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May 15, 2019

Mr. Jeremy Aguero Clark County Stadium Authority c/o Applied Analysis 6385 S. Rainbow Blvd. - Suite 105 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118

Dear Jeremy:

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Clark County Stadium Authority ("the Authority"). This letter ("Letter") sets forth the services that RubinBrown LLP ("RubinBrown") will provide for you. In order to better understand each party's obligations, the terms "we," "us," and "our" refer to RubinBrown and the terms "you," "your" and "management" refer to the Clark County Stadium Authority. Your engagement of RubinBrown will be governed by the terms of this Letter and the attached RubinBrown LLP Engagement Terms.

Scope of Consulting Services

This engagement will be performed under American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Consulting Standards and will include two components

- 1. Monthly Reporting Services, as defined in this engagement letter, and
- 2. Ad-Hoc Projects to be defined at later dates in a Separate Statement of Work ("SOW").

Monthly Reporting Services:

RubinBrown will provide the Clark County Stadium Authority with Monthly Reporting Services, which will include the following services:

- Updating the LVSA Account Tracker and the PSL Revenue Tracker, which include the following accounts:
 - Las Vegas Stadium Project Trust;
 - o Las Vegas Stadium PSL Trust;
 - o Stadium Authority Operating Account;
 - Stadium Debt Reserve Account (BNY Mellon);
 - o Clark County Budget Funds; and
 - Other financial data, including stadium project costs, room tax revenue and bond interest transfers.
- Reconciling the monthly project funding notices.

We understand the Clark County Stadium Authority may request RubinBrown to provide client directed Reporting Services each month in addition to the services listed above that will not exceed 20 hours per month. If additional hours are required, we will revise the Monthly Reporting Services listed above.

Results of our work will be documented in the LVSA Account Tracker and PSL Revenue Tracker and will be limited to management use.



Ad-Hoc Projects:

In addition, we understand RubinBrown will be asked to perform Ad-Hoc Projects that are outside the scope of Monthly Reporting Services defined above. Any Ad-Hoc Project will be defined in a separate SOW that will include the estimated costs. We will agree-upon the scope of any Ad-Hoc Project in writing before any work begins or costs are incurred. Any additional SOW will be subject to the same terms and conditions included within this engagement letter, unless otherwise defined in the SOW.

Procedures

Our engagement cannot be relied on to disclose all instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations, fraud, or material errors attributable to management or other personnel. However, if we become aware of such incidents that are not clearly trivial, we will inform you of such instances.

We must necessarily rely upon the integrity and cooperation of management and the assistance of your employees. As a condition of our engagement, management will be responsible for the completeness and truthfulness of representations and disclosures made to us during the course of our work.

Our services are not structured to be relied upon to detect errors, irregularities, employee or management dishonesty, fraud, embezzlement or other illegal acts (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Irregularities"). In performing our services, we will advise the executive level of management of any such material Irregularities that come to our attention. However, you must understand that our services cannot be relied upon to detect such Irregularities unless specifically agreed to by us in a separate SOW. If you have concerns about such matters, please discuss them with us. It may be possible to design a special engagement to assist you in uncovering such Irregularities.

Stephanie Sand will serve as the partner responsible for the overall supervision of the engagement and for authorizing the Firm's signature on deliverables (if applicable).

Management Responsibilities

You and your management will be fully and solely responsible for applying independent business judgment with respect to the services and work product provided by us, to make implementation decisions, if any, and to determine further courses of action with respect to any matters addressed in any advice, recommendations, services, reports or other work product or deliverables to you. The parties hereby acknowledge that in performing its services, we cannot act in the role of management or as your employee or be identified as such.

We understand that you will provide us with (1) access to all relevant information and personnel, (2) additional information that we may request to complete our engagement, and (3) unrestricted access to persons with the Authority from whom we determine it necessary to obtain information.

