# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT** 

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 30, 2020

# HORIZON TECHNOLOGY FINANCE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

814-00802

(Commission File Number)

27-2114934

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

312 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (860) 676-8654

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is interprovisions:	ended to simultaneously satisfy th	ne filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following
☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under	the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.42	25)
☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the	Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-2	12)
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rul	e 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Ad	et (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rul	e 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Ac	et (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerg Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 Cl		in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or h company $\Box$
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark or revised financial accounting standards provided pursua		use the extended transition period for complying with any new ge Act. $\Box$
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:		
Title of each class:	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered:
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	HRZN	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
6.25% Notes due 2022	HTFA	The New York Stock Exchange

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 30, 2020, Horizon Technology Finance Corporation ("Horizon") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a prospectus supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement"), pursuant to which Horizon may, but has no obligation to, issue and sell up to \$100,000,000 worth of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), in amounts and at times to be determined by Horizon. Actual sales will depend on a variety of factors to be determined by Horizon from time to time, including, market conditions, the trading price of Horizon's common stock and determinations by Horizon regarding appropriate sources of funding. Horizon intends to use substantially all of the net proceeds from this offering to make investments in development-stage companies in accordance with its investment objective and strategies and for general corporate purposes described in the Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying prospectus, and the documents incorporated by reference therein. Horizon may also use a portion of the net proceeds to reduce any of its outstanding borrowings. Pending such uses, Horizon intends to invest the net proceeds of the offering primarily in high quality, short-term debt securities consistent with its business development company election and its election to be taxed as a RIC.

In connection with the offering, Horizon entered into an at the market issuance sales agreement dated July 30, 2020, (the "Equity Distribution Agreement"), with Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and B. Riley FBR, Inc. (each a "Sales Agent" and, collectively, the "Sales Agents.") The Equity Distribution Agreement provides that Horizon may offer and sell the Shares from time to time through the Sales Agents. Under the Equity Distribution Agreement, sales of the Shares, if any, may be made in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be "at the market," as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made directly on the Nasdaq or a similar securities exchange or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange, at prices related to the prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The Sales Agents will receive a commission from Horizon equal to up to 1.0% of the gross sales price of any Shares sold under the Equity Distribution Agreement. The Equity Distribution Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements, conditions to closing, indemnification rights and obligations of the parties and termination provisions.

This description of the Equity Distribution Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Equity Distribution Agreement, a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The offering will be made pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement and a related prospectus dated June 24, 2019, included in Horizon's effective shelf registration statement that was filed with the SEC (File No. 333-225698) on June 24, 2019.

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- <u>1.1</u> <u>Form of Equity Distribution Agreement</u>
- 5.1 Opinion of Dechert LLP, dated July 30, 2020
- 23.1 Consent of Dechert LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

# **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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 30, 2020

# HORIZON TECHNOLOGY FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert D. Pomeroy, Jr.
Robert D. Pomeroy, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

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#### HORIZON TECHNOLOGY FINANCE CORPORATION

Common Stock (par value \$0.001 per share)

# At Market Issuance Sales Agreement

July 30, 2020

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC 200 West Street New York, New York 10282

B. Riley FBR, Inc. 299 Park Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10171

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Each of Horizon Technology Finance Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and Horizon Technology Finance Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Adviser</u>"), registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "<u>Advisers Act</u>"), confirms its agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>") with Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and B. Riley FBR, Inc. (each individually an "<u>Agent</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Agents</u>"), as follows:

1. <u>Issuance and Sale of Shares</u>. The Company agrees that, from time to time during the term of this Agreement and on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, it may issue and sell through the Agents, acting as agent and/or principal, shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100.0 million (the "<u>Maximum Amount</u>"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the parties hereto agree that compliance with the limitations set forth in this <u>Section 1</u> on the amount of Common Stock issued and sold under this Agreement (such Common Stock being referred to herein as the "<u>Placement Shares</u>") shall be the sole responsibility of the Company and that the Agents shall have no obligation in connection with such compliance. The issuance and sale of Placement Shares through the Agents will be effected pursuant to the Registration Statement (as defined below) filed by the Company and declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>").

The Company has entered into (i) an Investment Management Agreement (the "<u>Investment Management Agreement</u>") with the Adviser, dated as of March 7, 2019, and (ii) an Administration Agreement (the "<u>Administration Agreement</u>") with the Adviser, dated as of October 28, 2010.

The Company has filed with the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "Securities Act"), a registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-225698), including a base prospectus, relating to certain securities, including the Placement Shares, to be issued from time to time by the Company, and which incorporates by reference documents that the Company has filed or will file in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "Exchange Act"). The Company will prepare and file with the Commission in accordance with Rule 497 under the Securities Act a prospectus supplement to the base prospectus included as part of such registration statement specifically relating to the Placement Shares (the "Prospectus" Supplement"). The Company will furnish to the Agents, for use by the Agents, copies of the base prospectus included as part of such registration statement, as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement. Except where the context otherwise requires, such registration statement, as amended when it became effective, including all documents filed as a part thereof or incorporated by reference therein, and including any information contained in a Prospectus (as defined below) subsequently filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 of the Securities Act or deemed to be part of such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430C under the Securities Act, is herein called the "Registration Statement." The base prospectus, including all documents incorporated by reference therein, included in the Registration Statement, and the Prospectus Supplement most recently filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act at each Applicable Time is herein called the "Prospectus." Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein, and any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing after the execution hereof of any document with the Commission deemed to be incorporated by reference therein.

For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or to any amendment or supplement thereto shall be deemed to include the most recent copy filed with the Commission on its Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval System ("EDGAR").

The Company hereby gives notice under Section 13(b)(i) of that certain At The Market Sales Agreement by and among the Company and the Agents, dated August 2, 2019 (the "Prior Agreement"), terminating the Prior Agreement as of the date hereof. Each Agent hereby waives notice of termination under the Prior Agreement.

<u>Placements</u>. Each time that the Company wishes to issue and sell Placement Shares hereunder (each, a "<u>Placement</u>"), it will notify an Agent (the "Designated Agent") by email notice (or such other method mutually agreed to in writing by the parties hereto), a form of which notice is attached hereto as Schedule 1 (a "Placement Notice"), of the proposed terms for such Placement, which shall at a minimum include the number of Placement Shares, the time period during which sales are requested to be made, any limitation on the number of Placement Shares that may be sold in any one Trading Day (as defined below) and any minimum price below which sales may not be made. The Placement Notice shall originate from any of the individuals from the Company set forth on Schedule 3 (with a copy to each of the other individuals from the Company listed on such schedule), and shall be addressed to each of the individuals from the Designated Agent set forth on Schedule 3, as such Schedule 3 may be amended from time to time. The Placement Notice shall be effective unless and until (i) the Designated Agent declines in writing to accept the terms contained therein for any reason, in its sole discretion, (ii) the entire amount of the Placement Shares thereunder have been sold, (iii) the Company suspends or terminates the Placement Notice or (iv) this Agreement has been terminated under the provisions of Section 13. The amount of compensation to be paid by the Company to the Designated Agent in connection with the sale of the Placement Shares shall be calculated in accordance with the terms set forth in Schedule 2 (the "Compensation"). It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that neither the Company nor the Agents will have any obligation whatsoever with respect to a Placement or any Placement Share unless and until the Company delivers a Placement Notice to the Designated Agent and the Designated Agent does not decline such Placement Notice pursuant to the terms set forth above, and then only upon the terms specified therein and herein. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of a Placement Notice, the terms of the Placement Notice will control. It is anticipated that the Company will select and notify the Designated Agent in the approximate order set forth on Schedule 4.

Sale of Placement Shares by the Designated Agent. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Designated Agent, for the period specified in the Placement Notice, will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the rules of the Nasdaq Global Select Market (the "Exchange"), to sell the Placement Shares up to the amount specified, and otherwise in accordance with the terms of such Placement Notice. The Designated Agent will provide written confirmation to the Company no later than the opening of the Trading Day immediately following the Trading Day on which it has made sales of Placement Shares hereunder setting forth the number of Placement Shares sold on such day, the Compensation payable with respect to such sales, and the Net Proceeds (as defined below) payable to the Company, with an itemization of any deductions made by the Designated Agent (as set forth in Section 5(b)) from the gross proceeds that it receives from such sales. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) there can be no assurance that the Designated Agent will be successful in selling the Placement Shares, (ii) the Designated Agent will incur no liability or obligation to the Company or any other person or entity if it does not sell Placement Shares for any reason other than a failure by the Designated Agent to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the rules of the Exchange to sell such Placement Shares as required under this Agreement and (iii) the Designated Agent shall not be under any obligation to purchase Placement Shares on a principal basis pursuant to this Agreement, except as otherwise specifically agreed by Designated Agent and the Company. Subject to the terms of the Placement Notice and the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Designated Agent agrees that (i) all sales of Placement Shares by the Designated Agent will be made by any method permitted by law, including without limitation (A) by means of ordinary brokers' transactions (whether or not solicited), (B) to or through a market maker, (C) directly on or through any national securities exchange or facility thereof, a trading facility of a national securities association, an alternative trading system, or any other market venue, (D) in the over-the-counter market, (E) in privately negotiated transactions, or (F) through a combination of any such methods (such transactions are hereinafter referred to as "At the Market Offerings") and (ii) any other sales of the Placement Shares on behalf of the Company in its capacity as agent of the Company shall be agreed upon by the Company and the Designated Agent. The Designated Agent covenants and agrees that it shall not engage in a sale of Placement Shares on the Company's behalf that would constitute the sale of a "block" under Rule 10b-18(a)(5) under the Exchange Act or a "distribution" within the meaning of Rule 100 of Regulation M under the Exchange Act without the Company's prior written consent. Subject to the previous sentence, the Company acknowledges and agrees that, in the event a sale of Placement Shares on behalf of the Company would constitute the sale of a "block" under Rule 10b-18(a)(5) under the Exchange Act or a "distribution" within the meaning of Rule 100 of Regulation M under the Exchange Act or the Designated Agent reasonably believes it may be deemed an "underwriter" under the Securities Act in a transaction that is not an At the Market Offering and the Company consents to such sale, then the Company will provide to the Designated Agent, at the Designated Agent's request and upon reasonable advance notice to the Company, on or prior to the Settlement Date (as defined below) for such transaction, the opinions of counsel, accountants' letters and officers' certificates pursuant to Section 7 hereof, each dated the Settlement Date, and such other documents and information as the Designated Agent shall reasonably request. Solely with respect to such sales that would constitute a "block" or a "distribution," the Designated Agent shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Company in obtaining performance of its obligations by each purchaser whose offer to purchase Placement Shares has been solicited by the Designated Agent and accepted by the Company. "Trading Day" means any day on which Common Stock is purchased and sold on the Exchange. The Company agrees that any offer to sell, any solicitation of an offer to buy, or any sales of Placement Shares shall only be effected by or through the Agents, but shall not limit the Company's ability to issue shares in any other method, subject to Section 7(h) hereof.

