multiple of 1/16 of 1% per annum) appearing on Telerate Markets Page 3750 (or any successor page) as the London interbank offered rate for deposits in Dollars or the applicable Committed Currency at approximately 11:00 A.M. (London time) two Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period for a term comparable to such Interest Period or, if for any reason such rate is not available, the average (rounded upward to the nearest whole multiple of 1/16 of 1% per annum, if such average is not such a multiple) of the respective rates per annum at which deposits in Dollars or the applicable Committed Currency are offered by the principal office of each of the Reference Banks in London, England to prime banks in the London interbank market at 11:00 A.M. (London time) two Business Days before the first day of such Interest Period in an amount substantially equal to the amount that would be the Reference Banks' respective ratable shares of such Borrowing if such Borrowing were to be a Revolving Credit Borrowing to be outstanding during such Interest Period and for a period equal to such Interest Period (subject, however, to the provisions of Section 2.08) or (ii) in the case of any Competitive Bid Borrowing denominated in Euro, the EURIBO Rate by (b) a percentage equal to 100% minus the Eurocurrency Rate Reserve Percentage for such Interest Period.

"REFERENCE BANKS" means Citibank, HSBC Bank USA and The Chase Manhattan Bank.

(b) [Intentionally omitted].

(c) Section 1.01 is further amended by adding thereto in appropriate alphabetical order, the following definitions:

"EURIBO RATE" means, for any Interest Period, the rate per annum appearing on Telerate Markets Page 248 (or on any successor or substitute page, or any successor to or substitute for Telerate Markets, providing rate quotations comparable to those currently provided on such page of Telerate Markets, as determined by the Agent from time to time for purposes of providing quotations of interest rates applicable to deposits in Euro by reference to the Banking Federation of the European Union Settlement Rates for deposits in Euro) at approximately 10:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, as the rate for deposits in Euro with a maturity comparable to such Interest Period or, if for any reason such rate is not available, the average (rounded upward to the nearest whole multiple of 1/16 of 1% per annum, if such average is not such a multiple) of the respective rates per annum at which deposits in Euros are offered by the principal office of each of the Reference Banks in London, England to prime banks in the London interbank market at 11:00 A.M. (London time) two Business Days before the first day of such Interest Period in an amount substantially equal (x) in the case of Revolving Credit Borrowings, to such Reference Bank's Eurocurrency Rate Advance comprising part of such Revolving Credit Borrowing to be outstanding during such Interest Period

and for a period equal to such Interest Period (subject, however, to the provisions of Section 2.08) or (y) in the case of Competitive Bid Borrowings, to the amount that would be the Reference Banks' respective ratable shares of such Borrowing if such Borrowing were to be a Revolving Credit Borrowing to be outstanding during such Interest Period and for a period equal to such Interest Period (subject, however, to the provisions of Section 2.08).

"EURO" means the lawful currency of the European Union as constituted by the Treaty of Rome which established the European Community, as such treaty may be amended from time to time and as referred to in the EMU legislation.

(d) Section 2.02 is amended (i) by deleting the phrase "11:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the third Business Day" in clause (x) and substituting therefor the phrase "10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the second Business Day" and (ii) by deleting the time "11:00 A.M. (New York City time) in clause (z) and substituting therefor the time "12:00 noon (New York City time)".

(e) Section 2.10(a) is amended by deleting the phrase "at least two Business Days prior to the date of such prepayment" and substituting therefor the phrase "at least one Business Day prior to the date of such prepayment".

(f) Section 5.02(a) is amended by (i) deleting the word "and" at the end of clause (x), (ii) adding the word "and" at the end of clause (xi) and (iii) adding a new clause (xii) to read as follows:

(xii) any legal or contractual right of set-off or any contractual right to charge the accounts of the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to effect the payment of amounts due in respect of any Debt or financing arrangement.

(g) Section 6.01(d) is amended in full to read as follows:

(d) The Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries shall fail to pay any principal of or premium or interest on any Debt (but excluding Debt outstanding hereunder and Debt owed solely to the Company or to a Consolidated Subsidiary) of the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary (as the case may be), when the same becomes due and payable (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand or otherwise), and such failure shall continue after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in the agreement or instrument creating or evidencing such Debt; or any other event shall occur or condition shall exist under any agreement or instrument creating or evidencing any such Debt and shall continue after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in such agreement or instrument, if the effect of such event or condition is to accelerate, or to permit the acceleration of, the maturity of such Debt; or any such Debt shall be declared to be due and payable, or required to be prepaid or redeemed (other than by a regularly scheduled required prepayment or redemption), purchased or defeased, or an offer to prepay, redeem, purchase or defease such Debt shall be required to be made, in each case prior to the stated maturity thereof; PROVIDED that the aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of any payment default, failure or other event in respect of a Hedge Agreement, the net amount due and payable under such Hedge Agreement as of the date of such payment default, failure or event) of all Debt as to which any such payment defaults (whether or not at stated maturity thereof), failures or other events shall have occurred and be continuing exceeds \$10,000,000, PROVIDED, FURTHER, that if any of the actions or events set forth above in this subsection (d) shall be taken in respect of, or occur with respect to, a Consolidated Subsidiary, such action or event shall not be the basis for or give rise to an Event of Default under this subsection (d) until five Business Days after the chief executive officer, chief operation officer, principal financial officer or principle accounting officer of the Company knows or has reason to know of the occurrence of such action or event if (x) the assets or revenues of such Consolidated Subsidiary and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, comprise 5% or less of the assets or revenues, respectively, of the Company and its

Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and (y) the aggregate assets and revenues of all Consolidated Subsidiaries otherwise subject to such actions or events set forth above do not comprise more than 15% of the assets or revenues, respectively, of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole; or

(h) Section 6.01(e) is amended in full to read as follows:

(e) The Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries shall generally not pay its debts as such debts become due, or shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally, or shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or any proceeding shall be instituted by or against the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking liquidation, winding up, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, protection, relief, or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors, or seeking the entry of an order for relief or the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for any substantial part of its property and, in the case of any such proceeding instituted against it (but not instituted by it), either such proceeding shall remain undismissed or unstayed for a period of 60 days, or any of the actions sought in such proceeding (including, without limitation, the entry of an order for relief against, or the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for, it or for any substantial part of its property) shall occur; or the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries shall take any corporate action to authorize any of the actions set forth above in this subsection (e); PROVIDED, that if any of the actions or events set forth above in this subsection (e) shall be taken in respect of, or occur with respect to, a Consolidated Subsidiary, such action or event shall not be the basis for or give rise to an Event of Default under this subsection (e) if (x) the assets or revenues of such Consolidated Subsidiary and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, comprise 5% or less of the assets or revenues, respectively, of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and (y) the aggregate assets and revenues of all Consolidated Subsidiaries otherwise subject to such actions or events set forth above do not comprise more than 15% of the assets or revenues, respectively, of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries taken as a whole; or

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS OF EFFECTIVENESS. This Amendment shall become effective as of the date first above written when, and only when, on or before June 26, 2001 the Agent shall have received counterparts of this Amendment

executed by the Borrower and the Required Lenders or, as to any of the Lenders, advice satisfactory to the Agent that such Lender has executed this Amendment. This Amendment is subject to the provisions of Section 8.01 of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 3. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY The Company represents and warrants as follows:

(a) The Company is a corporation duly organized, incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and has all corporate powers and all material governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals required to carry on its business.

(b) The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Amendment and the Credit Agreement, as amended hereby, are within the Company's corporate powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not contravene, or constitute a default under, any provision of applicable law or regulation or the certificate of incorporation of the company or any judgment, injunction, order, decree, material agreement or other instrument binding upon the Company or result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of the

Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries.

(c) No authorization or approval or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any governmental authority or regulatory body or any other third party is required for the due execution, delivery or performance by the Company of this Amendment, the Credit Agreement or any of the Notes to which it is or is to be a party, as amended hereby.

(d) This Amendment has been duly executed and delivered by the Company. This Amendment and each of the Credit Agreement and the Notes to which the Company is or is to be a party, as amended hereby, are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their respective terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting the rights of creditors generally and subject to general principles of equity.

(e) There is no action, suit, investigation, litigation or proceeding pending against, or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries before any court or arbitrator or any governmental body, agency or official in which there is a significant probability of an adverse decision that (i) would have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) purports to affect the legality, validity or enforceability of this Amendment or the Credit Agreement or any Note, as amended hereby, or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 4. Reference to and Effect on the Credit Agreement and the Notes. a) On and after the effectiveness of this Amendment, each reference in the Credit Agreement to "this Agreement", "hereunder", "hereof" or words of like import referring to the Credit Agreement, and each reference in the Notes to "the Credit Agreement", "thereunder", "thereof" or words of like import referring to the Credit Agreement, shall mean and be a reference to the Credit Agreement, as amended by this Amendment.

(b) The Credit Agreement and the Notes, as specifically amended by this Amendment, are and shall continue to be in full force and effect and are hereby in all respects ratified and confirmed.

(c) The execution, delivery and effectiveness of this Amendment shall not, except as expressly provided herein, operate as a waiver of any right, power or remedy of any Lender or the Agent under the Credit Agreement, nor constitute a waiver of any provision of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 5. Costs and Expenses The Company agrees to pay on demand all reasonable costs and expenses of the Agent in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery and administration, modification and amendment of this Amendment and the other instruments and documents to be delivered hereunder (including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Agent) in accordance with the terms of Section 9.04 of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 6. Execution in Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Amendment by telecopier shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Amendment.

