UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Eastern Environmental Services, Inc.

(Name of issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of class of securities)

276369105

(CUSIP Number)

Gregory T. Sangalis Waste Management, Inc. 1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 Houston, Texas 77002 Tel. No.: (713) 512-6200

(Name, address and telephone number of person

(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications)

August 16, 1998

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

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Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Schedule 13D relates to the common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Eastern Environmental Services, Inc. (the "Issuer"). The Issuer is a Delaware corporation with its principal executive offices located at 1000 Crawford Place, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

The names of the persons filing this statement are Waste Management, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Waste Management") and Ocho Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management ("Merger Sub" and together with Waste Management, the "Filing Persons"). The address of the principal business and principal office of Waste Management and Merger Sub is 1001 Fannin, Suite 4000, Houston, Texas 77002.

The principal business of Waste Management is to provide waste management services internationally. Merger Sub was incorporated solely for the purpose of merging with and into the Issuer, and has no other business. Set forth in Schedule A and Schedule B is the name, citizenship, business or residence address and present principal occupation or employment, as well as the name and address of any corporation or other organization in which such occupation or employment is conducted, of each of the directors and executive officers of Waste Management and Merger Sub, respectively, as of the date hereof.

During the last five years, neither the Filing Persons, nor, to the knowledge of the Filing Persons, any person named in either Schedule A or Schedule B, has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

During the last five years, neither the Filing Persons, nor, to the knowledge of the Filing Persons, any person named in either Schedule A or Schedule B, was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

This Statement relates to (i) a stockholders support agreement (the "Support Agreement") among Waste Management, Merger Sub and each stockholder of the Issuer who is a party to the Support Agreement (collectively, the "Stockholders") and the associated proxy granted to Merger Sub by the Stockholders as described in Item 6 below and (ii) 655,000 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Waste Management that were or will be acquired by Waste Management in a number of prior or pending transactions with the Issuer.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

On August 16, 1998, Waste Management, Merger Sub and the Issuer entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), which provides that Merger Sub will be merged with and into the Issuer (the "Merger") and each share of Common Stock will be converted into the right to receive, without interest, 0.6406 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of Waste Management ("Waste Management Common Stock"). Waste Management requested the Stockholders to enter into the Support Agreement as an inducement to Waste Management and the Merger Sub to enter into the Merger Agreement. The Support Agreement is intended to provide greater certainty that Waste Management's acquisition of the Issuer will be consummated.

If the Merger is consummated in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement, (i) the directors and officers of Merger Sub immediately prior to the effective time of the Merger will become the initial directors and officers of the surviving corporation, respectively, (ii) the Certificate of Incorporation of the Issuer shall be amended and restated to read as the Certificate of Incorporation of Merger Sub as in effect immediately prior to the effective time of the Merger, except that Article One, relating to the name of the Issuer, shall remain unchanged and (iii) the By-laws of Merger Sub, as in effect immediately prior to the effective time of the Merger, shall be the By-laws of the surviving corporation. Additionally, the Common Stock will be deregistered under the Securities Act of 1933 and delisted from The Nasdaq National Market.

Other than as described above, the Filing Persons currently have no plans or proposals which relate to, or may result in, any of the matters listed in Items 4(a) - (j) of Schedule 13D (although the Filing Persons reserve the right to develop such plans).

Except as set forth above or in Item 5 below, Waste Management has not formulated any plans or proposals which relate to or would result in: (i) the acquisition by any person of additional securities of the Issuer or the disposition of securities of the Issuer, (ii) an extraordinary corporate transaction involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, (iii) a sale or transfer of a material amount of the assets of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, (iv) any change in the present board of directors or management of the Issuer, (v) any material change in the Issuer's capitalization or dividend policy, (vi) any other material change in the Issuer's business or corporate structure, (vii) any change in the Issuer's charter or bylaws or other instrument corresponding thereto or other action which may impede the acquisition of control of the Issuer by any person, (viii) causing a class of the Issuer's securities to be deregistered or delisted, (ix) a class of equity securities of the Issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration or (x) any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

As a result of the Support Agreement, the Filing Persons may be deemed to each be the beneficial owner of 3,795,796 shares of Common Stock for purposes of Rule 13d-1(a) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which represents approximately 10.5% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding (based on the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on August 11, 1998).

As a result of a number of previous acquisitions and one pending acquisition involving Waste Management and the Issuer in which Waste Management acquired, or will acquire, shares of Common Stock, Waste Management is or will be the beneficial owner of an additional 655,000 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 1.8% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding (based on the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on August 11, 1998).

To the knowledge of the Filing Persons, neither the Filing Persons nor any other person referred to in Schedule A or Schedule B attached hereto beneficially owns or has acquired or disposed of any shares of Common Stock during the past 60 days.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement and subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein (including approval by the holders of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock and expiration or termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended), the Merger Sub will merge with and into the Issuer, with the Issuer continuing as the surviving corporation, and each issued and outstanding share of Common Stock, other than shares owned by Waste Management or the Issuer, will be converted into the right to receive, without interest, 0.6406 shares of Waste Management Common Stock.

Pursuant to the Support Agreement, each Stockholder has appointed Merger Sub (or any nominee of Merger Sub) as his lawful attorney and proxy in all matters relating to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Such proxy gives Merger Sub the right to vote each of the 3,795,796 shares (the "Shares") at every annual, special or adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Issuer (including the right to sign his name (as stockholder) to any consent, certificate or other document relating to the Issuer that may be permitted or required by applicable law), (i) in favor of the adoption of the Merger Agreement and approval of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, (ii) against any transaction pursuant to a third party acquisition proposal or any other action or agreement that would result in a breach of any covenant, representation or warranty or any other obligation or agreement of the Issuer under the Merger Agreement or which could result in any of the conditions to the Issuer's obligations under the Merger Agreement not being fulfilled, and (iii) in favor of any other matter relating to consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Each Stockholder further agrees to cause the number of Shares over which he has voting power to be voted in accordance with the foregoing.

The obligations of the Stockholders under the Support Agreement terminate upon the earlier of (i) the effective time of the Merger or (ii) 180 days after the termination of the Merger Agreement in the case of termination that entitles Waste Management to a termination fee under the Merger Agreement or on the date of termination in the case of termination for any other reason.

The descriptions herein of the Merger Agreement and the Support Agreement are qualified in their entirety by reference to such agreements, copies of which are filed hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 respectively, and which are specifically incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

Except as provided in the Merger Agreement and the Support Agreement, to

the best knowledge of the Filing Persons, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the persons named in Item 2 and between such persons and any person with respect to any securities of the Issuer, including but not limited to transfer or voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

- Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.
- Exhibit Description
 - 99.1. Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 16, 1998, among Waste Management, Inc., Ocho Acquisition Corporation and Eastern Environmental Services, Inc.
 - 99.2. Support Agreement, dated as of August 16, 1998, among certain stockholders of Eastern Environmental Services, Inc. listed as parties thereto, Waste Management, Inc. and Ocho Acquisition Corporation.
 - 99.3. Joint Filing Agreement between Waste Management, Inc. and Ocho Acquisition Corporation.

Signature

 $\hbox{After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, } \\$ complete and correct.

Dated: August 26, 1998 WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

By /s/ Gregory T. Sangalis

Name: Gregory T. Sangalis Title: Senior Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary

OCHO ACQUISITION CORPORATION

By /s/ Gregory T. Sangalis

Name: Gregory T. Sangalis Title: Senior Vice President and Secretary

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99.3.	Joint Filing Agreement between Waste Management, Inc. and Ocho Acquisition Corporation.

Schedule A

DIRECTORS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

The name, present business address and present principal occupation or employment of each director of Waste Management, Inc. are set forth below. Each person listed below is a citizen of the United States of America.

Present Principal

Name 	Occuation/Employment	Present Business Address
H. Jesse Arnelle	Of Counsel at Womble, Carlyle Sandridge and Rice	400 Urbano Drive San Fransciso, CA 94127
Dr. Pastora San Juan Cafferty	Professor at the University of Chicago	2440 North Lake View Chicago, IL 60614
Ralph F. Cox	Management Consultant	RABAR Enterprises 4615 Post Oak Place, Suite 140 Houston, TX 77027
John E. Drury	Chief Executive Officer of Waste Management, Inc.	Waste Management, Inc. 1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 Houston, TX 77002
Richard J. Heckmann	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of United States Filter Corporation	U.S. Filter 40-004 Cook Street Palm Desert, CA 92211
Roderick M. Hills	President of Hills Enterprises, Ltd. and a Partner of Hills & Hills	Roderick M. Hills 2440 North Lake View Chicago, IL 60614
Richard D. Kinder	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.	Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. 1301 McKinney, Suite 3450 Houston, TX 77010

Robert S. Miller	Vice Chairman of Morrison Knudsen Corporation	3003 Butterfield Road Oak Brook, IL 60523
Paul M. Montrone	Chief Executive Officer and President of Fisher Scientific International, Inc.	Liberty Lane Hampton, NH 03842
John C. Pope	Chairman of the Board of MotivePower Industries, Inc.	810 South Ridge Road Lake Forest, IL 60045
Rodney R. Proto	President and Chief Operating Officer of Waste Management, Inc.	Waste Management, Inc. 1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 Houston, TX 77002
Steven G. Rothmeier	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Great Northern Capital	332 Minnesota Street Suite W2900 St. Paul, MN 55101
Ralph V. Whitworth	Partner at Batchelder & Partners and Principal and Managing Member of Relational Investors LLC	Relational Investors LLC 4339 Lahoya Village Drive Suite 220 San Diego, CA 92122
Jerome B. York	Vice Chairman of Tracinda Corporation	Tracinda Corporation 4835 Koual Lane Las Vegas, NV 89109

WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The name and title of each executive officer of Waste Management, Inc. are set forth below. The present business address of each executive officer listed below is 1001 Fannin, Suite 4000, Houston, Texas 77002. Each person listed below is a citizen of the United States of America.