(b) Subject to such further limitations on offers and sales of Placement Shares or delivery of instructions to offer and sell Placement Shares as are set forth herein and as may be mutually agreed by the Company and the Designated Agent, the Company shall not request the sale of any Placement Shares that would be sold, and the Designated Agent shall not be obligated to sell, unless the Designated Agent otherwise consents, (i) any time during the period commencing on the tenth business day prior to the time the Company shall issue a press release containing, or shall otherwise publicly announce, its earnings, revenues or other results of operations (each, an "Earnings Announcement") through and including the time that the Company provides the deliverables required under Sections 7(m), (n) and (o) hereof, or (ii) during any other period in which the Company, in its sole judgment, is in possession of material non-public information.

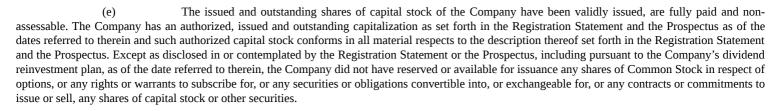
4. <u>Suspension of Sales</u>. The Company or the Designated Agent may, upon notice to the other party in writing (including by email correspondence to each of the individuals of the other Party set forth on <u>Schedule 3</u>, if receipt of such correspondence is actually acknowledged by any of the individuals to whom the notice is sent, other than via auto-reply) or by telephone (confirmed immediately by verifiable facsimile transmission or email correspondence to each of the individuals of the other Party set forth on <u>Schedule 3</u>), suspend any sale of Placement Shares; provided, however, that such suspension shall not affect or impair any party's obligations with respect to any Placement Shares sold hereunder prior to the receipt of such notice. Each of the parties agrees that notice under this <u>Section 4</u> shall be effective upon delivery being made to one or more of the individuals named on <u>Schedule 3</u> hereto, as the case may be, as such schedule may be amended from time to time.

## 5. <u>Settlement</u>.

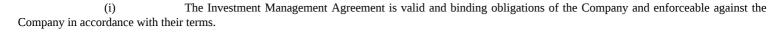
- (a) <u>Settlement of Placement Shares</u>. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Placement Notice, settlement for sales of Placement Shares will occur on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Trading Day (or such earlier day as is industry practice for regular-way trading) following the date on which such sales are made (each, a "<u>Settlement Date</u>"). The amount of proceeds to be delivered to the Company on a Settlement Date against receipt of the Placement Shares sold (the "<u>Net Proceeds</u>") will be equal to the aggregate sales price received by the Designated Agent, after deduction for (i) the Designated Agent's Compensation for such sales payable by the Company pursuant to <u>Section 2</u> hereof, and (ii) any transaction fees imposed by any governmental or self-regulatory organization in respect of such sales.
- (b) <u>Delivery of Placement Shares</u>. On or before each Settlement Date, the Company will, or will cause its transfer agent to, electronically transfer the Placement Shares being sold by crediting the Designated Agent's or its designee's account (provided the Designated Agent shall have given the Company written notice of such designee a reasonable period of time prior to the Settlement Date) at The Depository Trust Company through its Deposit and Withdrawal at Custodian System ("<u>DWAC</u>") or by such other means of delivery as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto, which in all cases shall be freely tradable, transferable, registered shares in good deliverable form. The Designated Agent will deliver the related Net Proceeds in same day funds to an account designated by the Company on each Settlement Date. If the Company, or its transfer agent (if applicable), defaults in its obligation to deliver Placement Shares on a Settlement Date through no fault of the Designated Agent, the Company agrees that in addition to and in no way limiting the rights and obligations set forth in <u>Section 11(a)</u> hereto, it will hold the Designated Agent harmless against any loss, claim, damage, or reasonable documented expense (including reasonable documented legal fees and expenses), as incurred, arising out of or in connection with such default by the Company or its transfer agent (if applicable).

- (c) <u>Limitations on Offering Size</u>. Under no circumstances shall the Company cause or request the offer or sale of any Placement Shares if, after giving effect to the sale of such Placement Shares, the aggregate gross sales proceeds of Placement Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement would exceed the lesser of (A) the Maximum Amount, (B) the amount authorized from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement by the Company's board of directors, a duly authorized committee thereof or a duly authorized executive committee, and notified to the Agent in writing, or (C) the amount available for offer and sale under the currently effective Registration Statement. Under no circumstances shall the Company cause or request the offer or sale of any Placement Shares pursuant to this Agreement at a price lower than (i) the minimum price authorized from time to time by the Company's board of directors, a duly authorized committee thereof or a duly authorized executive committee or (ii) at a price (net of the Designated Agent's Compensation or other compensation for such sales payable by the Company pursuant to this Agreement) lower than the Company's then current net asset value per share (as calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Investment Company Act")), unless the Company has received the requisite approval from stockholders as required pursuant to the Investment Company Act.
- 6. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company</u>. The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with each of the Agents that as of the date of this Agreement and as of each Applicable Time (as defined below), unless such representation, warranty or agreement specifies a different time:
- (a) The Company is eligible to use Form N-2. The Registration Statement has been declared effective under the Securities Act. No stop order preventing or suspending any Prospectus, or the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, has been issued, and no proceedings for such purpose are pending before or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened by the Commission. The Prospectus will name the Agents as the agents in the section entitled "Plan of Distribution." The Registration Statement and, assuming no act or omission on the part of the Agents that would make such statement untrue, the offer and sale of Placement Shares as contemplated hereby meet the requirements of Rule 415 under the Securities Act and comply in all material respects with Rule 415 under the Securities Act. Copies of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any such amendments or supplements and all documents incorporated by reference therein that were filed with the Commission on or prior to the date of this Agreement have been delivered, or are available through EDGAR, to the Agents and their counsel. The Company has not distributed and, prior to the later to occur of each Settlement Date and completion of the distribution of the Placement Shares, will not distribute any offering material in connection with the offering or sale of the Placement Shares other than the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. The Common Stock is currently listed on the Exchange under the trading symbol "HRZN." Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Company has not, in the 12 months preceding the date hereof, received notice from the Exchange to the effect that the Company is not in compliance with the listing or maintenance requirements of the Exchange. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, the Company believes that it will remain in the foreseeable future in compliance with all such listing and maintenance requirements.

- (b) (i) The Registration Statement, when it most recently became effective and at each Applicable Time, did not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; (ii) the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, on the respective dates thereof and at each Applicable Time, did not or will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (iii) the documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, at the time the Registration Statement became effective or when such documents incorporated by reference were or hereafter are filed with the Commission (or, if any amendment with respect to any such document was or is filed, when such amendment was or is filed), as the case may be, when read together with the other information in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus and at any Settlement Date, as the case may be, did not and will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated in such document or necessary to make the statements in such document, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- (c) (i) The Registration Statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the respective times each became effective, and the Prospectus, and any amendment or supplement thereto, on the date of such Prospectus or amendment or supplement, complied and will comply in all material respects with the Securities Act, the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, the Exchange Act and the Investment Company Act; and (ii) at each Settlement Date, the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as of such date, will comply in all material respects with the Securities Act, the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, the Exchange Act and the Investment Company Act.
- (d) The financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, together with the related schedules and notes, present fairly the financial position of the Company at the date indicated and the consolidated statement of operations, statement of changes in net assets and statement of cash flows of the Company for the periods indicated; there are no financial statements that are required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus that are not included or incorporated by reference as required; said financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved. The "Selected Consolidated Financial and Other Data" included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus present fairly, in all material respects, the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. The financial data set forth in the Prospectus under the caption "Capitalization" fairly presents the information set forth therein on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements and related notes thereto contained in the Prospectus. There is no pro forma financial information that is required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus that is not included or incorporated by reference as required.

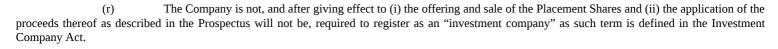


- (f) The Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- Each subsidiary of the Company has been duly organized, is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, has the power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; all of the issued shares of capital stock or other equity interests of each subsidiary of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims.
  - (h) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.