Timing and Fees

Our fees for Clark County Stadium Authority will be charged on an hourly basis. The billings rates for the period May 9, 2019 through May 31, 2020 will be as follows:

RubinBrown Team Member	Hourly Rate
Partner	\$300
Project Manager	\$210
Analysts and Consultants	\$125 to \$145
Bookkeepers	\$90

For the Monthly Reporting Services, we anticipate a total annual cost not-to-exceed \$90,000, plus out-of-pocket, technology and administrative expenses. The anticipated total monthly cost is based upon the following fee assumptions:

- The number of accounts tracked on the LVSA Account Tracker and the PSL Revenue Tracker, as provided on April 23, 2019, will remain consistent throughout the engagement period.
- The information provided in the monthly funding notices will remain consistent throughout the engagement period.
- Any additional procedures performed as part of the Monthly Reporting Services will not exceed 20 hours per month.

The fees set forth above are based upon (a) the specific assumptions summarized above and (b) cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement. If significant additional fees are necessary, we will discuss them with you and agree to a new fee estimate before additional fees are incurred. We will keep you informed of our progress and work closely with you to structure our work to ensure that it is completed in a cost-effective manner.

Engagement Terms

Attached is an additional statement of terms regarding our engagement titled, RubinBrown LLP Engagement Terms (hereinafter "RubinBrown Engagement Terms"). The RubinBrown Engagement Terms are hereby incorporated by reference and the contents of this Letter should be construed in accordance with the terms set forth therein, unless expressly stated otherwise in this Letter. When construing or interpreting the contents of this Letter or the terms of our engagement, the RubinBrown Engagement Terms will govern. To the extent any apparent or actual contradiction may exist, the RubinBrown Engagement Terms will be deemed controlling and will supersede any such statement contained herein, unless expressly stated otherwise in the provision or portion of this Letter at issue.

Conclusion

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this Letter and the RubinBrown Engagement Terms, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us. By signing the enclosed copy of this Letter, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agreed to the terms as set forth in this Letter and in the RubinBrown Engagement Terms.

THIS CONTRACT CONTAINS A BINDING ARBITRATION PROVISION WHICH MAY BE **ENFORCED BY THE PARTIES.**

Sincerely,

RubinBrown LLP

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Enclosures Exhibit A - RubinBrown LLP Engagement Terms

By signing below, the signatory agrees to the terms of this Letter and the RubinBrown Engagement Terms and specifically authorizes the Binding Arbitration provision of Paragraph 20 of the Engagement Terms, and further represents and warrants that she/he is authorized to approve the terms of this engagement on behalf of Clark County Stadium Authority.

Title: _____ Date: _____

These Engagement Terms (the "Terms") and the engagement letter (the "Letter") incorporating the Terms (the Terms and Letter are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Agreement"), entered into by and between RubinBrown LLP ("RubinBrown") and Client, set forth the terms and conditions of RubinBrown's engagement with Client (the "Engagement"). These Terms shall also apply to any additional work that Client requests RubinBrown to perform unless a separate engagement letter is entered into by and between RubinBrown and Client for such additional work.

1. <u>Agreed Upon Scope of Work.</u> RubinBrown shall be obligated only for the services, work product and deliverables specified in the Letter, and only for changes in such scope that are set forth in writing and duly executed by the parties hereto. Unless expressly provided for in the Letter, RubinBrown's services do not include giving testimony, appearing or participating in discovery proceedings, administrative hearings, court, or other legal or regulatory inquiries or proceedings and, in the event RubinBrown later agrees to perform such services, RubinBrown will charge and Client shall pay RubinBrown's customary fee for such services.

2. <u>Period Covered.</u> This engagement letter covers the period beginning on the date the described services begin and ending on the date all such services have been completed unless earlier terminated pursuant to these Terms. Either party may terminate this Agreement, for any reason, without penalty, on thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party. Upon termination of this Agreement, Client shall have no further obligation to pay RubinBrown any charges thereunder other than fees for services performed prior to the effective date of termination and expenses incurred prior to the effective date of termination. Except where a separate engagement letter is used, the terms of the Letter and these Terms will apply to any such additional work we are asked to perform.