Name: Title:

John E. Drury Chief Executive Officer

Rodney R. Proto President & Chief Operating Officer

Earl E. DeFrates Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Donald R. Chappel Senior Vice President, Operations/Administration

Susan J. Piller Senior Vice President, Employee Relations

William A. Rothrock Senior Vice President, Business Development

Gregory T. Sangalis Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Robert P. Damico Senior Vice President, MidWest Area

Miller J. Matthews, Jr. Senior Vice President, Southern Area

Douglas G. Sobey Senior Vice President, Western Area

David Sutherland-Yoest Senior Vice President, Atlantic Area

Charles A. Wilcox Senior Vice President, Eastern Area

Ronald H. Jones Vice President and Treasurer

Bruce E. Snyder Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Schedule B

DIRECTORS OF OCHO ACQUISITION CORPORATION

The name, present business address and present principal occupation or employment of each director of Ocho Acquisition Corporation are set forth below. Each person listed below is a citizen of the United States of America.

Present Business Present Principal
Name Address Occupation/Employment

Gregory T. Sangalis 1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 General Counsel,
Houston Texas 77002 Senior Vice President

Houston, Texas 77002 Senior Vice President

and Secretary

of Waste Management, Inc.

OCHO ACQUISITION CORPORATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The name and title of each executive officer of Ocho Acquisition Corporation are set forth below. The present business address of each executive officer listed below is 1001 Fannin, Suite 4000, Houston, Texas 77002 and each person listed below is a citizen of the United States of America.

Name and Title Title

John E. Drury President and Chief Executive Officer

Earl E. DeFrates Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Gregory T. Sangalis Senior Vice President and Secretary

Bruce E. Snyder Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and

Assistant Secretary

Ronald H. Jones Vice President and Treasurer

Bryan J. Blankfield Vice President and Assistant Secretary

Jeffrey A. Draper Vice President and Assistant Treasurer

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

DATED AS OF AUGUST 16, 1998

BY AND AMONG

WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

OCHO ACQUISITION CORPORATION

AND

EASTERN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER, dated as of August 16, 1998 (this "Agreement"), is made and entered into by and among Waste Management, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Parent"), Ocho Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("Subsidiary"), and Eastern Environmental Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of Parent, Subsidiary and the Company have approved the merger of Subsidiary with and into the Company on the terms set forth in this Agreement (the "Merger");

WHEREAS, Parent, Subsidiary and the Company intend the Merger to qualify as a tax-free reorganization under the provisions of Section 368 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations thereunder and to be considered a pooling of interests for financial accounting purposes; and

WHEREAS, certain officers of the Company owning stock of the Company have entered into shareholder support agreements dated as of the date hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

THE MERGER

Section 1.1 The Merger. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, at the Effective Time (as defined in Section 1.2) in accordance with the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), Subsidiary shall be merged with and into the Company and the separate existence of Subsidiary shall thereupon cease. The Company shall be the surviving corporation in the Merger and is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Corporation."

Section 1.2 Effective Time of the Merger. The Merger shall become effective at such time (the "Effective Time") as shall be stated in a certificate of merger, in a form mutually acceptable to Parent and the Company, to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in accordance with the DGCL (the "Merger Filing"). The Merger Filing shall be made simultaneously with or as soon as practicable after the closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in accordance with Section 3.5. The parties acknowledge that it is their mutual

desire and intent to consummate the Merger as soon as practicable after the date hereof. Accordingly, the parties shall, subject to the provisions hereof and to the fiduciary duties of their respective boards of directors, use all reasonable efforts to consummate, as soon as practicable, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in accordance with Section 3.5.

ARTICLE II

THE SURVIVING AND PARENT CORPORATIONS

Section 2.1 Certificate of Incorporation. The Certificate of Incorporation of the Company except for Article One shall be amended as of the Effective Time to be identical to the Certificate of Incorporation of Subsidiary, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, and shall be the Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time, and thereafter may be amended in accordance with its terms and as provided in the DGCL, except that no amendment shall be made to, nor shall any provision be included which is inconsistent with, Article Nine of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company.

Section 2.2 By-Laws. The By-laws of Subsidiary as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the By-laws of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time and (subject to Section 7.11 hereof) thereafter may be amended in accordance with their terms and as provided by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation and the DGCL.

Section 2.3 Directors. The directors of Subsidiary in office immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the directors of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time, and such directors shall serve in accordance with the By-laws of the Surviving Corporation until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed and qualified.

Section 2.4 Officers. The officers of Subsidiary in office immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the officers of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time, and such officers shall serve in accordance with the By-laws of the Surviving Corporation until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed and qualified.

ARTICLE III

CONVERSION OF SHARES

Section 3.1 Conversion of Company Shares in the Merger. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of any holder of any capital stock of Parent or the Company:

- (a) each share of the common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company (the "Company Common Stock") shall, subject to Sections 3.3 and 3.4, be converted into the right to receive, without interest, 0.6406 (the "Exchange Ratio") shares of the common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of Parent ("Parent Common Stock");
- (b) each share of capital stock of the Company, if any, owned by Parent or any subsidiary of Parent or held in treasury by the Company or any subsidiary of the Company immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be canceled and no consideration shall be paid in exchange therefor and shall cease to exist from and after the Effective Time; and
- (c) each unexpired warrant to purchase Company Common Stock that is outstanding at the Effective Time, whether or not exercisable, shall automatically and without any action on the part of the holder thereof be converted into a warrant to purchase a number of shares of Parent Common Stock equal to the number of shares of Company Common Stock that could be purchased under such warrant multiplied by the Exchange Ratio, at a price per share of Parent Common Stock equal to the per share exercise price of such warrant divided by the Exchange Ratio.

Section 3.2 Conversion of Subsidiary Shares. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of Parent as the sole stockholder of Subsidiary, each issued and outstanding share of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of Subsidiary ("Subsidiary Common Stock") shall be converted into one share of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Surviving Corporation.

Section 3.3 Exchange of Certificates. (a) From and after the Effective Time, each holder of an outstanding certificate which immediately prior to the Effective Time represented shares of Company Common Stock shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor, upon surrender thereof to an exchange agent reasonably satisfactory to Parent and the Company (the "Exchange Agent"), a certificate or certificates representing the number of whole shares of Parent Common Stock to which such holder is entitled pursuant to Section 3.1(a). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, (i) until holders or transferees of certificates theretofore representing shares of Company Common Stock have surrendered them for exchange as provided herein, no dividends or other distributions shall be paid with respect to any shares represented by such certificates and no payment for fractional shares shall be made and (ii) without regard to when such certificates representing shares of Company Common Stock are surrendered for exchange as provided herein, no interest shall be paid on any dividends or other distributions or any payment for fractional shares. Upon surrender of a certificate which immediately prior to the Effective Time represented shares of Company Common Stock, there shall be paid to the holder of such certificate the amount of any dividends or other distributions which theretofore became payable, but which were not paid by reason of the foregoing, with respect to the number of whole shares of Parent Common Stock represented by the certificate or certificates issued upon such surrender.

- (b) If any certificate for shares of Parent Common Stock is to be issued in a name other than that in which the certificate for shares of Company Common Stock surrendered in exchange therefor is registered, it shall be a condition of such exchange that the person requesting such exchange shall pay any applicable transfer or other taxes required by reason of such issuance.
- (c) Within five days after the Effective Time, Parent shall make available to the Exchange Agent the certificates representing shares of Parent Common Stock required to effect the exchanges referred to in paragraph (a) above and cash for payment of any fractional shares referred to in Section 3.4.
- (d) Within five days after the Effective Time, Parent shall cause the Exchange Agent to mail to each holder of record of a certificate or certificates that immediately prior to the Effective Time represented outstanding shares of Company Common Stock (the "Company Certificates") (i) a letter of transmittal satisfactory to the Company and approved by it prior to Closing (which shall specify that delivery shall be effected, and risk of loss and title to the Company Certificates shall pass, only upon actual delivery of the Company Certificates to the Exchange Agent) and (ii) instructions for use in effecting the surrender of the Company Certificates in exchange for certificates representing shares of Parent Common Stock. Upon surrender of Company Certificates for cancellation to the Exchange Agent, together with a duly executed letter of transmittal and such other documents as the Exchange Agent shall reasonably require, the holder of such Company Certificates shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor a certificate representing that number of whole shares of Parent Common Stock into which the shares of Company Common Stock theretofore represented by the Company Certificates so surrendered shall have been converted pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.1(a), and the Company Certificates so surrendered shall be canceled. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Exchange Agent nor any party hereto shall be liable to a holder of shares of Company Common Stock for any shares of Parent Common Stock or dividends or distributions thereon delivered to a public official pursuant to applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar laws.
- (e) Promptly following the date which is nine months after the Effective Time, the Exchange Agent shall deliver to Parent all cash, certificates (including any Parent Common Stock) and other documents in its possession relating to the transactions described in this Agreement, and the Exchange Agent's duties shall terminate. Thereafter, each holder of a Company Certificate may surrender such Company Certificate to the Surviving Corporation and (subject to applicable abandoned property, escheat and similar laws) receive in exchange therefor the Parent Common Stock, without any interest thereon. Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the Exchange Agent, Parent, Subsidiary, the Company or the Surviving Corporation shall be liable to a holder of shares of Company Common Stock for any shares of Parent Common Stock delivered to a public official pursuant to applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar laws.