- (j) The outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company (the "Common Stock") have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- (k) The Placement Shares, when issued and delivered pursuant to the terms approved by the board of directors of the Company or a duly authorized committee thereof, or a duly authorized executive committee, against payment therefor as provided herein, will be duly and validly authorized and issued and fully paid and nonassessable, free and clear of any pledge, lien, encumbrance security interest or other claim (other than any pledge, lien, encumbrance, security interest or other claim arising from an act or omission of an Agent or a purchaser), including any statutory or contractual preemptive rights, resale rights, rights of first refusal or other similar rights, and will be registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act. The Placement Shares, when issued, will conform in all material respects to the description thereof set forth in the Prospectus.
- (l) The execution and delivery by the Company of, and the performance by the Company of its obligations under, this Agreement will not contravene any provision of applicable law or the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of the Company or any agreement or other instrument binding upon the Company or any of its subsidiaries that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or any judgment, order or decree of any governmental body, agency or court having jurisdiction over the Company or any subsidiary, and no consent, approval, authorization or order of, or qualification with, any governmental body or agency is required for the performance by the Company of its obligations under this Agreement except such (1) as have been obtained and (2) in connection with the performance by the Company of its obligations under this Agreement as may be required by (i) the Securities Act or the Exchange Act (ii) the rules and regulations of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"), including legacy NASD rules, or of the Exchange, (iii) the securities or "blue sky" laws of the various states and foreign jurisdictions, or (iv) such as which the failure to obtain would have not have a material adverse effect on the power or ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- (m) There has not occurred any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole (a "<u>Company Material Adverse Effect</u>").

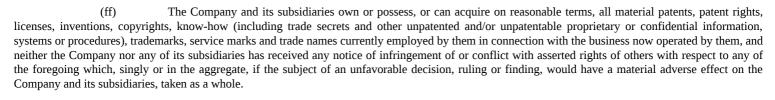
- (n) There are no legal or governmental proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any of the properties of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject (i) other than proceedings accurately described in all material respects in the Prospectus and proceedings that would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or on the power or ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Prospectus or (ii) that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus and are not so described; and there are no statutes, regulations, contracts or other documents that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement that are not described, filed or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as required.
- Except as set forth in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, (i) no person, as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act, has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to issue or sell to such person any Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock or other securities of the Company (other than upon the exercise of options or warrants to purchase Common Stock, upon the vesting of restricted stock units, or upon the exercise of options or vesting of restricted stock units that may be granted from time to time under the Company's stock incentive plans, if any), (ii) no person has any preemptive rights, rights of first refusal, or any other rights (whether pursuant to a "poison pill" provision or otherwise) to purchase any Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock or other securities of the Company from the Company which have not been duly waived with respect to the offering contemplated hereby, and (iii) no person has the right, contractual or otherwise, to require the Company to register under the Securities Act any Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock or other securities of the Company, or to include any such shares or other securities in the Registration Statement or the offering contemplated thereby, whether as a result of the filing or effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the sale of the Placement Shares as contemplated thereby or otherwise, except for such rights as have been waived on or prior to the date hereof.
- (p) The Company will not, as of each Settlement Date, have filed with the Commission any notice of withdrawal of its Form N-54A Notification of Election to be Subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the Investment Company Act filed pursuant to Section 54(a) of the Investment Company Act (the "Notification of Election"). The Notification of Election is effective, and no order of suspension or revocation of such election has been issued or proceedings therefor initiated or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened by the Commission.
- (q) (i) All action required of the Company under the Securities Act and the Investment Company Act to make the public offering and consummate the sale of the Placement Shares as provided in this Agreement has been taken, (ii) the provisions of the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the Company and the investment objectives, policies and restrictions of the Company described in the Prospectus comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Investment Company Act; and (iii) as of the time of each sale of Placement Shares, as of each Placement, and as of each Settlement Date, the operations of the Company are and will be in compliance in all material respects with the provisions of the Investment Company Act applicable to business development companies.



- (s) Each subsidiary of the Company qualifies, and after giving effect to (i) the offering and sale of the Placement Shares and (ii) the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Prospectus will qualify, for the exclusion from the definition of "investment company" in Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act.
- (t) The Company and each of its subsidiaries are, and at all times through the completion of the transactions contemplated hereby will be, in compliance in all material respects with the applicable terms and conditions of the Securities Act, the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and the Investment Company Act. No person is serving or acting as an officer, director or investment adviser of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company except in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Investment Company Act and the Advisers Act. The Company is not aware that any executive, key employee or significant group of employees of the Company plans to terminate employment with the Company.
- (u) The Company has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act, or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Placement Shares, and the Company is not aware of any such action taken or to be taken by any affiliates of the Company.
- (v) The Company has not incurred any liability for any finder's fees, brokerage commissions or similar payments in connection with the transactions herein contemplated, except as may otherwise exist with respect to the Agents pursuant to this Agreement.
  - (w) The Company is not a party to any agreement with an agent or underwriter for any other "at-the- market" transaction.
- (x) The Company was not and is not an ineligible issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act at the times specified in Rules 164 and 433 under the Securities Act in connection with the offering of the Placement Shares.

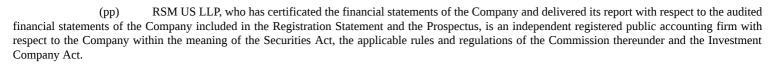
- (y) The Company and its subsidiaries (i) are in compliance with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants ("Environmental Laws"), (ii) have received all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses and (iii) are in compliance with all terms and conditions of any such permit, license or approval, except where such noncompliance with Environmental Laws, failure to receive required permits, licenses or other approvals or failure to comply with the terms and conditions of such permits, licenses or approvals would not, singly or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (z) There are no costs or liabilities associated with Environmental Laws (including, without limitation, any capital or operating expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to third parties) which would, singly or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (aa) Neither the Company nor any of the Company's subsidiaries or affiliates, nor any director, officer, or employee of the Company, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any agent or representative of the Company or any of the Company's subsidiaries or affiliates, has taken or will take any action in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization or approval of the payment or giving of money, property, gifts or anything else of value, directly or indirectly, to any "government official" (including any officer or employee of a government or government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office) to influence official action or secure an improper advantage; and the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with applicable anti-corruption laws and have instituted and maintain and will continue to maintain policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws and with the representation and warranty contained herein.
- (bb) The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in material compliance with all applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, and the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, and the applicable anti-money laundering statutes of jurisdictions where the Company and its subsidiaries conduct business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Anti-Money Laundering Laws"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.

- (cc) (i) Neither the Company nor any of the Company's subsidiaries (collectively, the "<u>Company Entity</u>") nor any director, officer, employee, agent, affiliate or representative of the Company Entity is an individual or entity ("<u>Person</u>") that is, or is owned or controlled by a Person that is:
  - (A) the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") (collectively, "Sanctions"), nor
  - (B) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions (including, without limitation, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).
- (ii) The Company Entity represents and covenants that it will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person:
  - (A) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any Person or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions; or
  - (B) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any Person (including any Person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).
- (iii) The Company Entity represents and covenants that it has not knowingly engaged in, is not now knowingly engaged in, and will not knowingly engage in, any dealings or transactions with any Person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions.
- (dd) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in each of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, (i) the Company and its subsidiaries have not incurred any material liability or obligation, direct or contingent, nor entered into any material transaction; (ii) the Company has not purchased any of its outstanding capital stock, nor declared, paid or otherwise made any dividend or distribution of any kind on its capital stock other than ordinary and customary dividends; and (iii) there has not been any material change in the capital stock, short-term debt or long-term debt of the Company and its subsidiaries, except in each case as described in each of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.
- (ee) The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title in fee simple to all real property and good and marketable title to all personal property owned by them which is material to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and defects except such as are described in the Prospectus or such as do not materially affect the value of such property and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its subsidiaries; and any real property and buildings held under lease by the Company and its subsidiaries are held by them under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases with such exceptions as are not material and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property and buildings by the Company and its subsidiaries, in each case except as described in the Prospectus.

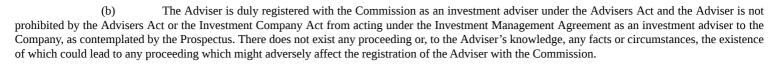


- (gg) No material labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists, except as described in the Prospectus, or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent; and the Company is not aware of any existing, threatened or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its principal suppliers, manufacturers or contractors that could have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (hh) The Company and each of its subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, except as described in the Prospectus.
- (ii) The Company and its subsidiaries possess all certificates, authorizations and permits issued by the appropriate federal, state or foreign regulatory authorities necessary to conduct their respective businesses, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, except as described in the Prospectus.

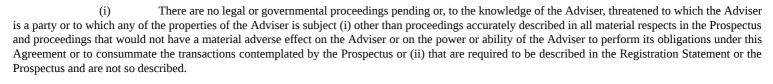
- (jj) There are no business relationships or related party transactions involving the Company or any other person required to be described in the Prospectus which have not been described as required.
- (kk) The Company has not, directly or indirectly, extended credit, arranged to extend credit or renewed any extension of credit, in the form of a personal loan, to or for any director or executive officer of the Company, or to or for any family member or affiliate of any director or executive officer of the Company.
- (ll) Any statistical and market-related data included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate, and the Company has obtained the written consent to the use of such data from such sources to the extent required.
- (mm) The Company and each of its subsidiaries maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations and with the investment objectives, policies and restrictions of the Company and the applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP, to calculate net asset value, and to maintain asset accountability, and to maintain material compliance with the books and records requirements under the Investment Company Act; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. Except as described in the Prospectus, since the end of the Company's most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (i) no material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (ii) no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.
- (nn) There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company and any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith.
- (oo) The Company has adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation of the Federal Securities Laws (as that term is defined in Rule 38a-1 under the Investment Company Act) by the Company, including policies and procedures that provide oversight of compliance by each investment adviser, administrator and transfer agent of the Company.



