**APPENDIX F - LETTER OF CREDIT DOCUMENTATION**

**Sample DS Letter of Credit**

[Insert Date]

Letter of Credit No. [Insert Credit No]

To: [Insert Company Name] ("Beneficiary")

1. We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable transferable Letter of Credit (this “Letter of Credit”) for the account of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(the “Applicant”), in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Location) and expiring 364 days from date of issuance, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions hereof.
2. This Letter of Credit is issued at the request of the Applicant, and we hereby irrevocably authorize you to draw on us, in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof, up to the maximum amount of this Letter of Credit, subject to reduction as provided in paragraph 11 hereof. This Letter of Credit may be drawn upon an Event of Default under the DS Suppler Master Agreement(s) between the Applicant and you, dated

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the DS Suppler Supplier Master Agreement(s) between the Applicant and you, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. A partial or full drawing hereunder may be made by you on any Business Day on or prior to the expiration of this Letter of Credit by delivering, by no later than 11:00 A.M. (New York, NY time[[1]](#footnote-1)) on such Business Day to (Bank), (address), (i) a notice executed by

you in the form of Annex 1 hereto, appropriately completed and duly signed by your Authorized Officer of the Beneficiary and (ii) your draft in the form of Annex 2 hereto, appropriately completed and duly signed by your Authorized Officer of the Beneficiary. Authorized Officer shall mean President, Treasurer, any Vice President or any Assistant Treasurer.

1. We hereby agree to honor a drawing hereunder made in compliance with the terms and provisions of this Letter of Credit by transferring in immediately available funds the amount specified in the draft delivered to us in connection with such drawing to such account at such bank in the United States as you may specify in your draft delivered to us pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof, by 3:00 P.M. (New York, NY time) on the date of such drawing, if delivery of this requisite document is made prior to 11:00 AM (New York, NY time) on a Business Day pursuant to Paragraph 3 herein above, but at the opening of business on the first Business Day next succeeding the date of such drawing if delivery of the requisite document is made on or after 11:00 AM (New York, NY time) on any Business Day pursuant to Paragraph 3 herein above.
2. If a demand for payment made by you hereunder does not, in any instance, conform to the terms and conditions of this Letter of Credit, we shall give you prompt notice (not exceeding three (3) Business Days following the date of receipt of the documents) that the demand for payment was not effected in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Letter of Credit, stating the reasons that the demand for payment was not effected

in accordance with such terms and conditions, and that we will upon your instructions hold any documents at your disposal or return the same to you. Upon being notified that the demand for payment was not effected in conformity with this Letter of Credit, you may attempt to correct any such non-conforming demand for payment to the extent that you are entitled to do so, provided, however, in such event a conforming demand for payment must be timely made in accordance with the terms of this Letter of Credit.

1. This Letter of Credit shall automatically terminate and be delivered to us for cancellation on the earliest of (i) the making by you of the drawings in an amount equal to the maximum amount available to be made hereunder, (ii) the date we receive from you a Certificate of Expiration in the form of Annex 3 hereto, or (iii) will be automatically extended without written amendment for successive additional one (1) year periods from the current or any future extended expiry date, unless at least ninety (90) days prior to such date of expiration, we give written notice to the Beneficiary by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier, at the address set forth above, or at such other address of which prior written notice has been provided to us, that we elect not to renew this irrevocable standby Letter of Credit for such additional one (1) year period.
2. As used herein:

 “Business Day” shall mean any day on which commercial banks are not authorized or required to close in New York, New York and any day on which payments can be effected on the Fed wire system.

1. This Letter of Credit is assignable and transferable, in accordance with Annex 4, to an entity who you certify to us in the form of Annex 4, and we hereby consent to such assignment or transfer, provided that this Letter of Credit may not otherwise be amended or modified without consent from us, you and the Applicant, and except as otherwise expressly stated herein, is subject to the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits – 2007 Revision, ICC Publication No. 600, or any successor publication thereto (the “UCP”). Any and all transfer fees, expenses and costs shall be borne by the Applicant. This Letter of Credit shall, as to matters not governed by the UCP, be governed and construed in accordance with New York law, without regard to principles of conflicts of law. Transfers fees shall be borne by the Applicant.

This Letter of Credit sets forth in full our undertaking, and such undertaking shall not in any way be modified, amended, changed, amplified or limited by reference to any document, instrument or agreement referred to herein, except for Annexes 1 through 4 hereto and the notices referred to herein; and any such reference shall not be deemed to incorporate herein by reference any document, instrument or agreement except as set forth above.

1. We certify that as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(date) we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(“Bank”) satisfy the senior unsecured debt rating of “A” from Standard & Poor’s

Ratings Services or “A2” from Moody’s Investors Service Inc.