(f) In the event any Company Certificate shall have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming such Company Certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed, the Surviving Corporation shall issue in exchange for such lost, stolen or destroyed Company Certificate the Parent Common Stock deliverable in respect thereof determined in accordance with this Article III. When authorizing such issuance in exchange therefor, the Board of Directors of the Surviving Corporation may, in its discretion and as a condition precedent to the issuance thereof, require the owner of such lost, stolen or destroyed Company Certificate to give the Surviving Corporation such indemnity as it may reasonably direct as protection against any claim that may be made against the Surviving Corporation with respect to the Company Certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed.

Section 3.4 No Fractional Shares. (a) No certificates or scrip representing fractional shares of Parent Common Stock shall be issued upon the surrender for exchange of Company Certificates, no dividend or distribution with respect to Parent Common Stock shall be payable on or with respect to any fractional share and such fractional share interests will not entitle the owner thereof to any rights of a stockholder of Parent.

(b) As promptly as practicable following the Effective Time, the Exchange Agent shall determine the excess of (x) the number of full shares of Parent Common Stock delivered to the Exchange Agent by Parent over (y) the aggregate number of full shares of Parent Common Stock to be distributed to holders of Company Common Stock (such excess being herein called the "Excess Shares"). As soon after the Effective Time as practicable, the Exchange Agent, as agent for such holders of Parent Common Stock, shall sell the Excess Shares at then prevailing prices on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "NYSE"), all in the manner provided in paragraph (c) of this Section 3.4.

(c) The sale of the Excess Shares by the Exchange Agent shall be executed on the NYSE through one or more member firms of the NYSE and shall be executed in round lots to the extent practicable. The Exchange Agent shall use all reasonable efforts to complete the sale of the Excess Shares as promptly following the Effective Time as, in the Exchange Agent's reasonable judgment, is practicable consistent with obtaining the best execution of such sales in light of prevailing market conditions. Until the net proceeds of any such sale or sales have been distributed to such holders of Company Common Stock, the Exchange Agent will hold such proceeds in trust for such holders of Company Common Stock. Parent shall pay all commissions, transfer taxes and other out-of-pocket transaction costs of the Exchange Agent incurred in connection with such sale or sales of Excess Shares. In addition, Parent shall pay the Exchange Agent's compensation and expenses in connection with such sale or sales. The Exchange Agent shall determine the portion of such net proceeds to which each holder of Company Common Stock shall be entitled, if any, by multiplying the amount of the aggregate net proceeds by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount of the fractional

share interest to which such holder of Company Common Stock is entitled (after taking into account all shares of Company Common Stock then held by such holder) and the denominator of which is the aggregate amount of fractional share interests to which all holders of Certificates representing Company Common Stock are entitled.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 3.4, Parent may elect, at its option exercised prior to the Effective Time and in lieu of the issuance and sale of Excess Shares and the making of the payments contemplated in such subsections, to pay to the Exchange Agent an amount in cash sufficient for the Exchange Agent to pay each holder of Company Common Stock an amount in cash equal to the product obtained by multiplying (x) the fractional share interest to which such holder would otherwise be entitled (after taking into account all shares of Company Common Stock held at the Effective Time by such holder) by (y) the closing price for a share of Parent Common Stock on the NYSE on the first business day immediately following the Effective Time and, in such case, all references herein to the cash proceeds of the sale of the Excess Shares and similar references shall be deemed to mean and refer to the payments calculated as set forth in this Section 3.4(d)).

(e) As soon as practicable after the determination of the amount of cash, if any, to be paid to holders of Company Common Stock with respect to any fractional share interests, the Exchange Agent shall promptly pay such amounts to such holders of Company Common Stock.

Section 3.5 Closing. The closing (the "Closing") of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall take place at a location mutually agreeable to Parent and the Company as promptly as practicable (but in any event within five business days) following the date on which the last of the conditions set forth in Article VIII is fulfilled or waived, or at such other time and place as Parent and the Company shall agree. The date on which the Closing occurs is referred to in this Agreement as the "Closing Date."

Section 3.6 Closing of the Company's Transfer Books. At and after the Effective Time, holders of Company Certificates shall cease to have any rights as stockholders of the Company, except for the right to receive shares of Parent Common Stock pursuant to Section 3.1 and the right to receive cash for payment of fractional shares pursuant to Section 3.4. At the Effective Time, the stock transfer books of the Company shall be closed and no transfer of shares of Company Common Stock which were outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall thereafter be made. If, after the Effective Time, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Company Certificates formerly representing shares of Company Common Stock are presented to the Surviving Corporation, they shall be canceled and exchanged for shares of Parent Common Stock in accordance with this Article III.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PARENT AND SUBSIDIARY

Parent and Subsidiary each represent and warrant to the

Company that:

Section 4.1 Organization and Qualification. Each of Parent and Subsidiary is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its incorporation and has the requisite power and authority to own, lease and operate its assets and properties and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted. Each of Parent and Subsidiary is qualified to do business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the properties owned, leased or operated by it or the nature of the business conducted by it makes such qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing will not, when taken together with all other such failures, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. True, accurate and complete copies of each of Parent's and Subsidiary's charters and By-laws, in each case as in effect on the date hereof, including all amendments thereto, have heretofore been delivered to the Company.

Section 4.2 Capitalization. (a) As of August 10, 1998, the authorized capital stock of Parent consisted of 1,500,000,000 shares of Parent Common Stock and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Parent Preferred Stock"). As of August 10, 1998, (i) 579,687,096 shares of Parent Common Stock were issued and outstanding, all of which were validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable and free of preemptive rights, (ii) no shares of Parent Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding, (iii) 23,485 shares of Parent Common Stock and no shares of Parent Preferred Stock were held in the treasury of Parent, (iv) 37,600,799 shares of Parent Common Stock were reserved for issuance upon exercise of outstanding options and warrants to purchase Parent Common Stock and (v) 31,552,845 shares of Parent Common Stock were reserved for issuance upon conversion of outstanding convertible debentures and outstanding convertible notes. Assuming the conversion of all outstanding convertible debentures and outstanding convertible notes of Parent and the exercise of all outstanding options, warrants and rights to purchase Parent Common Stock, as of August 10, 1998, there would be 648,840,740 shares of Parent Common Stock issued and outstanding. In addition, as of the date hereof, no more than 12,373,067 shares of Parent Common Stock were reserved for issuance in connection with pending acquisitions.

- (b) The authorized capital stock of Subsidiary consists of 1,000 shares of Subsidiary Common Stock, of which 100 shares are issued and outstanding, which shares are owned beneficially and of record by Parent.
- (c) Except as disclosed in the Parent SEC Reports (as defined in Section 4.5) or in Section 4.2(a) or as otherwise contemplated by this Agreement, as of the date hereof, there

are no outstanding subscriptions, options, calls, contracts, commitments, understandings, restrictions, arrangements, rights or warrants, including any right of conversion or exchange under any outstanding security, instrument or other agreement and also including any rights plan or other anti-takeover agreement, obligating Parent or any subsidiary of Parent to issue, deliver or sell or repurchase or redeem, or cause to be issued, delivered or sold, additional shares of the capital stock of Parent or obligating Parent or any subsidiary of Parent to grant, extend or enter into any such agreement or commitment. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Parent SEC Reports, there are no voting trusts, proxies or other agreements or understandings to which Parent or any subsidiary of Parent is a party or is bound with respect to the voting of any shares of capital stock of Parent, other than voting agreements executed in connection with this Agreement. The shares of Parent Common Stock issued to stockholders of the Company in the Merger will be at the Effective Time duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, free of preemptive rights and will be issued in compliance with all applicable securities and other laws.

Section 4.3 Subsidiaries. Each direct and indirect corporate subsidiary of Parent is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and has the requisite power and authority to own, lease and operate its assets and properties and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted and each subsidiary of Parent is qualified to do business, and is in good standing, in each jurisdiction in which the properties owned, leased or operated by it or the nature of the business conducted by it makes such qualification necessary; except in all cases where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, when taken together with all such other failures, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock of each corporate subsidiary of Parent are validly issued, fully paid, nonassessable and free of preemptive rights, and are owned directly or indirectly by Parent, free and clear of any liens, claims, encumbrances, security interests, equities and options of any nature whatsoever, except that such shares are pledged to secure Parent's credit facilities. There are no subscriptions, options, warrants, rights, calls, contracts, voting trusts, proxies or other commitments, understandings, restrictions or arrangements relating to the issuance, sale, voting, transfer, ownership or other rights with respect to any shares of capital stock of or interest in any subsidiary of Parent, including any right of conversion or exchange under any outstanding security, instrument or agreement. As used in this Agreement, the term "subsidiary" shall mean, when used with reference to any person or entity, any corporation, partnership, joint venture or other entity of which such person or entity (either acting alone or together with its other subsidiaries) owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the stock or other voting interests, the holders of which are entitled to vote for the election of a majority of the board of directors or any similar governing body of such corporation, partnership, joint venture or other entity.