- (qq) The Company intends to (i) operate its business so as to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code and (ii) direct the investment of the proceeds of the offering of the Placement Shares in such a manner as to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Code.
- (rr) The Company (i) has filed or has caused to be filed all foreign, federal, state and local tax returns required to be filed or has properly requested extensions thereof (except in any case in which the failure to so file would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole) and (ii) has paid all taxes required to be paid by it and any other assessment, fine or penalty levied against it, to the extent that any of the foregoing is due and payable, except for any such assessment, fine or penalty that is currently being contested in good faith or as would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (ss) The Company is not aware that any executive, key employee or significant group of employees of the Company is subject to any non-compete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Company or the Adviser except where such violation would not have a material adverse effect on the Company.
- (tt) <u>Certificates</u>. Any certificate in the form of Exhibit 7(l)(1) signed by an executive officer of the Company and delivered to an Agent or to counsel for the Agents pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company to the Agents under this Agreement as to the matters set forth therein.
- 6A. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Adviser</u>. The Adviser represents and warrants to each of the Agents as of the date hereof and as of each Applicable Time and agrees with each of the Agents as follows:
- (a) The Adviser has been duly organized, is validly existing as a limited liability company in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and has the requisite power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the Adviser.



- (c) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Adviser.
- (d) The Investment Management Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Adviser and is a valid and binding obligation of the Adviser and enforceable against the Adviser in accordance with their terms.
- (e) No person is serving as an officer, director or investment adviser of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company except in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Investment Company Act and the Advisers Act. The Adviser is not aware that any executive, key employee or significant group of employees of the Adviser plans to terminate employment with the Adviser.
- (f) The Adviser has the financial resources available to it necessary for the performance of its services and obligations as contemplated in the Prospectus and under this Agreement, as applicable.
- (g) The execution and delivery by the Adviser of, and the performance by the Adviser of its obligations under, this Agreement will not contravene any provision of applicable law or the certificate of formation or limited liability company agreement of the Adviser or any agreement or other instrument binding upon the Adviser that is material to the Adviser, taken as a whole, or any judgment, order or decree of any governmental body, agency or court having jurisdiction over the Adviser, and no consent, approval, authorization or order of, or qualification with, any governmental body or agency is required for the performance by the Adviser of its obligations under this Agreement, except such as may be required by the securities or Blue Sky laws of the various states in connection with the offer and sale of the Placement Shares.
- (h) There has not occurred any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Adviser (an "Adviser Material Adverse Effect" and together with a Company Material Adverse Effect, a "Material Adverse Effect").



- (j) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in each of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, (i) the Adviser has not incurred any material liability or obligation, direct or contingent, nor entered into any material transaction; (ii) the Adviser has not purchased any of its outstanding limited liability company interests, nor declared, paid or otherwise made any dividend or distribution of any kind on its limited liability company interests other than ordinary and customary dividends; and (iii) there has not been any material change in the limited liability company interests, short-term debt or long-term debt of the Adviser, except as described in each of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, respectively.
- (k) The Adviser possesses all certificates, authorizations and permits issued by the appropriate federal, state or foreign regulatory authorities necessary to conduct its business, and the Adviser has not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would have a material adverse effect on the Adviser, except as described in the Prospectus.
- (l) The description of the Adviser contained in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus does not, and prior to the time of purchase will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.
- (m) The Adviser has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act, or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Placement Shares, and the Adviser is not aware of any such action taken or to be taken by any affiliates of the Adviser.
- (n) The Adviser maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with its management's general or specific authorization and with the investment objectives, policies and restrictions of the Company and the applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act and the Code; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of the Company's financial statements in conformity with GAAP, to calculate net asset value, and to maintain asset accountability, and to maintain material compliance with the books and records requirements under the Investment Company Act; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with its management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

- (o) The Adviser is not aware that any executive, key employee or significant group of employees of the Adviser is subject to any non-compete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Company or the Adviser except where such violation would not have a material adverse effect on the Adviser.
- (p) Neither the Adviser nor any of the Adviser's subsidiaries or affiliates, nor any director, officer, or employee of the Adviser, nor, to the Adviser's knowledge, any agent or representative of the Adviser or of any of the Adviser's subsidiaries or affiliates, has taken or will take any action in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization or approval of the payment or giving of money, property, gifts or anything else of value, directly or indirectly, to any "government official" (including any officer or employee of a government or government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office) to influence official action or secure an improper advantage; and the Adviser and its respective subsidiaries and affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with applicable anti-corruption laws and have instituted and maintain and will continue to maintain policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws and with the representation and warranty contained herein.
- (q) (i) Neither the Adviser nor any of the Adviser's subsidiaries (collectively, the "<u>Adviser Entity</u>") nor any director, officer, employee, agent, affiliate or representative of the Adviser Entity, is a Person that is, or is owned or controlled by a Person that is:
  - (A) the subject of any Sanctions, or
  - (B) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions (including, without limitation, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).
  - (ii) The Adviser Entity represents and covenants that it will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person:

- (A) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any Person or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions; or
- (B) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any Person (including any Person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).
- (iii) The Adviser Entity represents and covenants that it has not knowingly engaged in, is not now knowingly engaged in, and will not knowingly engage in, any dealings or transactions with any Person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions
- 7. <u>Covenants of the Company</u>. The Company covenants and agrees with each of the Agents that:
- Registration Statement Amendments. After the date of this Agreement and during any period in which a Prospectus relating to any Placement Shares is required to be delivered by the Agents under the Securities Act (the "Prospectus Delivery Period"), (i) the Company will notify the Agents promptly of the time when any subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement, other than documents incorporated by reference, has been filed with the Commission and/or has become effective or any subsequent supplement to the Prospectus has been filed and of any request by the Commission for any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or Prospectus or for additional information, (ii) the Company will not file any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or Prospectus, other than documents incorporated by reference, unless a copy thereof has been submitted to the Agents within two business days before the filing and the Agents have not reasonably objected thereto within the two business day period (provided, however, that (A) the failure of the Agents to make such objection shall not relieve the Company of any obligation or liability hereunder, or affect the Agents' right to rely on the representations and warranties made by the Company in this Agreement and (B) the Company has no obligation to provide the Agenst any advance copy of such filing or to provide the Agents an opportunity to object to such filing if such filing does not name the Agents or does not relate to the transactions contemplated hereunder; provided, further, that the only remedy the Agents shall have with respect to the failure by the Company to provide the Agents with such copy shall be to cease making sales under this Agreement) and the Company will furnish to the Agents at the time of filing thereof a copy of any document that upon filing is deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement or Prospectus relating to the Placement Shares, except for those documents available via EDGAR; and (iii) the Company will cause each amendment or supplement to the Prospectus, other than documents incorporated by reference, to be filed with the Commission as required pursuant to Rule 497 of the Securities Act or, in the case of any document to be incorporated by reference therein, to be filed with the Commission as required pursuant to the Exchange Act, within the time period prescribed (the determination to file or not file any amendment or supplement with the Commission under this Section 7(a), based on the Company's reasonable opinion or reasonable objections, shall be made exclusively by the Company).

- (b) <u>Notice of Commission Stop Orders</u>. The Company will advise the Agents, promptly after it receives notice or obtains knowledge thereof, of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, of any order preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus, of the suspension of the qualification of the Placement Shares for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for any such purpose; and it will promptly use its commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or to obtain its withdrawal if such a stop order should be issued. The Company will advise the Agents promptly after it receives any request by the Commission for any amendments to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplements to the Prospectus or for additional information related to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus.
- (c) <u>Delivery of Prospectus; Subsequent Changes</u>. During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to comply in all material respects with all requirements imposed upon it by the Securities Act, as from time to time in force, and to file on or before their respective due dates all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, 15(d) or any other provision of or under the Exchange Act. If during the Prospectus Delivery Period any event occurs as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made at such time, not misleading, or if during the Prospectus Delivery Period it is necessary to amend or supplement the Registration Statement or Prospectus or file a new registration statement to comply with the Securities Act, the Company will promptly notify the Agents to suspend the offering of Placement Shares during such period and the Company will promptly amend or supplement the Registration Statement or Prospectus (at the expense of the Company) so as to correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance; provided, however, that the Company may delay any such amendment or supplement if, in the judgment of the Company, it is in the best interests of the Company to do so.
- (d) <u>Listing of Placement Shares</u>. During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Placement Shares to be listed on the Exchange and to qualify the Placement Shares for sale under the securities laws of such jurisdictions as the Agents reasonably designate and to continue such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Placement Shares; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith to qualify as a foreign corporation or dealer in securities or file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction.