SECTION 7. Governing Law. This Amendment shall be governed by, and

construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

By _____
Title:

CITIBANK, N.A.,
as Agent and as Lender

By _____
Title:

Bank of America, N.A.

{TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF INSTITUTION}

By _____
Title:

Bank of New York

{TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF INSTITUTION}

By _____
Title:

Suntrust Bank

{TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF INSTITUTION}

By _____
Title:

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC

{TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF INSTITUTION}

By _____
Title:

KeyBank National Association

{TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF INSTITUTION}

By _____
Title:

HSBC Bank USA

{TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF INSTITUTION}

By _____
Title:

Fleet National Bank

{TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF INSTITUTION}

By _____
Title:

The Chase Manhattan Bank

{TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF INSTITUTION}

By

Title:

Barclays Bank PLC

{TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF INSTITUTION}

By

Title:

As of June 1, 2001

Mr. Richard A. Goldstein
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
 International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc.
 521 West 57th Street
 New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

This letter sets forth the terms and conditions under which The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., agrees to pay you Deferred Compensation with respect to such period of time beginning on June 1, 2001 and ending on the date of your retirement. Interpublic is sometimes referred to in this letter as the "COMPANY".

1. DEFINITION OF YEAR. For purposes of this letter, each period of time beginning on June 1st of any year, and ending on May 31st, of the following year, shall be referred to as a "YEAR".

2. DEFERRED COMPENSATION. With respect to any compensation which may be payable to you from time to time, as a member of The Board of Directors of Interpublic ("Board") or any committee thereof, the Company will compensate you by payment, at the times and in the manner specified in this letter, of a sum equal to the aggregate amount of such compensation ("DEFERRED COMPENSATION") computed at the rate of (see schedule attached) per annum for each full year and a proportionate amount for any partial year.

3. VESTING. Your right to receive accrued Deferred Compensation shall vest on the earliest to occur of the following:

a. If you retire from the Board on the date of such retirement; or

b. In the event of your death or permanent disability (as defined in the Long Term Disability Plan of the Company) on the date of your death or the date on which you become permanently disabled.

4. INTEREST. Credits equivalent to interest will be earned on any Deferred Compensation ultimately payable to you in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan for Credits Equivalent to Interest on Balances of Deferred Compensation Owing under Employment Agreements (the "PLAN"), adopted effective January 1, 1974 by The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. A copy of the Plan is attached to this letter. You acknowledge that the Company has the right to discontinue further credits equivalent to interest in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan.

5. PAYMENT OF VESTED DEFERRED COMPENSATION. Vested Deferred Compensation will be paid to you in a single lump-sum amount, with interest accrued through the date of the lump-sum payment, upon your retirement and with the consent of the Company.

6. DEATH OR PERMANENT DISABILITY. If you die while still a member of the Board, any amount vested in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall be paid to the Executor of your Will or the Administrator of your Estate. If you become permanently disabled (as defined in the Long Term Disability Plan of the Company) while still a member of the Board, any amount vested in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall be paid to you in the month following the month in which you become permanently disabled.

7. SUPPLEMENTARY NATURE OF THIS LETTER. Nothing in this letter shall obligate you to remain as a member of the Board or obligate the Company to maintain you as a member of the Board.

8. TAXES. There shall be deducted from all amounts paid under this Agreement any taxes that the Company reasonably determines are requested to be withheld by any government or government agency. You or your representative shall bear any and all taxes imposed on amounts paid under this Agreement irrespective of whether withholding is required.

9. GOVERNING LAW. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Will you please indicate your agreement to the foregoing by signing the enclosed copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF
 COMPANIES, INC.

By: _____

Name: Kent Kroeber

AGREED:

Richard Goldstein

PLAN FOR CREDITS EQUIVALENT TO INTEREST ON
BALANCES OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION
OWING UNDER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1974.

BALANCES COVERED: All deferred compensation, under Employment Agreements to which the Corporation is a party, owing (even though not yet payable and even though subject to conditions) on January 1, 1974 or thereafter to persons who on January 1, 1974 or thereafter are in the employ of the Corporation or its subsidiaries, including balances owing to persons who cease to be employees after that date; subject to the right of the Corporation to discontinue further credits of sums equivalent to interest effective at the beginning of any calendar year on prior notice to the employees or former employees affected.

DATE ON WHICH SUMS EQUIVALENT TO INTEREST ARE CREDITED: Last day of each calendar quarter (hereafter referred to as a "Crediting Date"), but in the year in which the final balance is paid equivalents are also creditable on the date of the last payment and shall be included in the amounts so disbursed on that date.