Section 4.4 Authority; Non-Contravention; Approvals. (a) Parent and Subsidiary each have full corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement and, subject to the

Parent Required Statutory Approvals (as defined in Section 4.4(c)), to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been approved by the Boards of Directors of Parent and Subsidiary and the sole stockholder of Subsidiary, and no other corporate proceedings on the part of Parent or Subsidiary are necessary to authorize the execution and delivery of this Agreement or, the consummation by Parent and Subsidiary of the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by each of Parent and Subsidiary, and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery hereof by the Company, constitutes a valid and legally binding agreement of each of Parent and Subsidiary enforceable against each of them in accordance with its terms, except that such enforcement may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting or relating to enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (ii) general equitable principles.

(b) The execution and delivery of this Agreement by each of Parent and Subsidiary do not violate, conflict with or result in a breach of any provision of, or constitute a default (or an event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default) under, or result in the termination of, or accelerate the performance required by, or result in a right of termination or acceleration under, or result in the creation of any lien, security interest, charge or encumbrance upon any of the properties or assets of Parent or any of its subsidiaries under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of (i) the respective charters or by-laws of Parent or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) any statute, law, ordinance, rule, regulation, judgment, decree, order, injunction, writ, permit or license of any court or governmental authority applicable to Parent or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets or (iii) any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, franchise, permit, concession, contract, lease or other instrument, obligation or agreement of any kind to which Parent or any of its subsidiaries is now a party or by which Parent or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets may be bound or affected. The consummation by Parent and Subsidiary of the transactions contemplated hereby will not result in any violation, conflict, breach, termination, acceleration or creation of liens under any of the terms, conditions or provisions described in clauses (i) through (iii) of the preceding sentence, subject (x) in the case of the terms, conditions or provisions described in clause (ii) above, to obtaining (prior to the Effective Time) the Parent Required Statutory Approvals. Excluded from the foregoing sentences of this paragraph (b), insofar as they apply to the terms, conditions or provisions described in clauses (ii) and (iii) of the first sentence of this paragraph (b) (and whether resulting from such execution and delivery or consummation), are such violations, conflicts, breaches, defaults, terminations, accelerations or creations of liens, security interests, charges or encumbrances that would not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(c) Except for (i) the filings by Parent required by the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the "HSR Act"), (ii) the filing of the Registration Statement and Proxy Statement/Prospectus (as such terms are defined in Section

4.9) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and the declaration of the effectiveness thereof by the SEC and filings with various state blue sky authorities, (iii) the making of the Merger Filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in connection with the Merger, and (iv) any required filings with or approvals from the NYSE, applicable state environmental authorities, public service commissions and public utility commissions (the filings and approvals referred to in clauses (i) through (iv) are collectively referred to as the "Parent Required Statutory Approvals"), no declaration, filing or registration with, or notice to, or authorization, consent or approval of, any governmental or regulatory body or authority is necessary for the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Parent or Subsidiary or the consummation by Parent or Subsidiary of the transactions contemplated hereby, other than such declarations, filings, registrations, notices, authorizations, consents or approvals which, if not made or obtained, as the case may be, would not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 4.5 Reports and Financial Statements. Since January 1, 1995, Parent has filed with the SEC all forms, statements, reports and documents (including all exhibits, post-effective amendments and supplements thereto) required to be filed by it under each of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and the respective rules and regulations thereunder, all of which, as amended if applicable, complied when filed (or, in the case of filing under the Securities Act, at the time of effectiveness) in all material respects with all applicable requirements of the appropriate act and the rules and regulations thereunder. Parent has previously delivered or made available to the Company copies (including all exhibits, post-effective amendments and supplements thereto) of its (a) Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997 and for the immediately preceding fiscal year, as filed with the SEC, (b) proxy and information statements relating to (i) all meetings of its stockholders (whether annual or special) and (ii) actions by written consent in lieu of a stockholders' meeting from January 1, 1996, until the date hereof, and (c) all other reports, including quarterly reports, and registration statements filed by Parent with the SEC since January 1, 1996 (other than registration statements filed on Form S-8) (the documents referred to in clauses (a), (b) and (c) filed prior to the date hereof are collectively referred to as the "Parent SEC" $\frac{1}{2}$ Reports"). As of their respective dates (or, in the case of filing under the Securities Act, at the time of effectiveness), the Parent SEC Reports did 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, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The audited consolidated financial statements of Parent included in the Parent's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997 and the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements included in Parent's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending June 30, 1998 (collectively, the "Parent Financial Statements") have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis (except as may be indicated therein or in the notes thereto) and fairly present the

financial position of Parent and its subsidiaries as of the dates thereof and the results of their operations and changes in financial position for the periods then ended (subject, in the case of unaudited interim financial statements to normal year-end adjustments, none of which, individually or in the aggregate, would have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole).

Section 4.6 Absence of Undisclosed Liabilities. Except as disclosed in the Parent SEC Reports or as heretofore disclosed to the Company in writing with respect to acquisitions or potential transactions or commitments, neither Parent nor any of its subsidiaries had at December 31, 1997, or has incurred since that date and as of the date hereof, any liabilities or obligations (whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise) of any nature, except: (a) liabilities, obligations or contingencies (i) which are accrued or reserved against in the Parent Financial Statements or reflected in the notes thereto or (ii) which were incurred after December 31, 1997, and were incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices; (b) liabilities, obligations or contingencies which (i) would not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole or (ii) have been discharged or paid in full prior to the date hereof; and (c) liabilities and obligations which are of a nature not required to be reflected in the consolidated financial statements of Parent and its subsidiaries prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied and which were incurred in the ordinary course of business.

Section 4.7 Absence of Certain Changes or Events. Since the date of the most recent Parent SEC Report that contains consolidated financial statements of Parent, there has not been any material adverse change in the business, operations, properties, assets, liabilities, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, except for changes that affect the industries in which Parent and its subsidiaries operate generally.

Section 4.8 Litigation. Except as disclosed in the Parent SEC Reports, there are no claims, suits, actions or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of Parent, threatened against, relating to or affecting Parent or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective directors or officers, before any court, governmental department, commission, agency, instrumentality or authority, or any arbitrator that seek to restrain or enjoin the consummation of the Merger or which if adversely determined would reasonably be expected, either alone or in the aggregate with all such claims, actions or proceedings, to materially and adversely affect the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Except as set forth in the Parent SEC Reports, neither Parent nor any of its subsidiaries is subject to any judgment, decree, injunction, rule or order of any court, governmental department, commission, agency, instrumentality or authority or any arbitrator which prohibits or restricts the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or would

have any material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 4.9 Registration Statement and Proxy Statement. None of the information to be supplied by Parent or its subsidiaries for inclusion in (a) the Registration Statement on Form S-4, as amended or supplemented from time to time, to be filed under the Securities Act with the SEC by Parent in connection with the Merger for the purpose of registering the shares of Parent Common Stock to be issued in the Merger (such registration statement, together with any amendments thereof, being the "Registration Statement") or (b) the proxy statement, as amended or supplemented from time to time, to be distributed in connection with the Company's meeting of stockholders to vote upon this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (the "Proxy Statement" and, together with the prospectus included in the Registration Statement, the "Proxy Statement/Prospectus") will, in the case of the Proxy Statement or any amendments thereof or supplements thereto, at the time of the mailing of the Proxy Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto, and at the time of the meetings of stockholders of the Company to be held in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or, in the case of the Registration Statement, as amended or supplemented, at the time it becomes effective and at the time of such meetings of the stockholders of the Company and Parent, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading. The Proxy Statement/Prospectus will, as of its mailing date, comply as to form in all material respects with all applicable laws, including the provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, except that no representation is made by Parent or Subsidiary with respect to information supplied by the Company or the stockholders of the Company for inclusion therein.

Section 4.10 Violation of Law. Except as disclosed in the Parent SEC Reports, neither Parent nor any of its subsidiaries is or at any time since December 31, 1997, has been in violation of, or has been given notice or been charged with any violation of, any law, statute, order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or judgment (including, without limitation, any applicable environmental law, ordinance or regulation) of any governmental or regulatory body or authority, except for violations which, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Except as disclosed in the Parent SEC Reports, as of the date of this Agreement, to the knowledge of Parent, no investigation or review by any governmental or regulatory body or authority is pending or threatened, nor has any governmental or regulatory body or authority indicated an intention to conduct the same, other than, in each case, those the outcome of which, as far as reasonably can be foreseen, will not have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Parent and its subsidiaries have all permits, licenses, franchises, variances, exemptions,

orders and other governmental authorizations, consents and approvals necessary to conduct their businesses as presently conducted (collectively, the "Parent Permits"), except for permits, licenses, franchises, variances, exemptions, orders, authorizations, consents and approvals the absence of which, alone or in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Parent and its subsidiaries are not in violation of the terms of any Parent Permit, except for delays in filing reports or violations which, alone or in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 4.11 Reorganization and Pooling of Interests. To the knowledge of Parent, none of the Parent, Subsidiary or any of their affiliates has taken or agreed or intends to take any action or has any knowledge of any fact or circumstance that would prevent the Merger from (a) constituting a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code or (b) being treated for financial accounting purposes as a "pooling of interests" in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the rules, regulations and interpretations of the SEC (a "Pooling Transaction"). As of the date hereof, other than directors and officers of Parent, to the knowledge of Parent, there are no "affiliates" of Parent, as that term is used in paragraphs (c) and (d) of Rule 145 under the Securities Act.