3. <u>Billing Terms.</u> Invoices will be rendered monthly and presented to you for services performed in the prior month and are due and payable within 30 days of the date of the billing statement. We reserve the right to suspend or terminate further services until payment is received on all invoices that are not paid in full within 30 days of the date of the billing statement. In the event that we suspend or terminate this engagement as a result of non-payment, you agree that we will not be responsible for your failure to meet government or other filing deadlines, or for penalties or interest that may be assessed against you resulting from your failure to meet said deadlines. A 1½% per month service charge will be added to balances remaining unpaid 60 days or more after the invoice date.

4. <u>Cooperation and Participation.</u> While RubinBrown may from time to time suggest various options that may be available to Client and further give its professional evaluation of each of these options, Client must make the ultimate decision as to which, if any, of these options to implement. Client shall be solely responsible for applying independent business judgment with respect to RubinBrown's services, work product and/or deliverables (including decisions regarding implementation or other further course(s) of action) and shall be solely and exclusively responsible for such decisions. RubinBrown shall be entitled to rely on all decisions and approvals of Client (and its counsel). Except as specifically provided in the Letter, RubinBrown shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy and completeness of all information provided by Client, and RubinBrown has no duty to verify the accuracy or completeness of information provided by Client.

5. <u>Access to Resources and Information.</u> Unless specified herein as the responsibility of RubinBrown to provide, Client shall obtain for RubinBrown, on a timely basis, any internal and third-party permissions, licenses or approvals that are required for RubinBrown to perform the services contemplated hereunder (including the use of any necessary software or data). Client shall also provide RubinBrown with such information, signoffs and assistance as may be necessary for RubinBrown to perform the Engagement or as RubinBrown may reasonably request.

6. <u>Record Retention.</u> Pursuant to RubinBrown's record retention policy, at the conclusion of this Engagement, RubinBrown may retain copies of the records supplied to RubinBrown by Client and RubinBrown will return all such original records to the Client. The records and files retained by RubinBrown are RubinBrown's property and are not a substitute for the Client's own records. Client shall be responsible for retaining and maintaining records of its operations and records required to backup and support the Client's financial reports and tax returns. RubinBrown will destroy Client files and all pertinent work papers after a retention period of seven years, after which time these items will no longer be available. In addition, catastrophic events or physical deterioration may result in RubinBrown's records being unavailable.

7. <u>Confidentiality.</u> RubinBrown shall maintain the confidentiality of Client information, which is of a confidential nature, using the same degree of care it uses in maintaining its own confidential information. Nothing herein shall preclude RubinBrown from disclosing confidential Client information in response to a validly issued and enforceable subpoena or as otherwise required by law, or from disclosing confidential Client information to RubinBrown's attorneys, advisors, insurers, or agents who agree to maintain the confidentiality of such information, with or without notice to Client.

In the course of providing professional services to Client in connection with this engagement, RubinBrown may require the assistance of third party professional service providers with specialized capabilities or expertise. RubinBrown enters into confidentiality agreements with such third party professional service providers to ensure that confidential information of its clients is fully protected from loss or misuse. In the event RubinBrown is unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, Client will be asked to provide its consent prior to the sharing of its confidential information with the third-party professional service provider.

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, Client shall at no time disclose any of RubinBrown's services, fees, work product, deliverables and other confidential material, including but not limited to internally developed financial models, or RubinBrown's role in the Engagement, to any third party (except to a government agency, to the extent such filing is an agreed objective of the Agreement, or as otherwise legally compelled) without RubinBrown's prior written consent in each case. Client's use of RubinBrown's services, work product or deliverables hereunder (except for copies of filed tax returns) shall in any event be restricted to the stated purpose, if any, in the Letter and otherwise to Client's internal business use only. Client and RubinBrown each retains the right in any event to use the ideas, concepts, techniques, industry data and know-how used or developed in the course of the Engagement. Except as instructed otherwise in writing, each party may assume that the other approves of properly addressed fax, email (including email exchanged via Internet media) and voicemail communication of both sensitive and non-sensitive documents and other communications concerning the Engagement, as well as other means of communication used or accepted by the other.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) no term of the Agreement is intended to be, and shall not be construed to be, a condition of confidentiality as such term is used in Sections 6011, 6111 and 6112 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC"), the regulations thereunder and/or Section 10.35 of Treasury Department Circular 230 ("Circular 230"), (ii) Client is hereby authorized to disclose to any and all persons, without any limitation of any kind, any aspect of any entity, plan, arrangement or transaction RubinBrown introduces, addresses or recommends, or with respect to which RubinBrown provides advice, consultation or services pursuant to the Agreement, it being Client's duty to ascertain whether any additional authorization from any other person or entity is necessary or desirable, and (iii) there is no limitation imposed herein on any person or entity on disclosure of the tax treatment, tax structure or tax strategy of any transaction that is the subject of written advice (as defined in Circular 230) provided by RubinBrown pursuant to the Agreement.