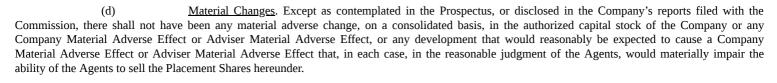
- (e) <u>Delivery of Registration Statement and Prospectus</u>. The Company will furnish to the Agents and their counsel (at the expense of the Company) copies of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus (including all documents incorporated by reference therein) and all amendments and supplements to the Registration Statement or Prospectus that are filed with the Commission during the Prospectus Delivery Period (including all documents filed with the Commission during such period that are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein), in each case as soon as reasonably practicable and in such quantities as the Agents may from time to time reasonably request and, at the Agents' request, will also furnish copies of the Prospectus to each exchange or market on which sales of the Placement Shares may be made; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to furnish any document (other than the Prospectus) to the Agents to the extent such document is available on EDGAR.
- (f) <u>Earnings Statement</u>. The Company will make generally available to its security holders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than 15 months after the end of the Company's current fiscal quarter, an earnings statement covering a 12-month period that satisfies the provisions of Section 11(a) and Rule 158 of the Securities Act.
- (g) <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. The Company will use the Net Proceeds as described in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Use of Proceeds."
- (h) Notice of Other Sales. Without the prior written consent of the Agents, the Company will not, directly or indirectly, offer to sell, sell, contract to sell, grant any option to sell or otherwise dispose of any Common Stock (other than the Placement Shares offered pursuant to this Agreement) or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Common Stock, warrants or any rights to purchase or acquire, Common Stock during the period beginning on the fifth (5th) Trading Day immediately prior to the date on which any Placement Notice is delivered to the Agents hereunder and ending on the fifth (5th) Trading Day immediately following the final Settlement Date with respect to Placement Shares sold pursuant to such Placement Notice (or, if the Placement Notice has been terminated or suspended prior to the sale of all Placement Shares covered by a Placement Notice, the date of such suspension or termination); provided, however, that such restrictions will not be required in connection with the Company's issuance, grant or sale of (i) Common Stock pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment plan (but not Common Stock subject to a waiver to exceed plan limits in its dividend reinvestment plan) whether now in effect or hereafter implemented; (ii) Common Stock issuable upon conversion of securities or the exercise of warrants, options or other rights in effect or outstanding, and disclosed in filings by the Company available on EDGAR or otherwise in writing to the Agents and (iii) Common Stock, or securities convertible into or exercisable for Common Stock, offered and sold in a privately negotiated transaction to vendors, customers, investors, strategic partners or potential strategic partners who are qualified institutional buyers or persons that are "accredited investors" within the meaning of such term under Rule 501 under the Securities Act conducted in a manner so as not to be integrated with the offering of Common Stock hereby.

- (i) <u>Change of Circumstances</u>. The Company will, at any time during the pendency of a Placement Notice, advise the Agents promptly after it shall have received notice or obtained knowledge thereof, of any information or fact that would alter or affect in any material respect any opinion, certificate, letter or other document required to be provided to the Agents pursuant to this Agreement.
- (j) <u>Due Diligence Cooperation.</u> During the term of this Agreement, the Company will cooperate with any reasonable due diligence review conducted by the Agents or its representatives in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, including, without limitation, providing information and making available documents and senior corporate officers, during regular business hours and at the Company's principal offices or such other location mutually agreed to by the parties, as the Agents may reasonably request.
- (k) Required Filings Relating to Placement of Placement Shares. The Company agrees that on such dates as the Securities Act shall require, the Company will (i) file a prospectus supplement with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act (the date of each and every filing under Rule 497, a "Filing Date"), which prospectus supplement will set forth, within the relevant period, the amount of Placement Shares sold through the Agents, the Net Proceeds to the Company and the Compensation to the Agents with respect to such Placement Shares or, if any such prospectus supplement is not filed pursuant to Rule 497, otherwise include such information in the Company's Exchange Act filings on such dates as shall be required by the Exchange Act, and (ii) deliver such number of copies of each such prospectus supplement to each exchange or market on which such sales were effected as may be required by the rules or regulations of such exchange or market, if applicable.
- Representation Dates; Certificate. On the date of this Agreement and each time during the term of this Agreement the Company files a Prospectus relating to the Placement Shares or amends or supplements (other than a prospectus supplement relating solely to an offering of securities other than the Placement Shares) the Registration Statement or the Prospectus relating to the Placement Shares that includes updated financial information as of the end of the Company's most recent quarterly period or fiscal year, as applicable (a "Quarterly 497 Filing" by means of a post-effective amendment, sticker, or supplement but not by means of incorporation of documents by reference into the Registration Statement or the Prospectus relating to the Placement Shares (other than (i) the Company's Annual Reports on Form 10-K under the Exchange Act, (ii) the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-K Q under the Exchange Act and (iii) the Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K containing amended financial information (other than information "furnished" pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or to provide disclosure pursuant to Item 8.01 of Form 8-K relating to the reclassification of certain properties as discontinued operations in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144) under the Exchange Act), each such event shall be deemed a "Representation Date"), each of the Company and the Adviser shall furnish the Agents with a certificate, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 7(1)(1) and 7(1)(2), respectively. The requirement to provide certificates under this Section 7(1) shall be waived for any Representation Date occurring at a time at which no Placement Notice is pending, which waiver shall continue until the earlier to occur of the date the Company delivers a Placement Notice hereunder (which for such calendar quarter shall be considered a Representation Date) and the next occurring Representation Date; provided, however, that such waiver shall not apply for any Representation Date on which the Company makes a Quarterly 497 Filing containing updated annual audited financial statements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company subsequently decides to sell Placement Shares following a Representation Date when the Company relied on such waiver and did not provide the Agents with a certificate under this Section 7(1), then before the Company delivers the Placement Notice or the Agents sell any Placement Shares, the Company shall provide the Agents with a certificate, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 7(1)(1), dated the date of the Placement Notice.

- (m) <u>Legal Opinions</u>. On the date of this Agreement, on or prior to the date of the first Placement Notice given hereunder and within five (5) Trading Days of each Representation Date on which the Company makes a Quarterly 497 Filing, with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 7(l)(1) for which no waiver is applicable, the Company shall cause to be furnished to the Agents (i) written opinions and assurances of Dechert LLP ("<u>Company Counsel</u>"), or other counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Agents, in the form set forth in Exhibit A and (ii) unless waived by the Agents, a written opinion and negative assurance letter of Ropes & Gray LLP, counsel to the Agents ("<u>Counsel to the Agents</u>"), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents.
- (n) <u>Comfort Letter</u>. On the date of this Agreement, on or prior to the date of the first Placement Notice given hereunder and within five (5) Trading Days of each Representation Date on which the Company makes a Quarterly 497 Filing, with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 7(1)(1) for which no waiver is applicable, the Company shall cause its independent accountants to furnish the Agents a letter, dated as of such date (the "<u>Comfort Letter</u>"), (i) confirming that they are an independent registered public accounting firm within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, (ii) stating, as of such date, the conclusions and findings of such firm with respect to the financial information and other matters ordinarily covered by accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters in connection with registered public offerings (the first such letter, the "<u>Initial Comfort Letter</u>") and (iii) updating the Initial Comfort Letter with any information that would have been included in the Initial Comfort Letter had it been given on such date and modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as amended and supplemented to the date of such letter.

- (o) <u>CFO Certificate</u>. On the date of this Agreement, on or prior to the date of the first Placement Notice given hereunder and within five (5) Trading Days of each Representation Date on which the Company makes a Quarterly 497 Filing, with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 7(l)(1) for which no waiver is applicable, the Company shall cause to be furnished to the Agents a certificate of its Chief Financial Officer, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents.
- (p) <u>Market Activities</u>. The Company will not, directly or indirectly, (i) take any action designed to cause or result in, or that constitutes or might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of Placement Shares or (ii) sell, bid for, or purchase the Placement Shares, or pay anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of the Placement Shares other than the Agents.
- 8. Representations and Covenants of the Agents. Each of the Agents represents and warrants that it is duly registered as a broker-dealer under FINRA, the Exchange Act and the applicable statutes and regulations of each state in which the Placement Shares will be offered and sold, except such states in which such Agent is exempt from registration or such registration is not otherwise required. Each of the Agents shall continue, for the term of this Agreement, to be duly registered as a broker-dealer under FINRA, the Exchange Act and the applicable statutes and regulations of each state in which the Placement Shares will be offered and sold, except such states in which such Agent is exempt from registration or such registration is not otherwise required, during the term of this Agreement. Each of the Agents will comply with all applicable law and regulations, including but not limited to Regulation M, in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including without limitation, the issuance and sale through the Agents of the Placement Shares.
- 9. Payment of Expenses. The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including (i) the preparation, filing, including any fees required by the Commission, and printing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits) as originally filed and of each amendment and supplement thereto, in such number as the Agents shall deem reasonably necessary, (ii) the printing and delivery to the Agents of this Agreement and such other documents as may be reasonably required in connection with the offering, purchase, sale, issuance or delivery of the Placement Shares, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates, if any, for the Placement Shares to the Agents, including any stock or other transfer taxes and any capital duties, stamp duties or other duties or taxes payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Placement Shares to the Agents, (iv) the fees and disbursements of counsel to the Agents incurred in connection with the execution of this Agreement in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$25,000, (vi) the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Agents incurred in connection with the ongoing due diligence review of the Company under this Agreement not to exceed \$10,000 per calendar quarter during the term of this Agreement, provided that in no event shall the Company be obligated to pay or otherwise reimburse the Agents for aggregate fees and disbursements of counsel to the Agent under this subsection (vi) in an aggregate amount that exceeds \$40,000 per annum in the aggregate, (vii) the fees and expenses of the transfer agent and registrar for the Common Stock, and (viii) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Placement Shares on the Exchange.