Section 4.12 Brokers and Finders. Except for the fees and expenses payable to Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation, which fees are reflected in its agreement with Parent, Parent has not entered into any contract, arrangement or understanding with any person or firm which may result in the obligation of Parent to pay any finder's fees, brokerage or agent commissions or other like payments in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby. Except for the fees and expenses paid or payable to Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation, there is no claim for payment by Parent of any investment banking fees, finder's fees, brokerage or agent commissions or other like payments in connection with the negotiations leading to this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 4.13 Ownership of Company Common Stock. Parent and its subsidiaries beneficially own an aggregate of 655,000 shares of Company Common Stock as of the date hereof.

Section 4.14 Subsidiary. Subsidiary was formed solely for the purposes of engaging in the transactions contemplated hereby, and has engaged in no other business activities and has conducted its operations only as contemplated hereby.

ARTICLE V

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY

The Company represents and warrants to Parent and Subsidiary that, except as set forth in the disclosure schedule dated as of the date hereof and signed by an authorized officer of the Company (the "Company Disclosure Schedule"), it being agreed that disclosure of any item on the Company Disclosure Schedule shall be deemed disclosure with respect to all Sections of this Agreement if the relevance of such item is apparent from the face of the Company Disclosure Schedule.

Section 5.1 Organization and Qualification. The Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has the requisite corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its assets and properties and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted. The Company is qualified to do business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the properties owned, leased or operated by it or the nature of the business conducted by it makes such qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing will not, when taken together with all other such failures, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. True, accurate and complete copies of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws, in each case as in effect on the date hereof, including all amendments thereto, have heretofore been delivered to Parent.

Section 5.2 Capitalization. (a) The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 150,000,000 shares of Company Common Stock and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Company Preferred Stock"). As of August 11, 1998, (i) 36,129,103 shares of Company Common Stock were issued and outstanding, all of which were validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable and free of preemptive rights, and no shares of Company Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding, (ii) 39,100 shares of Company Common Stock and no shares of Company Preferred Stock were held in the treasury of the Company, and (iii) 3,889,846 shares of Company Common Stock were reserved for issuance upon exercise of warrants and options issued and outstanding pursuant to the Company's 1997 Stock Option Plan, 1996 Stock Option Plan and 1991 Stock Option Plan. Assuming the exercise of all outstanding options, rights and warrants to purchase Company Common Stock, as of August 11, 1998 there would be 40,018,949 shares of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding.

(b) Except as disclosed in Section 5.2(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the Company SEC Reports (as defined in Section 5.5) or in Section 5.2(a), as of the date hereof there were no outstanding subscriptions, options, calls, contracts, commitments, understandings, restrictions, arrangements, rights or warrants, including any right of conversion or exchange under any outstanding security, instrument or other agreement and also including any rights plan or

other anti-takeover agreement, obligating the Company or any subsidiary of the Company to issue, deliver or sell or repurchase or redeem, or cause to be issued, delivered or sold, additional shares of the capital stock of the Company or obligating the Company or any subsidiary of the Company to grant, extend or enter into any such agreement or commitment. Except as disclosed in the Company SEC Reports, there are no voting trusts, proxies or other agreements or understandings to which the Company or any subsidiary of the Company is a party or is bound with respect to the voting of any shares of capital stock of the Company, other than voting agreements executed in connection with this Agreement.

Section 5.3 Subsidiaries. Each direct and indirect corporate subsidiary of the Company is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and has the requisite power and authority to own, lease and operate its assets and properties and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted and each subsidiary of the Company is qualified to do business, and is in good standing, in each jurisdiction in which the properties owned, leased or operated by it or the nature of the business conducted by it makes such qualification necessary; except in all cases where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing will not, when taken together with all such other failures, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock of each corporate subsidiary of the Company are validly issued, fully paid, nonassessable and free of preemptive rights and are owned directly or indirectly by the Company free and clear of any liens, claims, encumbrances, security interests, equities, and options of any nature whatsoever, except that such shares are pledged to secure the Company's credit facilities. There are no subscriptions, options, warrants, rights, calls, contracts, voting trusts, proxies or other commitments, understandings, restrictions or arrangements relating to the issuance, sale, voting, transfer, ownership or other rights with respect to any shares of capital stock of or interest in any subsidiary of the Company, including any right of conversion or exchange under any outstanding security, instrument or agreement.

Section 5.4 Authority; Non-Contravention; Approvals. (a) The Company has full corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement and, subject to the Company Stockholders' Approval (as defined in Section 7.3) and the Company Required Statutory Approvals (as defined in Section 5.4(c)), to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company and no other corporate proceedings on the part of the Company are necessary to authorize the execution and delivery of this Agreement or, except for the Company Stockholders' Approval, the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Company, and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery hereof by Parent and Subsidiary, constitutes a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except that such enforcement may be subject to (a) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting or relating to enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (b)

general equitable principles. Without limitation of the foregoing, each of the covenants and obligations of the Company set forth in Sections 6.1, 6.5, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.10 and 7.12 is valid, legally binding and enforceable (subject as aforesaid) notwithstanding the absence of the Company Stockholders' Approval.

(b) Except as disclosed in Section 5.4(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company do not violate, conflict with or result in a breach of any provision of, or constitute a default (or an event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default) under, or result in the termination of, or accelerate the performance required by, or result in a right of termination or acceleration under, or result in the creation of any lien, security interest, charge or encumbrance upon any of the properties or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of (i) the respective charters or by-laws of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) any statute, law, ordinance, rule, regulation, judgment, decree, order, injunction, writ, permit or license of any court or governmental authority applicable to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets, or (iii) any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, franchise, permit, concession, contract, lease or other instrument, obligation or agreement of any kind to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is now a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets may be bound or affected. The consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby will not result in any violation, conflict, breach, termination, acceleration or creation of liens under any of the terms, conditions or provisions described in clauses (i) through (iii) of the preceding sentence, subject (x) in the case of the terms, conditions or provisions described in clause (ii) above, to obtaining (prior to the Effective Time) the Company Required Statutory Approvals and the Company Stockholders' Approval and (y) in the case of the terms, conditions or provisions described in clause (iii) above, to obtaining (prior to the Effective Time) consents required from commercial lenders, lessors or other third parties as specified in Section 5.4(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule. Excluded from the foregoing sentences of this paragraph (b), insofar as they apply to the terms, conditions or provisions described in clauses (ii) and (iii) of the first sentence of this paragraph (b) (and whether resulting from such execution and delivery or consummation), are such violations, conflicts, breaches, defaults, terminations, accelerations or creations of liens, security interests, charges or encumbrances that would not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(c) Except for (i) the filings by the Company required by the HSR Act, (ii) the filing of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act, (iii) the making of the Merger Filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in connection with the Merger and (iv) any required filings with or approvals from applicable state environmental authorities, public service commissions or similar governmental regulatory agencies (e.g. New York Trade Waste Commission) and public utility commissions (the filings and

approvals referred to in clauses (i) through (iv) are collectively referred to as the "Company Required Statutory Approvals"), no declaration, filing or registration with, or notice to, or authorization, consent or approval of, any governmental or regulatory body or authority is necessary for the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby, other than such declarations, filings, registrations, notices, authorizations, consents or approvals which, if not made or obtained, as the case may be, would not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 5.5 Reports and Financial Statements. Since January 1, 1995, the Company has filed with the SEC all material forms, statements, reports and documents (including all exhibits, post-effective amendments and supplements thereto) required to be filed by it under each of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and the respective rules and regulations thereunder, all of which, as amended if applicable, complied when filed (or, in the case of filing under the Securities Act, at the time of effectiveness) in all material respects with all applicable requirements of the appropriate act and the rules and regulations thereunder, except as disclosed in Section 5.5 of the Company Disclosure Schedule. The Company has previously delivered or made available to Parent copies (including all exhibits, post-effective amendments and supplements thereto) of its (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 1997, as filed with the SEC, (b) Transition Report on Form 10-K for the six months ended December 31, 1997, (c) proxy and information statements relating to (i) all meetings of its stockholders (whether annual or special) and (ii) actions by written consent in lieu of a stockholders' meeting from January 1, 1997, until the date hereof, and (d) all other reports, including quarterly reports, and registration statements filed by the Company with the SEC since January 1, 1996 (other than registration statements filed on Form S-8) (the documents referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) filed prior to the date hereof are collectively referred to as the "Company SEC Reports"). As of their respective dates (or, in the case of filing under the Securities Act, at the time of effectiveness), the Company SEC Reports did 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, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The audited consolidated financial statements of the Company included in the Company's Transition Report on Form 10-K for the six months ended December 31, 1997 (collectively, the "Company Financial Statements"), have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis (except as may be indicated therein or in the notes thereto) and fairly present the financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries as of the dates thereof and the results of their operations and changes in financial position for the periods then ended.

Section 5.6 Absence of Undisclosed Liabilities. Except as disclosed in Section 5.6 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the Company SEC Reports or as heretofore disclosed to Parent in writing with respect to acquisitions or potential transactions or commitments, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had at December 31, 1997, or has incurred since that date and

as of the date hereof, any liabilities or obligations (whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise) of any nature, except (a) liabilities, obligations or contingencies (i) which are accrued or reserved against in the Company Financial Statements or reflected in the notes thereto or (ii) which were incurred after December 31, 1997, and were incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices, (b) liabilities, obligations or contingencies which (i) would not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole or (ii) have been discharged or paid in full prior to the date hereof, and (c) liabilities and obligations which are of a nature not required to be reflected in the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied and which were incurred in the ordinary course of business.