RubinBrown is required to comply with certain peer review requirements in order to maintain its professional licensing. In complying with these peer review requirements certain confidential information may be disclosed to the reviewer. These peer reviews are only conducted by other qualified professionals who are subject to maintaining the confidentiality of information disclosed in the course of the review. Client acknowledges that these confidential disclosures by RubinBrown are not a violation of RubinBrown's obligation to maintain the confidentiality of information.

Subpoenas for Client's Records and Information. At any time during or after our Engagement, 8. should RubinBrown receive a subpoena from a Third Party seeking production of Client's records or confidential information, or testimony relating to RubinBrown's Engagement, RubinBrown will, to the extent permitted by law, notify Client using the last contact information for Client known to RubinBrown. Upon such notification, should Client wish to take action to protect its records and /or its information from production in compliance with the subpoena, it shall be Client's obligation to do so in compliance with applicable law, at Client's expense, using counsel of Client's choice. Irrespective of Client's decision regarding what action, if any, it intends to take to protect its records and information, RubinBrown shall have the right to engage its own counsel to assist and advise RubinBrown in coordinating with Client and/or Client's counsel in this regard, and/or in responding to the subpoena. Client shall reimburse RubinBrown, upon receipt of an appropriate invoice, for all of RubinBrown's internal and external costs and expenses in responding to any subpoena for Client's records, and/or providing testimony pursuant to such subpoena, including RubinBrown's reasonable and customary fees for such services, as well as its internal costs (employee time and expenses), external costs (copy services or other vendors), and reasonable attorneys' fees.

9. <u>Taxpayer Confidentiality Privileges: Use of Counsel.</u> The parties acknowledge that certain documents and other communications involving and/or disclosed to or by RubinBrown may be subject to one or more claims of privilege by or on behalf of Client (e.g., the attorney-client privilege, the IRC SEC 7525 tax advisory privilege, etc.). Although Client is solely responsible for managing the recognition, establishment and maintenance (e.g., possible waiver) of these possible protections (and for involving legal counsel as it deems necessary), RubinBrown shall cooperate with Client's reasonable written instructions regarding such privileges.</u>

10. <u>**Management Dishonesty.**</u> While RubinBrown will advise Client if RubinBrown discovers errors or irregularities, Client understands and agrees that Client cannot rely on RubinBrown to detect employee or management dishonesty, including, without limitation, embezzlement, unless specifically set forth in the Letter.

11. External Factors; Standards of Performance. Client acknowledges that the Engagement will involve analysis, judgment and other performance from time to time in a context where the participation of Client or others is necessary, where answers are often uncertain or unverifiable in advance and where facts and available information change with time. Accordingly, evaluation of RubinBrown's performance of its obligations shall be based solely on its substantial conformance with any standards or specifications expressly set forth in the Agreement and all applicable professional standards, any such nonconformance (and applicability) to be clearly and convincingly shown. If there are any changes in the relevant laws, regulations, industry, market conditions or other circumstances, including in the Client's own business practices, RubinBrown has no responsibility to advise Client of any such changes and Client acknowledges the need for it to re-evaluate RubinBrown's preceding services, work product and deliverables. RubinBrown reserves the right, in whole or in part, to decline to perform certain tasks or withdraw from the Engagement entirely if information comes to RubinBrown's attention indicating that performing such tasks could cause RubinBrown to be in violation of any applicable law, regulations or standards, to be in a conflict of interest or to suffer reputational damage.