- 10. <u>Conditions to the Agents Obligations</u>. The obligations of the Agents hereunder with respect to a Placement will be subject to the continuing accuracy and completeness of the representations and warranties made by the Company and the Adviser herein, to the due performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, to the completion by the Agents of a due diligence review of the Company that is satisfactory to it in its reasonable judgment, and to the continuing satisfaction (or waiver by each of the Agents in its sole discretion) of the following additional conditions:
- (a) <u>Registration Statement Effective</u>. The Registration Statement shall have become effective and shall be available for the sale of all Placement Shares contemplated to be issued by any Placement Notice.
- (b) No Material Notices. None of the following events shall have occurred and be continuing: (i) receipt by the Company of any request for additional information from the Commission or any other federal or state governmental authority during the period of effectiveness of the Registration Statement the response to which would require any post-effective amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus which have not, as of the time of such Placement, been so made; (ii) the issuance by the Commission or any other federal or state governmental authority of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose; (iii) receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification or exemption from qualification of any of the Placement Shares for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose; or (iv) the occurrence of any event that makes any material statement made in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any material document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein untrue in any material respect or that requires the making of any changes in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or documents so that, in the case of the Registration Statement, it will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, which changes shall not, as of the time of such Placement, have been so made.
- (c) <u>No Misstatement or Material Omission</u>. The Agents shall not have advised the Company that the Registration Statement or Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, contains an untrue statement of fact that is material, or omits to state a fact that is material and is required to be stated therein or is necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.



- (e) <u>Legal Opinions</u>. The Agents shall have received the opinions of Company Counsel and Counsel to the Agents required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7(m)</u> on or before the date on which such delivery of such opinions are required pursuant to <u>Section 7(m)</u>.
- (f) <u>Comfort Letter</u>. The Agents shall have received the Comfort Letter required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7(n)</u> on or before the date on which such delivery of such Comfort Letter is required pursuant to <u>Section 7(n)</u>.
- (g) Representation Certificate. The Agents shall have received the certificate required to be delivered pursuant to Section 7(!) on or before the date on which delivery of such certificate is required pursuant to Section 7(!).
- (h) <u>No Suspension</u>. Trading in the Common Stock shall not have been suspended on the Exchange and the Common Stock shall not have been delisted from the Exchange.
- (i) <u>Securities Act Filings Made</u>. All filings with the Commission required by Rule 497 under the Securities Act to have been filed prior to the issuance of any Placement Notice hereunder shall have been made within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 497.
- (j) <u>Approval for Listing</u>. The Placement Shares shall either have been approved for listing on the Exchange, subject only to notice of issuance, or the Company shall have filed an application for listing of the Placement Shares on the Exchange at, or prior to, the issuance of any Placement Notice.
- (k) No Termination Event. There shall not have occurred any event that would permit the Agents to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 13(a).

## 11. Indemnification and Contribution.

- (a) <u>Company Indemnification</u>. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Agents, their partners, members, directors, officers, employees and agents and each person, if any, who controls the Agents within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act as follows:
- (i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, joint or several, arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included in the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
- (ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, joint or several, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company, which consent shall not unreasonably be delayed or withheld; and
- (iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above,

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Agents expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto).

(b) <u>Indemnification by the Agents</u>. Each Agent agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and its directors and each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who (i) controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act or (ii) is controlled by or is under common control with the Company against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever as incurred, arising out of or based upon untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendments thereto), the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by the Agents expressly for use therein.

Procedure. Any party that proposes to assert the right to be indemnified under this Section 11 will, promptly after receipt of (c)notice of commencement of any action against such party in respect of which a claim is to be made against an indemnifying party or parties under this Section 11, notify each such indemnifying party of the commencement of such action, enclosing a copy of all papers served, but the omission so to notify such indemnifying party will not relieve the indemnifying party from (i) any liability that it might have to any indemnified party otherwise than under this Section 11 and (ii) any liability that it may have to any indemnified party under the foregoing provision of this Section 11 unless, and only to the extent that, such omission results in the forfeiture or material impairment of substantive rights or defenses by the indemnifying party. If any such action is brought against any indemnified party and it notifies the indemnifying party of its commencement, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate in and, to the extent that it elects by delivering written notice to the indemnified party promptly after receiving notice of the commencement of the action from the indemnified party, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense of the action, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party, and after notice from the indemnifying party to the indemnified party of its election to assume the defense, the indemnifying party will not be liable to the indemnified party for any legal or other expenses except as provided below and except for the reasonable costs of investigation subsequently incurred by the indemnified party in connection with the defense. The indemnified party will have the right to employ its own counsel in any such action, but the fees, expenses and other charges of such counsel will be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (1) the employment of counsel by the indemnified party has been authorized in writing by the indemnifying party, (2) the indemnified party has reasonably concluded (based on advice of counsel) that there may be legal defenses available to it or other indemnified parties that are different from or in addition to those available to the indemnifying party and a conflict or potential conflict exists (based on advice of counsel to the indemnified party) between the indemnified party and the indemnifying party (in which case the indemnifying party will not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of the indemnified party) or (3) the indemnifying party has not in fact employed counsel to assume the defense of such action within a reasonable time after receiving notice of the commencement of the action, in each of which cases the reasonable fees, disbursements and other charges of counsel will be at the expense of the indemnifying party or parties. It is understood that the indemnifying party or parties shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the reasonable fees, disbursements and other charges of more than one separate firm admitted to practice in such jurisdiction at any one time for all such indemnified party or parties. All such fees, disbursements and other charges will be reimbursed by the indemnifying party promptly after the indemnifying party receives a written invoice relating to fees, disbursements and other charges in reasonable detail. An indemnifying party will not, in any event, be liable for any settlement of any action or claim effected without its written consent. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of each indemnified party, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in any pending or threatened claim, action or proceeding relating to the matters contemplated by this Section 11 (whether or not any indemnified party is a party thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (1) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (2) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

Contribution. In order to provide for just and equitable contribution in circumstances in which the indemnification provided for (d) in the foregoing paragraphs of this Section 11 is applicable in accordance with its terms but for any reason is held to be unavailable from the Company or an Agent, the Company and such Agent will contribute to the total losses, claims, liabilities, expenses and damages (including any investigative, legal and other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with, and any amount paid in settlement of, any action, suit or proceeding or any claim asserted, but after deducting any contribution received by the Company from persons other than the Agents, such as persons who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act or Exchange Act, officers of the Company who signed the Registration Statement and directors of the Company, who also may be liable for contribution) to which the Company and the Agents may be subject in such proportion as shall be appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Agents on the other hand. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Agents on the other hand shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the sale of the Placement Shares (net of Compensation to the Agents but before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total compensation received by the Agents from the sale of Placement Shares on behalf of the Company. If, but only if, the allocation provided by the foregoing sentence is not permitted by applicable law, the allocation of contribution shall be made in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in the foregoing sentence but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and such Agent, on the other hand, with respect to the statements or omission that resulted in such loss, claim, liability, expense or damage, or action in respect thereof, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations with respect to such offering. Such relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or such Agent, the intent of the parties and their relative knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company and each Agent agree that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this Section 11(d) were to be determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to herein. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the loss, claim, liability, expense, or damage, or action in respect thereof, referred to above in this Section 11(d) shall be deemed to include, for the purpose of this Section 11(d), any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim to the extent consistent with Section 11(c) hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 11(d), an Agent shall not be required to contribute any amount in excess of the Compensation received by it under this Agreement and no person found guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 11(d), any person who controls a party to this Agreement within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, and any officers, directors, partners, employees or agents of an Agent, will have the same rights to contribution as that party, and each officer and director of the Company who signed the Registration Statement will have the same right to contribution as the Company, subject in each case to the provisions hereof. Any party entitled to contribution, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action against such party in respect of which a claim for contribution may be made under this Section 11(d), will notify any such party or parties from whom contribution may be sought, but the omission to so notify will not relieve that party or parties from whom contribution may be sought from any other obligation it or they may have under this Section 11(d) except to the extent that the failure to so notify such other party materially prejudiced the substantive rights or defenses of the party from whom contribution is sought. Except for a settlement entered into pursuant to the last sentence of Section 11(c) hereof, no party will be liable for contribution with respect to any action or claim settled without its written consent if such consent is required pursuant to Section 11(c) hereof.

12. <u>Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery.</u> The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in <u>Section 11</u> of this Agreement and all representations and warranties of the Company herein or in certificates delivered pursuant hereto, or of the Agents herein, shall survive, as of their respective dates, regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of the Agents, any controlling persons, or the Company (or any of their respective officers, directors or controlling persons), (ii) delivery and acceptance of the Placement Shares and payment therefor or (iii) any termination of this Agreement.

## 13. <u>Termination</u>.

An Agent may terminate this Agreement, by notice to the Company, as hereinafter specified at any time (i) if there has been, (a) since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the date as of which information is given in the Prospectus, any Material Adverse Effect, or any development that is reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect that, in the reasonable judgment of such Agent, would materially impair the ability of such Agent to market the Placement Shares or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Placement Shares, (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such that in the reasonable judgment of such Agent would materially impair the ability of such Agent to market the Placement Shares or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Placement Shares, (iii) if trading in the Common Stock has been suspended or limited by the Commission or the Exchange, or if trading generally on the Exchange has been suspended or limited, or minimum prices for trading have been fixed on the Exchange, (iv) if any suspension of trading of any securities of the Company on any exchange or in the over-the-counter market shall have occurred and be continuing, (v) if a major disruption of securities settlements or clearance services in the United States shall have occurred and be continuing, or (vi) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either U.S. Federal or New York authorities. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 9 (Payment of Expenses), Section 11 (Indemnification and Contribution), Section 12 (Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery), Section 18 (Governing Law and Time; Waiver of Jury Trial) and Section 19 (Consent to Jurisdiction) hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination. If an Agent elects to terminate this Agreement as provided in this Section 13(a), such Agent shall provide the required notice as specified in Section 14 (Notices).