1. The amount which may be drawn by you under this Letter of Credit shall be automatically reduced by the amount of any drawings paid through us referencing this Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_. Partial drawings are permitted hereunder.
2. Faxed document(s) are acceptable. Presentation by fax must be made to fax number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confirmed by telephone to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. In the event of act of God, riot, civil commotion, insurrection, war, terrorism or by any strikes or lock outs, or any cause beyond our control, that interrupts our business, and causes the place for presentation of this Letter of Credit to be closed for business on the last day of presentation, the expiration date of this Letter of Credit shall be automatically extended without amendment to a date thirty (30) calendar days after the place for presentation reopens for business.
4. This original Letter of Credit has been sent to the beneficiary EDC located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ above (as per Applicant’s instructions). The aggregate amount paid to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the validity of this Letter of Credit will not exceed the amount of this Letter of Credit. Any demands or communications in the form of the attached Annexes or other communications directed to us under this Letter of Credit must be signed by an Authorized Officer of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Acceptance or rejection of any amendments to this Letter of Credit must be signed by an Authorized

Officer of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Very truly yours,

(Bank)

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: [Insert Name] Name: [Insert Name]

Title: [Insert Title] Title: [Insert Title]

Date: [Insert Date] Date: [Insert Date]

*Annex* 1 *to Letter of Credit*

DRAWING UNDER LETTER OF CREDIT NO. [InsertCreditNo.]

[Insert Date]

To: [Insert Bank]

[Insert Address]

Attention: Standby Letter of Credit Unit

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned is making a drawing under the above-referenced Letter of Credit in the amount specified below and hereby certifies to you as follows:

1. Capitalized terms used herein that are defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Letter of Credit.

1. "Pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the Letter of Credit No. [Insert Credit No.], dated [Insert Date], the undersigned is entitled to make a drawing under the Letter of Credit in the aggregate amount of $[Insert Dollars], inasmuch as there is an Event of Default under any DS Supplier Master Agreement between the Applicant and us.

1. We acknowledge that, upon your honoring the drawing herein requested, the amount of the Letter of Credit available for drawing shall be automatically decreased by an amount equal to this drawing.

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| --- | --- | --- |
|   [Insert Company Name]     |   | Very truly yours,  |
| By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |   | By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |

Name [Insert Name] Name [Insert Name]

Title: [Insert Title] Title: [Insert Title]

Date: [Insert Date] Date: [Insert Date]

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DRAWING UNDER LETTER OF CREDIT NO. [Insert Credit No.]

[Insert Date]

ON [Business day immediately succeeding date of presentation]

PAY TO: [Insert· Company Name]

$ [Insert Dollars]

FOR VALUE RECEIVED AND CHARGE TO ACCOUNT OF LETTER OF CREDIT NO.

[Insert Credit No.]

OF

[Insert Bank]

[Insert Address]

The [Insert Company]

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Insert Name] |  Name: [ | Insert Name] |
| [Insert Title] |  Title: Date:  | [Insert Title] |    |
| [Insert Date] | [Insert Date] |

Name: [

Title: Date: 3 *to Letter of Credit*

CERTIFICATE OF EXPIRATION

OF LETTER OF CREDIT NO. [Insert Credit No.]

[Insert Date]

To: [Insert Bank]

[Insert Address]

Attention: Standby Letter of Credit Unit

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby certifies to you that the above referenced Letter of Credit may be cancelled without payment. Attached hereto is said Letter of Credit, marked cancelled.

[Insert Company Name]

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

|  |
| --- |
| [lnsert Name |
| [Insert Title][Insert Date] |

Name: [lnsert Name] Name: Title: [Insert Title] Title: Date: [Insert Date] Date:

cc: [InsertApplicantNarne]

*4* *to Letter of Credit*

NOTICE OF TRANSFER

OF LETTER OF CREDIT NO. [Insert Credit No.]

[Insert Date]

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| [Insert Bank] |   |
| [Insert Address] |

To:

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Credit [Insert Credit No.]

Issued by: [Insert Name]

Advice No.: [Insert Advise No.]

For the value received, the undersigned beneficiary hereby irrevocably transfers to:

[Insert Transferee Name]

(Name of Transferee)

[Insert Address]

(Address)

All rights of the undersigned beneficiary to draw under the above Letter of Credit in its entirety.

By this transfer, all rights of the undersigned beneficiary in such Letter of Credit are transferred to the transferee and the transferee shall have the sole rights as beneficiary thereof, including sole rights relating to any amendments whether increases or extensions or other amendments and whether now existing or hereafter made. All amendments are to be advised direct to the transferee without necessity of any consent of or notice to the undersigned beneficiary.

The advice of such Letter of Credit is returned herewith, and we ask you to endorse the transfer on the reverse thereof, and forward it direct to the transferee with your customary notice of transfer.

Enclosed is a certified check in the amount of $ [Insert Amount] in payment of your transfer commission and in addition we agree to pay to you on demand any expenses that may be incurred by you in conjunction with this transfer.

Very Truly Yours,

[Insert Signature of Company]

(Signature of the Company)

The above signature with title as stated conforms to that on file with us and is authorized for the execution of said instruments.

(Name of authenticating party)

[Insert Signature of Authenticating Party]

(Authorized signature of authenticating party)

Name: [Insert Name]

Title: [Insert Title]

1. If the issuer of the Letter of Credit is located in an area that is not in the Eastern time zone, this time and all other times in this Letter of Credit, and the definition of a Business Day should be adjusted accordingly. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)