12. <u>Affiliates.</u> If the Letter provides that RubinBrown's services, work product or deliverables may pertain not only to Client but also to a parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, advisors, contractors, family members, related trusts, partnerships, partners, estates or foundations, such Affiliates shall be bound by the terms of the Agreement. Client shall, as may be requested by RubinBrown from time to time (including subsequent to completion of the Engagement), obtain written confirmation of their agreement to the terms of the Agreement.

13. <u>Limitation of Liability.</u> The liability of RubinBrown (including its partners, employees, agents and affiliated companies) to Client (and any purported third-party beneficiaries, including Affiliates) for any claim or damages (including but not limited to incidental, special, exemplary, punitive or consequential, and attorney fees and costs), whether in contract, strict liability, tort (including but not limited to RubinBrown's NEGLIGENCE or FAULT, except that this provision does not purport to limit liability for RubinBrown's intentional/willful torts or for any other liabilities for which a limitation of liability is prohibited by Nevada law), or otherwise, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from RubinBrown's services, work product or deliverables or the Engagement generally, shall not exceed all fees related to the Engagement paid by Client to RubinBrown, even if RubinBrown has been advised of the possibility of such claims or damages.

14. <u>Baker Tilly International.</u> RubinBrown is an independent member of Baker Tilly International. Baker Tilly International Limited is an English Company. Baker Tilly International provides no professional services to clients. Each of the member firms is a separate and independent legal entity and each describes itself as such. RubinBrown is not Baker Tilly International's agent and does not have authority to bind Baker Tilly International or act on Baker Tilly International's behalf. None of Baker Tilly International, RubinBrown or any of the other independent member firms of Baker Tilly International has any liability for each other's acts or omissions. In addition, neither Baker Tilly International nor any other member has a right to exercise management control over any other member firm. RubinBrown shall in no event be held liable for any work or conduct (whether negligent, intentional, fraudulent, or otherwise) done by Baker Tilly International or any other member firm.

15. <u>Indemnification.</u> Client agrees to release, indemnify, and hold RubinBrown, its partners, officers, managers, personnel, agents, employees, affiliated companies, successors and assigns harmless from any liability and costs, including attorneys' fees, resulting from knowing misrepresentations by management of Client. Client's obligation to indemnify shall survive until such time as all claims against RubinBrown are legally barred under all applicable statutes of limitation.

16. <u>Independent Contractor Status.</u> Each party is an independent contractor with respect to the other and shall not be construed as having an employment, partnership, trustee or fiduciary relationship.

17. <u>Assignments and Successors.</u> Neither party may assign any of its rights or benefits under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Subject to the preceding sentence, the Agreement will apply to, be binding in all respects upon, and inure to the benefit of the permitted successors, assigns, heirs, estates, and legal representatives of the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, RubinBrown may authorize and allow its affiliates and contractors to assist in performing the Engagement and to share in RubinBrown's rights hereunder, provided any such party shall commit (as applicable) to be bound by the restrictions set forth in the Agreement.

18. <u>No Third Party Rights.</u> Unless specifically set forth in the Letter, nothing expressed or referred to in the Agreement will be construed to give any person, other than the parties to the Agreement, any legal or equitable right, remedy, claim, benefit, priority or interest under or with respect to the Agreement or any provision of the Agreement. Except as specifically provided in the Letter, the Agreement and any services, work product or other deliverables hereunder are for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Client and its permitted successors and assigns, and neither Client nor RubinBrown intends for RubinBrown's services or work product to be relied upon, to be used by or to provide any benefit or guidance to any other persons. The work product or services provided hereunder shall not be disclosed or disseminated to third parties or used for any purpose, other than as specifically set forth in the Letter, without RubinBrown's prior written consent.