- (b) (i) The Company shall have the right, by giving ten (10) days' notice as hereinafter specified to terminate this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time after the date of this Agreement.
- (ii) If an Agent declines any commercially reasonable Placement Notice pursuant to clause (i) of <u>Section 2</u> of this Agreement, then the Company shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination to such Agent. Any such termination shall be effective immediately upon a delivery of a termination notice by the Company to such Agent.

Any termination pursuant to <u>Section 13(b)</u> shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that (i) with respect to any pending sale through an Agent for the Company, the obligations of the Company, including in respect of Compensation of such Agent, shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination and (ii) the provisions of <u>Section 9</u> (Payment of Expenses), <u>Section 11</u> (Indemnification and Contribution), <u>Section 12</u> (Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery), <u>Section 18</u> (Governing Law and Time; Waiver of Jury Trial), and <u>Section 19</u> (Consent to Jurisdiction) hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.

(c) Each Agent shall have the right, by giving ten (10) days' notice as hereinafter specified to terminate this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time after the date of this Agreement. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 9 (Payment of Expenses), Section 11 (Indemnification and Contribution), Section 12 (Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery), Section 18 (Governing Law and Time; Waiver of Jury Trial), and Section 19 (Consent to Jurisdiction) hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.

- (d) Unless earlier terminated pursuant to this <u>Section 13</u>, this Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the earlier to occur of (i) the two (2) year anniversary of the date hereof or (ii) the issuance and sale of all of the Placement Shares through the Agents on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, except that, in either such case, the provisions of <u>Section 9</u> (Payment of Expenses), <u>Section 11</u> (Indemnification and Contribution), <u>Section 12</u> (Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery), <u>Section 18</u> (Governing Law and Time; Waiver of Jury Trial), and <u>Section 19</u> (Consent to Jurisdiction) hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.
- (e) This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless terminated pursuant to <u>Sections 13(a)</u>, (<u>b</u>), (<u>c</u>) or (<u>d</u>) above or otherwise by mutual agreement of the parties. Upon termination of this Agreement, the Company shall not have any liability to an Agent for any Compensation with respect to any Placement Shares not otherwise sold by such Agent under this Agreement.
- (f) Any termination of this Agreement shall be effective on the date specified in such notice of termination; provided, however, that such termination shall not be effective until the close of business on the date of receipt of such notice by an Agent or the Company, as the case may be. If such termination shall occur prior to the Settlement Date for any sale of Placement Shares, such Placement Shares shall settle in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 14. <u>Notices</u>. All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given by any party to any other party pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing, unless otherwise specified, and if sent to the Agents, shall be delivered to:

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC 200 West Street New York, New York 10282 Facsimile: (212) 902-9316 Attention: Registration Department

B. Riley FBR, Inc. 299 Park Avenue New York, NY 10171 Attention: General Counsel

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Ropes & Gray LLP 1211 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036 Attention: Paul D. Tropp Facsimile: (212) 596-9515

Email: paul.tropp@ropesgray.com

and if to the Company, shall be delivered to:

Horizon Technology Finance Corporation 312 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attention: Daniel Trolio Facsimile: (860) 676-8654

Email: dtrolio@horizontechnologyfinance.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Dechert LLP One International Place, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor 100 Oliver Street Boston, MA 02110

Attention: Thomas J. Friedmann, Esq.

Facsimile: (617) 275-8389

Email: thomas.friedmann@dechert.com

Each party to this Agreement may change such address for notices by sending to the parties to this Agreement written notice of a new address for such purpose. Each such notice or other communication shall be deemed given (i) when delivered personally, by email or by verifiable facsimile transmission (with an original to follow) on or before 4:30 p.m., New York City time, on a Business Day or, if such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day, (ii) on the Business Day actually received if delivered by a nationally-recognized overnight courier and (iii) on the Business Day actually received if deposited in the U.S. mail (certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid). For purposes of this Agreement, "Business Day" shall mean any day on which the Exchange and commercial banks in the City of New York are open for business.

An electronic communication ("<u>Electronic Notice</u>") shall be deemed written notice for purposes of this <u>Section 14</u> if sent to the electronic mail address specified by the receiving party in this <u>Section 14</u> or on <u>Schedule 3</u> hereof or under separate cover. Electronic Notice shall be deemed received at the time the party sending Electronic Notice receives confirmation of receipt by the receiving party. Any party receiving Electronic Notice may request and shall be entitled to receive the notice on paper, in a nonelectronic form ("<u>Nonelectronic Notice</u>") which shall be sent to the requesting party within ten (10) days of receipt of the written request for Nonelectronic Notice.

- 15. <u>Successors and Assigns.</u> This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company and the Agents and their respective successors and the affiliates, controlling persons, partners, members, officers, directors, employees and agents referred to in <u>Section 11</u> hereof. References to any of the parties contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to include the successors and permitted assigns of such party. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and permitted assigns any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement. Neither party may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.
- 16. <u>Adjustments for Stock Splits</u>. The parties acknowledge and agree that all share-related numbers contained in this Agreement shall be adjusted to take into account any share consolidation, stock split, stock dividend, corporate domestication or similar event effected with respect to the Placement Shares.
- 17. Entire Agreement; Amendment; Severability. This Agreement (including all schedules and exhibits attached hereto and Placement Notices issued pursuant hereto) constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersedes all other prior and contemporaneous agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, among the parties hereto with regard to the subject matter hereof and thereof. Neither this Agreement nor any term hereof may be amended except pursuant to a written instrument executed by the Company, the Adviser and the Agents. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstance, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable as written by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be given full force and effect to the fullest possible extent that it is valid, legal and enforceable, and the remainder of the terms and provisions herein shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable term or provision was not contained herein, but only to the extent that giving effect to such provision and the remainder of the terms and provisions hereof shall be in accordance with the intent of the parties as reflected in this Agreement.
- 18. GOVERNING LAW AND TIME; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME. EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

- 19. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS SITTING IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY, AND HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, AND AGREES NOT TO ASSERT IN ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING, ANY CLAIM THAT IT IS NOT PERSONALLY SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY SUCH COURT, THAT SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING IS BROUGHT IN AN INCONVENIENT FORUM OR THAT THE VENUE OF SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING IS IMPROPER. EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES PERSONAL SERVICE OF PROCESS AND CONSENTS TO PROCESS BEING SERVED IN ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF (CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) TO SUCH PARTY AT THE ADDRESS IN EFFECT FOR NOTICES TO IT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREES THAT SUCH SERVICE SHALL CONSTITUTE GOOD AND SUFFICIENT SERVICE OF PROCESS AND NOTICE THEREOF. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL BE DEEMED TO LIMIT IN ANY WAY ANY RIGHT TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.
- 20. <u>Use of Information</u>. The Agents may not use any information gained in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including due diligence, to advise any party with respect to transactions not expressly approved by the Company.
- 21. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed Agreement by one party to the other may be made by electronic (.pdf) or facsimile transmission.
  - 22. <u>Effect of Headings</u>. The section and exhibit headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.
  - 23. <u>Absence of Fiduciary Relationship</u>. The Company acknowledges and agrees that:
- (a) each Agent is acting solely as agent in connection with the public offering of the Placement Shares and in connection with each transaction contemplated by this Agreement and the process leading to such transactions, and no fiduciary or advisory relationship between the Company or any of its respective affiliates, stockholders (or other equity holders), creditors or employees or any other party, on the one hand, and the Agents, on the other hand, has been or will be created in respect of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, irrespective of whether or not such Agent has advised or is advising the Company on other matters, and no Agent has any obligation to the Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement;

- (b) it is capable of evaluating and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;
- (c) no Agent has provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and it has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate;
- (d) it is aware that each Agent and its affiliates are engaged in a broad range of transactions which may involve interests that differ from those of the Company and such Agent has no obligation to disclose such interests and transactions to the Company by virtue of any fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship or otherwise; provided that each Agent hereby agrees not to engage in any such transaction which would cause its interests to be in direct conflict with the best interests of the Company; and
- (e) it waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims it may have against an Agent for breach of fiduciary duty or alleged breach of fiduciary duty in connection with the sale of Placement Shares under this Agreement and agrees that such Agent shall not have any liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract, tort or otherwise) to it in respect of such a fiduciary duty claim or to any person asserting a fiduciary duty claim on its behalf or in right of it or the Company, employees or creditors of Company, other than in respect of such Agent's obligations under this Agreement and to keep information provided to such Agent and its counsel by the Company confidential to the extent not otherwise publicly-available.
  - 24. <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below:

"Applicable Time" means (i) each Representation Date, (ii) the time of each sale of any Placement Shares pursuant to this Agreement, and (iii) each Settlement Date for each sale of Placement Shares pursuant to this Agreement.

"Rule 158," "Rule 405," "Rule 415" and "Rule 497" refer to such rules under the Securities Act.

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information that is "contained," "included" or "stated" in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (and all other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be (the "<u>Incorporated Documents</u>").

All references in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include the copy filed with the Commission on EDGAR; and all references in this Agreement to "supplements" to the Prospectus shall include, without limitation, any supplements, "wrappers" or similar materials prepared in connection with any offering, sale or private placement of any Placement Shares by an Agent outside of the United States.