RATES: The prevailing rate payable on 5-year treasury notes plus 1%, such rate to be determined conclusively by the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation and set forth by him in a certificate filed with the Secretary of the Corporation; provided, however, that the rate credited under this plan shall not be less than 7.25% for the

calendar year 2001.

COMPUTATION AND COM- POUNDING PROCEDURES : On-each Crediting Date, credits equivalent to interest for the relevant period are to be computed on the average balance of deferred compensation owing by the Corporation under each Employment Agreement including sums equivalent to interest credited on prior Crediting Dates, such average balance to be computed pursuant to such method or methods as shall be determined conclusively by the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation.

TERMS OF PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES AND FORMER EMPLOYEES: Credits equivalent to interest shall be paid out at the same times, in the same manner, and on the same terms and conditions as other items of deferred compensation accrued pursuant to each Employment Agreement.

As amended through 10/00

DIRECTORS FEES

Annual Retainer	\$24,000
Committee Chairpersons:	
- Audit	3,500/A
- Compensation	3,500/A
- Nominating	3,000/A
Committee Members	2,000/A
Board Meeting Attendance Fee	1,000

Other Meeting Attendance Fee 1,000

Second Meeting - Same Day 1,000

3,000 shares of restricted stock (five year vesting period) on the first Friday in June of the year in which he or she becomes a Director, then 3,000 shares every five years.

2,000 stock options on the first Friday of every June.

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
 COMPUTATION OF EARNINGS PER SHARE
 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

THREE
 MONTHS
 ENDED JUNE
 30, -----

 - 2001
 2000 -----
 ----- BASIC
 Net income
 (loss)
 \$(110,158)
 \$166,361
 =====
 =====
 Weighted
 average
 number of
 common
 shares
 Outstanding
 368,911
 356,680
 =====
 =====
 Earnings
 (loss) per
 common and
 common
 equivalent
 share \$
 (.30) \$
 .47
 =====
 =====

THREE
 MONTHS
 ENDED JUNE
 30, -----

 2001 2000 -

 DILUTED (1)
 Net income
 (loss)
 \$(110,158)
 \$166,361
 Add: After
 tax savings
 on assumed
 conversion
 of
 subordinated
 debentures
 and notes -
 - 4,614
 Dividends
 paid net of
 related
 income tax
 applicable
 to
 restricted
 stock --
 173 -----

 Net income
 (loss), as
 adjusted
 \$(110,158)
 \$171,148
 =====
 =====
 Weighted
 average
 number of
 common

shares
 Outstanding
 368,911
 356,680
 Weighted
 average
 number of
 incremental
 shares in
 connection
 with
 restricted
 stock and
 assumed
 exercise of
 stock
 options --
 11,136
 Assumed
 conversion
 of
 subordinated
 debentures
 and notes -
 - 13,053 --

 ----- Total
 368,911
 380,869
 =====
 =====
 Earnings
 (loss) per
 common and
 common
 equivalent
 share \$
 (.30) \$.45
 =====
 =====

(1) The computation of diluted EPS for 2001 excludes the assumed conversion of the 1.80% and 1.87% Convertible Subordinated Notes, and the conversion of restricted stock and assumed exercise of stock options because they were antidilutive.

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
 COMPUTATION OF EARNINGS PER SHARE
 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

SIX MONTHS
 ENDED JUNE
 30 -----

 2001 2000

 BASIC: Net
 income
 (loss)
 \$(138,829)
 \$216,295
 Weighted
 average
 number of
 common
 shares
 outstanding
 367,520
 356,148
 Earnings
 (loss) per
 common
 share \$
 (.38) \$
 .61
 =====
 =====

SIX MONTHS
 ENDED JUNE
 30 -----

 ----- 2001
 2000 -----

DILUTED:
 Net income
 (loss)
 \$(138,829)
 \$216,295
 Add: After
 tax savings
 on assumed
 conversion
 of
 subordinated
 debentures
 and notes -
 - - -

Dividends
 paid net of
 related
 income tax
 applicable
 to
 restricted
 stock --
 335 -----

Net income
 (loss), as
 adjusted
 \$(138,829)
 \$216,630
 =====

Weighted
 average
 number of
 common
 shares
 outstanding
 367,520
 356,148

Weighted
 average
 number of
 incremental
 shares in
 connection
 with
 restricted
 stock and
 assumed
 exercise of
 stock
 options --
 11,776

Assumed
 conversion
 of
 subordinated
 debentures
 and notes -
 - - -

- Total
 367,520
 367,924
 =====

Earnings
 (loss) per
 common and
 common
 equivalent
 share \$
 (.38) \$.59
 =====
 =====

(1) The computation of diluted EPS for 2001 and 2000 excludes the assumed conversion of the 1.87% and 1.8% Convertible Subordinated Notes, and for 2001 excludes the conversion of restricted stock and assumed exercise of

stock options because they were anti-dilutive.