Section 5.7 Absence of Certain Changes or Events. Since the date of the most recent Company SEC Report that contains consolidated financial statements of the Company, there has not been any material adverse change in the business, operations, properties, assets, liabilities, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, except for changes that affect the industries in which the Company and its subsidiaries operate generally.

Section 5.8 Litigation. Except as referred to in Section 5.8 of the Company Disclosure Schedule or the Company SEC Reports, there are no claims, suits, actions or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against, relating to or affecting the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective directors or officers, before any court, governmental department, commission, agency, instrumentality or authority, or any arbitrator that seek to restrain the consummation of the Merger or which if adversely determined would reasonably be expected, either alone or in the aggregate with all such claims, actions or proceedings, to materially and adversely affect the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Except as referred to in the Company SEC Reports, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is subject to any judgment, decree, injunction, rule or order of any court, governmental department, commission, agency, instrumentality or authority, or any arbitrator which prohibits or restricts the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or would have any material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 5.9 Registration Statement and Proxy Statement. None of the information to be supplied by the Company or its subsidiaries for inclusion in (a) the Registration Statement or (b) the Proxy Statement will, in the case of the Proxy Statement or any amendments thereof or supplements thereto, at the time of the mailing of the Proxy Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto, and at the time of the meetings of stockholders of the Company to be held in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or, in the

case of the Registration Statement, as amended or supplemented, at the time it becomes effective and at the time of such meetings of the stockholders of the Company, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading. The Proxy Statement/Prospectus will comply, as of its mailing date, as to form in all material respects with all applicable laws, including the provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, except that no representation is made by the Company with respect to information supplied by Parent, Subsidiary or any stockholder of Parent for inclusion therein.

Section 5.10 No Violation of Law. Except as disclosed in the Company SEC Reports, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is or at any time since December 31, 1997, has been in violation of or has been given notice or been charged with any violation of, any law, statute, order, rule, regulation, ordinance or judgment (including, without limitation, any applicable environmental law, ordinance or regulation) of any governmental or regulatory body or authority, except for violations which, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Except as disclosed in the Company SEC Reports, as of the date of this Agreement, to the knowledge of the Company, no investigation or review by any governmental or regulatory body or authority is pending or threatened, nor has any governmental or regulatory body or authority indicated an intention to conduct the same, other than, in each case, those the outcome of which, as far as reasonably can be foreseen, will not have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. The Company and its subsidiaries have all permits, licenses, franchises, variances, exemptions, orders and other governmental authorizations, consents and approvals necessary to conduct their businesses as presently conducted (collectively, the "Company Permits"), except for permits, licenses, franchises, variances, exemptions, orders, authorizations, consents and approvals the absence of which, alone or in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. The Company and its subsidiaries are not in violation of the terms of any Company Permit, except for delays in filing reports or violations which, alone or in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other), results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 5.11 Compliance with Agreements. Except as disclosed in the Company SEC Reports, the Company and each of its subsidiaries are not in breach or violation of or in default in the performance or observance of any term or provision of, and no event has occurred which, with lapse of time or action by a third party, would result in a default under, (a) the respective charter, by-laws or similar organizational instruments of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or (b) any contract, commitment, agreement, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement,

note, lease, bond, license, approval or other instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which any of them is bound or to which any of their property is subject, other than, in the case of clause (b) of this Section 5.11, breaches, violations and defaults which would not have, in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 5.12 Taxes. (a) The Company and its subsidiaries have (i) duly filed with the appropriate governmental authorities all Tax Returns required to be filed by them for all periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date, other than those Tax Returns the failure of which to file would not have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and such Tax Returns are true, correct and complete in all material respects, and (ii) duly paid in full or made adequate provision in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for the payment of all Taxes for all past and current periods. The liabilities and reserves for Taxes reflected in the Company balance sheet included in the latest Company SEC Report to cover all Taxes for all periods ending at or prior to the date of such balance sheet have been determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and there is no material liability for Taxes for any period beginning after such date other than Taxes arising in the ordinary course of business. There are no material liens for Taxes upon any property or asset of the Company or any subsidiary thereof, except for liens for Taxes not yet due or Taxes contested in good faith and adequately reserved against in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There are no unresolved issues of law or fact arising out of a notice of deficiency, proposed deficiency or assessment from the Internal Revenue Service or any other governmental taxing authority with respect to Taxes of the Company or any of its subsidiaries which, singly or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries has waived any statute of limitations in respect of a material amount of Taxes or agreed to any extension of time with respect to a material Tax assessment or deficiency other than waivers and extensions which are no longer in effect. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to any agreement providing for the allocation or sharing of Taxes with any entity that is not, directly or indirectly, a wholly-owned corporate subsidiary of Company other than agreements the consequences of which are fully and adequately reserved for in the Company Financial Statements. Neither the Company nor any of its corporate subsidiaries has, with regard to any assets or property held, acquired or to be acquired by any of them, filed a consent to the application of Section 341(f) of the Code.

(b) For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Taxes" shall mean all taxes, including, without limitation, income, gross receipts, excise, property, sales, withholding, social security, occupation, use, service, license, payroll, franchise, transfer and recording taxes, fees and charges, windfall profits, severance, customs, import, export, employment or similar taxes,

charges, fees, levies or other assessments imposed by the United States, or any state, local or foreign government or subdivision or agency thereof, whether computed on a separate, consolidated, unitary, combined or any other basis, and such term shall include any interest, fines, penalties or additional amounts and any interest in respect of any additions, fines or penalties attributable or imposed or with respect to any such taxes, charges, fees, levies or other assessments.

(c) For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Tax Return" shall mean any return, report or other document required to be supplied to a taxing authority in connection with Taxes.

Section 5.13 Employee Benefit Plans; ERISA. (a) Except as disclosed in Section 5.13(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule or the Company SEC Reports, at the date hereof, the Company and its subsidiaries do not maintain or contribute to or have any obligation or liability to or with respect to any material employee benefit plans, programs, arrangements or practices, including employee benefit plans within the meaning set forth in Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), or other similar material arrangements for the provision of benefits (excluding any "Multi-employer Plan" within the meaning of Section 3(37) of ERISA or a "Multiple Employer Plan" within the meaning of Section 413(c) of the Code) (such plans, programs, arrangements or practices of the Company and its subsidiaries being referred to as the "Company Plans"). Section 5.13 of the Company Disclosure Schedule lists all Multi-employer Plans to which any of them makes contributions or has any obligation or liability to make material contributions. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries maintains or has any material liability with respect to any Multiple Employer Plan. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any obligation to create or contribute to any additional such plan, program, arrangement or practice or to amend any such plan, program, arrangement or practice so as to increase benefits or contributions thereunder, except as required under the terms of the Company Plans, under existing collective bargaining agreements or to comply with applicable law.

(b) Except as disclosed in the Company SEC Reports, (i) there have been no prohibited transactions within the meaning of Section 406 or 407 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code with respect to any of the Company Plans that could result in penalties, taxes or liabilities which, singly or in the aggregate, could have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (ii) except for premiums due, there is no outstanding material liability, whether measured alone or in the aggregate, under Title IV of ERISA with respect to any of the Company Plans, (iii) neither the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation nor any plan administrator has instituted proceedings to terminate any of the Company Plans subject to Title IV of ERISA other than in a "standard termination" described in Section 4041(b) of ERISA, (iv) none of the Company Plans has incurred any "accumulated funding deficiency" (as defined in Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code), whether

or not waived, as of the last day of the most recent fiscal year of each of the Company Plans ended prior to the date of this Agreement, (v) the current present value of all projected benefit obligations under each of the Company Plans which is subject to Title IV of ERISA did not, as of its latest valuation date, exceed the then current value of the assets of such plan allocable to such benefit liabilities by more than the amount, if any, disclosed in the Company SEC Reports as of December 31, 1997, based upon reasonable actuarial assumptions currently utilized for such Company Plan, (vi) each of the Company Plans has been operated and administered in accordance with applicable laws during the period of time covered by the applicable statute of limitations, except for failures to comply which, singly or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (vii) each of the Company Plans which is intended to be "qualified" within the meaning of Section 401(a) of the Code has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be so qualified and such determination has not been modified, revoked or limited by failure to satisfy any condition thereof or by a subsequent amendment thereto or a failure to amend, except that it may be necessary to make additional amendments retroactively to maintain the "qualified" status of such Company Plans, and the period for making any such necessary retroactive amendments has not expired, (viii) with respect to Multi-employer Plans, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has made or suffered a "complete withdrawal" or a "partial withdrawal, as such terms are respectively defined in Sections 4203, 4204 and 4205 of ERISA and, to the best knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, no event has occurred or is expected to occur which presents a material risk of a complete or partial withdrawal under said Sections 4203, 4204 and 4205, (ix) to the best knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, there are no material pending, threatened or anticipated claims involving any of the Company Plans other than claims for benefits in the ordinary course, (x) the Company and its subsidiaries have no current material liability under Title IV of ERISA, and the Company and its subsidiaries do not reasonably anticipate that any such liability will be asserted against the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and (xi) no act, omission or transaction (individually or in the aggregate) has occurred with respect to any Company Plan that has resulted or could result in any material liability (direct or indirect) of the Company or any subsidiary under Sections 409 or 502(c) of ERISA or Chapter 43 of Subtitle (A) of the Code. None of the Company Plans has an "accumulated funding deficiency" (as defined in Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code) or is required to provide security to a Company Plan pursuant to Section 401(a)(29) of the Code.