[Signature Page Follows]

If the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding among the Company, the Adviser and each Agent with respect to the subject matter hereof, please so indicate in the space provided below for that purpose, whereupon this letter shall constitute a binding agreement among the Company, the Adviser and the Agents.

Very truly yours,

## HORIZON TECHNOLOGY FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert D. Pomeroy, Jr.

Name: Robert D. Pomeroy, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

## HORIZON TECHNOLOGY FINANCE MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Daniel R. Trolio

Name: Daniel R. Trolio Title: Chief Financial Officer

[Signature Page to At Market Issuance Sales Agreement]

## ACCEPTED as of the date first-above written:

## GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

By: /s/ Adam T. Greene

Name: Adam T. Greene Title: Managing Director

# B RILEY FBR, INC.

By: /s/ Patrice McNicoll

Name: Patrice McNicoll

Title: SMD & Co-Head of Banking

[Signature Page to At Market Issuance Sales Agreement]

# FORM OF PLACEMENT NOTICE

From:	Horizon Technology Finance Corporation			
cc:				
То:	[Name of Designated Agent] Attention: [_]			
Subject:	At Market Issuance—Placement Notice			
Ladies and Gentlemen:				
Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the At Market Issuance Sales Agreement between Horizon Technology Finance Corporation (the "Company"), Horizon Technology Finance Management, LLC (the "Adviser") and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and B. Riley FBR, Inc (each individually an "Agent" and collectively "the Agents"), dated [•], 2020, the Company hereby requests that [the Designated Agent] sell up to shares of the Company's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, at a minimum market price of \$ per share, during the time period beginning [month, day, time] and ending [month, day, time].  [The Company may include such other sales parameters as it deems appropriate.]				

# Compensation

The Company shall pay to the Designated Agent in cash,	sh, upon the sale of Placement Shares pursuant to this Agreement, an amount equal to up t
1.75% of the gross proceeds from the sale of Placement Shares.	

## **Notice Parties**

# **The Company**

Name	Title	Email Address
Robert D. Pomeroy, Jr.	Chief Executive Officer	rob@horizontechfinance.com
Daniel R. Trolio	Chief Financial Officer	dtrolio@horizontechfinance.com
Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC		
Name	Title	Email Address
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Kyle VanFleet	Managing Director	Kyle.vanfleet@gs.com
B. Riley FBR, Inc.  Name	Title	Email Address
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Matthew Feinberg	Managing Director	mfeinberg@brielyfbr.com
Ryan Loforte	Director	<u>rloforte@brileyfbr.com</u>
Keith Pompliano	Director	kkpompliano@brileyfbr.com
With a Copy to:		atmdesk@brileyfbr.com

	<u>Aggregate Amount to Be</u>
Entity Name	<u>Issued under the Agreement</u>
B. Riley FBR, Inc.	\$0 - \$4,000,000
Goldman Sachs & Co., LLC	\$4,000,001 - \$24,000,000
B. Riley FBR, Inc.	\$24,000,0001 - \$34,000,000
Goldman Sachs & Co., LLC	\$34,000,001 - \$44,000,000
B. Riley FBR, Inc.	\$44,000,001 - \$54,000,00
Goldman Sachs & Co., LLC	\$54,000,001 - \$64,000,00
B. Riley FBR, Inc.	\$64,000,001 - \$74,000,00
Goldman Sachs & Co., LLC	\$74,000,001 - \$84,000,00
B. Riley FBR, Inc.	\$84,000,001 - \$94,000,00
Goldman Sachs & Co., LLC	\$94,000,001 - \$100,000,00

### **EXHIBIT 7(1)(1)**

#### Form of Representation Date Certificate of the Company

This Officer's Certificate (this "<u>Certificate</u>") is executed and delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7(!)</u> of the At Market Issuance Sales Agreement (the "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of [●], 2020, and entered into among Horizon Technology Finance Corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), Horizon Technology Finance Management, LLC (the "<u>Adviser</u>") and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and B. Riley FBR, Inc. (each individually an "<u>Agent</u>" and collectively "<u>the Agents</u>"). All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Agreement.

The undersigned, a duly appointed and authorized officer of the Company, having made reasonable inquiries to establish the accuracy of the statements below and having been authorized by the Company to execute this certificate on behalf of the Company, hereby certifies as follows:

- 1. As of the date of this Certificate, (i) the Registration Statement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) the Prospectus does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and (iii) no event has occurred as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein not untrue or misleading.
- 2. Each of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in the Agreement were true and correct in all material respects when originally made, and, except for those representations and warranties that speak solely as of a specific date, are true and correct as of the date of this Certificate.
- 3. Except as waived by the Agents in writing, each of the covenants required to be performed by the Company in the Agreement on or prior to the date of the Agreement, the date of this Certificate, and each such other date prior to the date of this Certificate as set forth in the Agreement, has been duly, timely and fully performed in all material respects and each condition required to be complied with by the Company on or prior to the date of the Agreement, the date of this Certificate, and each such other date prior to the date of this Certificate as set forth in the Agreement has been duly, timely and fully complied with in all material respects.
- 4. Subsequent to the date of the most recent financial statements in the Prospectus, and except as described in the Prospectus, there has been no Company Material Adverse Effect.
- 5. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of (a) the Registration Statement or of any part thereof or (b) the qualification or registration of the Placement Shares under the securities or Blue Sky laws of any jurisdiction has been issued, and, to the Company's knowledge, no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or threatened by any securities or other governmental authority (including, without limitation, the Commission).

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# HORIZON TECHNOLOGY FINANCE CORPORATION

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Title	:
Date:	

### **EXHIBIT 7(1)(2)**

### Form of Representation Date Certificate of the Adviser

This Officer's Certificate (this "Certificate") is executed and delivered pursuant to Section 7(1) of the At Market Issuance Sales Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated as of [•], 2020, and entered into among Horizon Technology Finance Corporation (the "Company"), Horizon Technology Finance Management, LLC (the "Adviser") and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and B. Riley FBR, Inc. (each individually an "Agent" and collectively "the Agents"). All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Agreement.

The undersigned, a duly appointed and authorized officer of the Adviser, having made reasonable inquiries to establish the accuracy of the statements below and having been authorized by the Adviser to execute this certificate on behalf of the Adviser, hereby certifies as follows:

- Each of the representations and warranties of the Adviser contained in the Agreement were true and correct in all material respects when originally made, and, except for those representations and warranties that speak solely as of a specific date, are true and correct as of the date of this Certificate.
- Subsequent to the date of the most recent financial statements in the Prospectus, and except as described in the Prospectus, there has been no Adviser Material Adverse Effect.

	The undersigned has executed this Officer's Certificate on behalf of the A	dviser as of the date written below.
	HOF	IZON TECHNOLOGY FINANCE MANAGEMENT, LLC
	Ву:	
	Nam	e:
	Title	
Date: _		

# EXHIBIT A



One International Place, 40th Floor 100 Oliver Street Boston, MA 02110-2605 +1 617 728 7100 Main +1 617 426 6567 Fax www.dechert.com

Horizon Technology Finance Corporation 312 Farmington Avenue Farmington, Connecticut 06032

Re: Registration Statement on Form N-2

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Horizon Technology Finance Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), in connection with the preparation and filing of a registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-225698) originally filed on June 18, 2018 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), and subsequently amended on July 30, 2020 and on or about the date hereof (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>"), relating to the public offering of securities of the Company that may be offered by the Company from time to time as set forth in the prospectus dated July 30, 2020, which was included in the Registration Statement, and which forms a part of the Registration Statement (the "**Prospectus**"), and as may be set forth from time to time in one or more supplements to the Prospectus.

This opinion letter is rendered in connection with the sale from time to time of shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Shares"), having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100.0 million, as described in the prospectus supplement, dated as of July 30, 2020, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act (the "Prospectus Supplement"). The Shares are to be sold by the Company pursuant to an at market issuance sales agreement, dated as of July 30, 2020, by and among the Company, B. Riley FBR, Inc. and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (the "Sales Agreement").

In rendering the opinion expressed below, we have examined and relied on originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents, corporate records and other instruments and such agreements, certificates and receipts of public officials, certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company and others, and such other documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for rendering the opinion set forth below, including the following documents:

- (i) the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company;
- (ii) the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company;

- (iii) a Certificate of Good Standing with respect to the Company issued by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as of a recent date; and
- (iv) the resolutions of the board of directors of the Company relating to, among other things, (a) the authorization and approval of the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement and (b) the authorization to enter into the Sales Agreement, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company.

As to the facts upon which this opinion is based, we have relied, to the extent we deem proper, upon certificates of public officials and certificates and written statements of agents, officers, directors and representatives of the Company.

In our examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as original documents and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies. In addition, we have assumed (i) the legal capacity of all natural persons and (ii) the legal power and authority of all persons signing on behalf of the parties to such documents (other than the Company).

On the basis of the foregoing and subject to the assumptions and qualifications set forth in this letter, we are of the opinion that when (i) the Sales Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto and (ii) the Shares are (a) issued and delivered against receipt by the Company of payment therefor at a price per Share not less than the par value per share of the Common Stock as contemplated by the Registration Statement and the Prospectus contained therein and in accordance with the terms of the Sales Agreement and (b) if applicable, countersigned by the transfer agent, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We are members of the bar of the State of New York.

We assume no obligation to advise you of any changes in the foregoing subsequent to the date of this opinion letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to a Form 8-K and to the reference to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the prospectus which forms a part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Dechert LLP

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