19. <u>Mediation.</u> If Client (including any purported third-party beneficiaries, including Affiliates) is dissatisfied with the quality or timeliness of RubinBrown's services, or believes such services were in any way negligently performed, Client agrees to promptly notify RubinBrown in writing of its dissatisfaction and specifically set forth its complaints. If the parties are unable to resolve their differences within thirty (30) days after RubinBrown's receipt of Client's written notice, it is agreed that either party may invoke the services of an impartial mediator under the auspices of the commercial mediation rules of the American Arbitration Association, United States Arbitration and Mediation Service, or any other national neutral mediation service, at the election of the party who first requests mediation. It is agreed that no claim pertaining to the quality or timeliness and/or alleged negligence of RubinBrown's provided services shall be arbitrated unless the foregoing procedures have first been followed and the mediator fails to settle the claim within thirty (30) days after the mediation process has concluded.

20. **Binding Arbitration.** Any and all disputes in any way concerning the services provided by RubinBrown pursuant to the Agreement (including services performed under any prior agreement) or the business relationship arising out of the Engagement or any prior Engagement shall be committed to binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"), including any disputes involving parties who are Affiliates of Client or who are alleged third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement. The Arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive jurisdiction to resolve any disputes involving RubinBrown, and it is the intent of this Agreement that this grant of jurisdiction be the broadest allowed by law, and that any disputes regarding the scope of the Arbitrator's jurisdiction be both decided by the Arbitrator and resolved in favor of arbitration, except where expressly prohibited by applicable law. Without limiting the foregoing, the Arbitrator shall have exclusive jurisdiction to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability or formation of this Agreement including, but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this Agreement was not agreed to, is invalid, or is void or voidable. Such arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules then in effect, as modified by the provisions stated herein. The fees, expenses, and costs of the arbitration proceeding shall be paid pursuant to the AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules and the terms of this Agreement, including the attorneys' fees and costs provisions of this Agreement. The location of the arbitration shall be in the Las Vegas metropolitan area. The parties shall select one arbitrator, unless the amount of any demand or counterclaim in the arbitration shall be \$750.000 or more, in which case the parties shall select three arbitrators. The parties shall have the right to conduct discovery in the arbitration consistent with that discovery permitted by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with the arbitrator(s) to decide any discovery disputes. All proceedings conducted in the arbitration, including any discovery and any order entered by the arbitrator(s), shall be strictly confidential. The award of the arbitrator(s) shall be final, and may be confirmed by the parties in the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, or in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

21. <u>**Governing Law.**</u> The Agreement, including its formation, the parties' respective rights and duties and all disputes that might arise from or in connection with the Agreement or its subject matter, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Nevada, without giving effect to conflicts of laws rules.

22. <u>Attorneys' Fees and Costs.</u> In connection with any legal action, arbitration or litigation arising from or in connection with the Agreement or its subject matter, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs incurred by such party in furtherance of such legal action, arbitration or litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees, subject to the damage limitations of Paragraph 13 of this Agreement.

23. <u>Construction.</u> To the extent any apparent or actual contradiction may exist when construing or interpreting the contents of the Letter and the Terms, the Terms shall control and supersede any statement contained in the Letter, unless expressly stated otherwise in the provision or portion of the Letter or Terms at issue.

24. <u>Waivers.</u> Neither the failure nor any delay by any party in exercising any right, power or privilege under the Agreement will operate as a waiver of such right, power or privilege, and no single or partial exercise of any such right, power or privilege will preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

25. <u>Entire Agreement and Modification.</u> The Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, arrangements and communications between the parties with respect to its subject matter and constitutes a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter. The Agreement may not be modified or amended except by the mutual written agreement of both parties.

26. <u>Severability.</u> If any arbitrator or court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of the Agreement invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect. Any provision of the Agreement held invalid or unenforceable only in part or degree will remain in full force and effect to the extent not held invalid or unenforceable.

27. <u>Headings.</u> The headings of paragraphs contained in the Agreement are provided for convenience only. They form no part of the Agreement and shall not affect its construction or interpretation.

THIS CONTRACT CONTAINS A BINDING ARBITRATION PROVISION WHICH MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE PARTIES.