(c) The Company SEC Reports contain a true and complete summary or list of or otherwise describe all material employment contracts and other employee benefit arrangements with "change of control" or similar provisions and all severance agreements with executive officers.

(d) Except as disclosed in Section 5.13(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, there are no agreements which will or may provide payments to any current or former officer, employee, stockholder, or highly compensated individual which will be "parachute payments" under Code Section 280G that will be nondeductible to the Company or subject to the excise tax imposed under Code Section 4999.

Section 5.14 Labor Controversies. Except as disclosed in the Company SEC Reports as of the date hereof, (a) there are no significant controversies pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened between the Company or its subsidiaries and any representatives of any of their employees and (b) to the knowledge of the Company, there are no material organizational efforts presently being made involving any of the presently unorganized employees of the Company or its subsidiaries, except for such controversies and organizational efforts, which, singly or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 5.15 Environmental Matters. (a) Except as disclosed in the Company SEC Reports, (i) the Company and its subsidiaries have conducted their respective businesses in compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws, including, without limitation, having all permits, licenses and other approvals and authorizations necessary for the operation of their respective businesses as presently conducted, (ii) none of the properties owned by the Company or any of its subsidiaries contain any Hazardous Substance as a result of any activity of the Company or any of its subsidiaries in amounts exceeding the levels permitted by applicable Environmental Laws, (iii) since January 1, 1995, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notices, demand letters or requests for information from any Federal, state, local or foreign governmental entity indicating that the Company or any of its subsidiaries may be in violation of, or liable under, any Environmental Law in connection with the ownership or operation of their businesses, (iv) there are no civil, criminal or administrative actions, suits, demands, claims, hearings, investigations or proceedings pending or threatened, against the Company or any of its subsidiaries relating to any violation, or alleged violation, of any Environmental Law, (v) no Hazardous Substance has been disposed of, released or transported in violation of any applicable Environmental Law from any properties owned by the Company or any of its subsidiaries as a result of any activity of the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the time such properties were owned, leased or operated by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and (vi) neither the Company, its subsidiaries nor any of their respective properties are subject to any material liabilities or expenditures (fixed or contingent) relating to any suit, settlement, court order, administrative order, regulatory requirement, judgment or claim asserted or arising under any Environmental Law, except for violations of the foregoing clauses (i) through (vi) that, singly or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(b) As used herein, "Environmental Law" means any Federal, state, local or foreign law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, code, license, permit, authorization, approval, consent, legal doctrine, order, judgment, decree, injunction, requirement or agreement with any governmental entity relating to (x) the protection, preservation or restoration of the environment (including, without limitation, air, water vapor, surface water, groundwater, drinking water supply, surface land, subsurface land, plant and animal life or any other natural resource) or to human health or safety or (y) the exposure to, or the use, storage, recycling, treatment, generation, transportation, processing, handling, labeling, production, release or disposal of Hazardous Substances, in each case as amended and as in effect on the Closing Date. The term "Environmental Law" includes, without limitation, (i) the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, the Federal Clean Air Act, the Federal Clean Water Act, the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (including the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments thereto), the Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act and the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, each as amended and as in effect on the Closing Date, and (ii) any common law or equitable doctrine (including, without limitation, injunctive relief and tort doctrines such as negligence, nuisance, trespass and strict liability) that may impose liability or obligations for injuries or damages due to, or threatened as a result of, the presence of, effects of or exposure to any Hazardous Substance.

(c) As used herein, "Hazardous Substance" means any substance presently or hereafter listed, defined, designated or classified as hazardous, toxic, radioactive, or dangerous, or otherwise regulated, under any Environmental Law. Hazardous Substance includes any substance to which exposure is regulated by any government authority or any Environmental Law including, without limitation, any toxic waste, pollutant, contaminant, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous waste, special waste, industrial substance or petroleum or any derivative or by-product thereof, radon, radioactive material, asbestos, or asbestos containing material, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, lead or polychlorinated biphenyls.

Section 5.16 Non-Competition Agreements. Except as disclosed in the Company SEC Reports, neither the Company nor any subsidiary of the Company is a party to any agreement which (i) purports to restrict or prohibit in any material respect any of them or any corporation affiliated with any of them from, directly or indirectly, engaging in any business involving the collection, interim storage, transfer, recovery, processing, recycling, marketing or disposal of rubbish, garbage, paper, textile wastes, chemical or hazardous wastes, liquid and other wastes or any other material business currently engaged in by Parent or the Company, or any corporations affiliated with either of them and (ii) would restrict or prohibit Parent or any subsidiary of the Parent (other than the Company and its subsidiaries that are currently so restricted or prohibited) from engaging in such business. None of the Company's officers, directors or key employees is a party to any agreement which, by virtue of such person's

relationship with the Company, restricts in any material respect the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company from, directly or indirectly, engaging in any of the businesses described above.

Section 5.17 Title to Assets. The Company and each of its subsidiaries has good and marketable title in fee simple to all its real property and good title to all its leasehold interests and other properties, as reflected in the most recent balance sheet included in the Company Financial Statements, except for properties and assets that have been disposed of in the ordinary course of business since the date of such balance sheet, free and clear of all mortgages, liens, pledges, charges or encumbrances of any nature whatsoever, except (i) the lien for current taxes, payments of which are not yet delinquent, (ii) such imperfections in title and easements and encumbrances, if any, as are not substantial in character, amount or extent and do not materially detract from the value, or interfere with the present use of the property subject thereto or affected thereby, or otherwise materially impair the Company's business operations (in the manner presently carried on by the Company) or (iii) as disclosed in the Company SEC Reports, and except for such matters which, singly or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. All leases under which the Company leases any real or personal property are in good standing, valid and effective in accordance with their respective terms, and there is not, under any of such leases, any existing default or event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default other than failures to be in good standing, valid and effective and defaults under such leases which in the aggregate will not materially and adversely affect the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 5.18 Reorganization and Pooling of Interests. To the knowledge of the Company, neither the Company nor any of its affiliates has taken or agreed or intends to take any action or has any knowledge of any fact or circumstance that would prevent the Merger from (a) constituting a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code or (b) being treated for financial accounting purposes as a Pooling Transaction. As of the date hereof, other than directors and officers of the Company, to the knowledge of the Company, there are no "affiliates" of the Company, as that term is used in paragraphs (c) and (d) of Rule 145 under the Securities Act.

Section 5.19 Company Stockholders' Approval. The affirmative vote of stockholders of the Company required for approval and adoption of this Agreement and the Merger is a majority of the outstanding shares of Company Common Stock entitled to vote thereon.

Section 5.20 Brokers and Finders. Except for the fees and expenses payable to Salomon Smith Barney, which fees are reflected in its agreement with the Company, the

Company has not entered into any contract, arrangement or understanding with any person or firm which may result in the obligation of the Company to pay any finder's fees, brokerage or agent commissions or other like payments in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby. Except for the fees and expenses paid or payable to Salomon Smith Barney, there is no claim for payment by the Company of any investment banking fees, finder's fees, brokerage or agent commissions or other like payments in connection with the negotiations leading to this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 5.21 Opinion of Financial Advisor. The financial advisor of the Company, Salomon Smith Barney, has rendered an opinion to the Board of Directors of the Company to the effect that, as of the date thereof, the Exchange Ratio is fair to the holders of Company Common Stock from a financial point of view; it being understood and acknowledged by Parent and Subsidiary that such opinion has been rendered for the benefit of the Board of Directors of the Company and is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon by Parent, its affiliates or their respective subsidiaries.

ARTICLE VI

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS PENDING THE MERGER

Section 6.1 Conduct of Business by the Company Pending the Merger. Except as otherwise permitted by Section 6.1 of the Company Disclosure Schedule or otherwise contemplated by this Agreement, after the date hereof and prior to the Closing Date or earlier termination of this Agreement, unless Parent shall otherwise agree in writing, the Company shall, and shall cause its subsidiaries to:

- (a) conduct their respective businesses in the ordinary and usual course of business and consistent with past practice;
- (b) not (i) amend or propose to amend their respective charter or by-laws (except that the Company may amend its charter to increase the number of authorized shares of Company Common Stock), (ii) split, combine or reclassify their outstanding capital stock or (iii) declare, set aside or pay any dividend or distribution payable in cash, stock, property or otherwise, except for the payment of dividends or distributions to the Company by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company;
- (c) not issue, sell, pledge or dispose of, or agree to issue, sell, pledge or dispose of, any additional shares of, or any options, warrants or rights of any kind to acquire any shares of their capital stock of any class or any debt or equity securities convertible into or exchangeable for such capital stock, except that (i) the Company may issue shares upon exercise of options and warrants, (ii) the Company may issue shares of Company Common Stock (or warrants or options to acquire up to an aggregate of 120,000 shares of Company Common Stock) in connection with acquisitions of assets or businesses pursuant to the proviso of Section 6.1(d), (iii) the Company may grant options with an exercise price per share of Company Common Stock no less than the closing price

of a share of Company Common Stock on the day prior to grant of such option with respect to up to an aggregate of 100,000 shares of Company Common Stock; provided, however, that such grants may not be made to any current executive officer or director of the Company and may only be made in the ordinary course of business, to employees of the Company and its subsidiaries consistent with past practice; and (iv) after December 31, 1998, the Company may issue options to executive officers and directors in an amount consistent with past practice and after delivery to Parent of a letter from Ernst & Young LLP in a form reasonably satisfactory to Parent to the effect that the issuance of such options would not prevent the Merger from being treated as a "pooling of interests" for financial accounting purposes.

(d) not (i) incur or become contingently liable with respect to any indebtedness for borrowed money other than (A) borrowings in the ordinary course of business (other than pursuant to credit facilities) or borrowings under the existing credit facilities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries as such facilities may be amended in a manner that does not have a material adverse effect on the Company (the "Existing Credit Facilities") up to the existing borrowing limit on the date hereof or extensions of the Existing Credit Facilities to finance acquisitions pursuant to the proviso of this Section 6.1(d), (B) borrowings to refinance existing indebtedness on terms which are reasonably acceptable to Parent, (C) assumption of loans of certain leases of equipment in connection with acquisitions or rollovers of certain leases of equipment in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice in amount or (D) borrowings in connection with acquisitions as set forth in the proviso in this Section 6.1(d), (ii) redeem, purchase, acquire or offer to purchase or acquire any shares of its capital stock or any options, warrants or rights to acquire any of its capital stock or any security convertible into or exchangeable for its capital stock, (iii) notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, take any action that would jeopardize the treatment of the Merger as a pooling of interests under Opinion No. 16 of the Accounting Principles Board ("APB No. 16"), (iv) notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, take or fail to take any action which action or failure to take action would cause the Company or its stockholders (except to the extent that any stockholders receive cash in lieu of fractional shares and except to the extent of Stockholders in special circumstances) to recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of the consummation of the Merger or would otherwise cause the Merger not to qualify as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Code, (v) make any acquisition of any assets or businesses other than expenditures for current assets in the ordinary course of business and expenditures for fixed or capital assets in the ordinary course of business and other than as set forth in the proviso in this Section 6.1(d), (vi) sell, pledge, dispose of or encumber any material assets or businesses other than (a) sales of businesses or assets in the ordinary course of business, (b) sales of businesses or assets disclosed in Section 6.1 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, (c) sales of businesses or assets with aggregate 1997 revenues less than \$5.0 million, and (d) pledges or encumbrances pursuant to Existing Credit Facilities or other permitted borrowings, or (vii)

except as contemplated by the following proviso, enter into any binding contract, agreement, commitment or arrangement with respect to any of the foregoing; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing (other than subsections (iii) and (iv) of this Section 6.1(d)), the Company shall not be prohibited from acquiring any assets or businesses or incurring or assuming indebtedness in connection with acquisitions of assets or businesses so long as (A) such acquisitions are disclosed in Section 6.1 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, or (B) the aggregate revenue projected to be earned from acquisitions (other than those acquisitions disclosed in Section 6.1 of the Company Disclosure Schedule) for the twelve months following each acquisition does not exceed \$150 million prior to December 31, 1998 or \$250 million thereafter, and the aggregate value of consideration paid or payable for any one such acquisition (other than those acquisitions disclosed in Section 6.1 of the Company Disclosure Schedule), including any funded indebtedness assumed and any Company Common Stock issued in connection with such acquisition (valued for purposes of this limitation at a price per share equal to the price of the Company Common Stock on the date the agreement in respect of such acquisition is entered into) does not exceed \$60 million. For purposes of the foregoing, any contingent, royalty and similar payments made in connection with acquisitions of businesses or assets shall be included as acquisition consideration and shall be deemed to have a value equal to their present value assuming an 8% per annum discount rate and assuming that all amounts payable for the first five years following consummation of the acquisitions (but not thereafter) are paid. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary (A) the Company will not acquire or agree to acquire any assets or businesses if such acquisition or agreement may reasonably be expected to delay the consummation of the Merger, (B) the Company will not acquire or agree to acquire any assets or businesses if such assets or businesses are not in industries in which the Company currently operates, unless such assets or businesses are acquired incidental to an acquisition of businesses or assets that are in industries in which the Company currently operates and it is reasonable to acquire such incidental businesses or assets in connection with such acquisition, and (C) the Company will not acquire or agree to acquire all or substantially all of the business, assets, properties or capital stock of any entity with securities registered under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act;

(e) use all reasonable efforts to preserve intact their respective business organizations and goodwill, keep available the services of their respective present officers and key employees, and preserve the goodwill and business relationships with customers and others having business relationships with them;

- (f) subject to restrictions imposed by applicable law, confer with one or more representatives of Parent to report operational matters of materiality and the general status of ongoing operations;
- (g) not enter into or amend any employment, severance, special pay arrangement with respect to termination of employment or other similar arrangements or agreements with any directors, officers or key employees, except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice; provided, however, that the Company and its subsidiaries shall in no event enter into or amend any written employment agreement providing for annual base salary in excess of \$75,000 per annum, except for employment agreements entered into with the sellers of businesses acquired in accordance with this Agreement;
- (h) not adopt, enter into or amend any pension or retirement plan, trust or fund, except as required to comply with changes in applicable law and not adopt, enter into or amend in any material respect any bonus, profit sharing, compensation, stock option, deferred compensation, health care, employment or other employee benefit plan, agreement, trust, fund or arrangement for the benefit or welfare of any employees or retirees generally, other than in the ordinary course of business, except (i) as contemplated by Section 6.1(c), (ii) as required to comply with changes in applicable law, (iii) to increase the number of shares of Company Common Stock available for grant or award under the Company's 1997 Stock Option Plan, 1996 Stock Option Plan, 1991 Stock Option Plan and the 1988 Employee Stock Bonus Plan, (iv) any of the foregoing involving any such then existing plans, agreements, trusts, funds or arrangements of any company acquired after the date hereof or (v) as required pursuant to an existing contractual arrangement or agreement;
- (i) use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain with financially responsible insurance companies insurance on its tangible assets and its businesses in such amounts and against such risks and losses as are consistent with past practice;
- (j) not make, change or revoke any material Tax election or make any material agreement or settlement regarding Taxes with any taxing authority; and
- $\mbox{(k)}$ not change its accounting principles or practices other than as required by United States generally accepted accounting principles.

Section 6.2 Conduct of Business by Parent and Subsidiary Pending the Merger. Except as otherwise contemplated by this Agreement, after the date hereof and prior to the Closing Date or earlier termination of this Agreement, unless the Company shall otherwise agree in writing, Parent shall, and shall cause its subsidiaries to:

- (a) conduct their respective businesses in the ordinary and usual course of business and consistent with past practice;
- (b) not (i) amend or propose to amend their respective charter (except for any amendments by Parent of its Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of Parent Common Stock so as to be able to consummate the Merger) or by-laws, (ii) split, combine or reclassify (whether by stock dividend or otherwise) their outstanding capital stock, or (iii) declare, set aside or pay any dividend or distribution payable in cash, stock, property or otherwise, except for the payment of quarterly cash dividends, or dividends or distributions to Parent by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent;
- (c) not (i) take any action that would jeopardize the treatment of the Merger as a pooling of interests under APB No. 16, (ii) take or fail to take any action which action or failure to take action would cause Parent or its stockholders to recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of the consummation of the Merger or would otherwise cause the Merger not to qualify as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Code;
- (d) not intentionally delist the Parent Common Stock from trading on the NYSE; and $\,$
- (e) not change its accounting principles or practices other than as required by United States generally accepted accounting principles.

Section 6.3 Control of the Company's Operations. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall give to Parent, directly or indirectly, rights to control or direct the Company's operations prior to the Effective Time. Prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall exercise, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, complete control and supervision of its operations.

Section 6.4 Control of Parent's Operations. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall give to the Company, directly or indirectly, rights to control or direct Parent's operations prior to the Effective Time. Prior to the Effective Time, Parent shall exercise, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, complete control and supervision of its operations.

Section 6.5 Acquisition Transactions. (a) After the date hereof and prior to the Effective Time or earlier termination of this Agreement, the Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its subsidiaries to, initiate, solicit, negotiate, encourage or provide confidential information to facilitate, and the Company shall, and shall use its reasonable efforts to cause any officer, director or employee of the Company, or any attorney, accountant, investment banker, financial advisor or other agent retained by it or any of its subsidiaries, not to initiate, solicit, negotiate, encourage or provide nonpublic or confidential information to facilitate, any proposal

or offer to acquire all or any substantial part of the business or properties of the Company or any capital stock of the Company, whether by merger, purchase of assets, tender offer or otherwise, (other than a transaction permitted pursuant to Section 6.1(d)) whether for cash, securities or any other consideration or combination thereof (any such transactions being referred to herein as an "Acquisition Transaction").

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) above, (i) the Company may, in response to an unsolicited written offer or proposal with respect to a potential or proposed Acquisition Transaction ("Acquisition Proposal") which the Company's Board of Directors determines, in good faith and after consultation with its independent financial advisor, could result (if consummated pursuant to its terms) in an Acquisition Transaction more favorable to the Company's stockholders than the Merger (any such offer or proposal being referred to as a "Superior Proposal"), furnish (subject to the execution of a confidentiality agreement substantially similar to the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement), confidential or nonpublic information to a financially capable corporation, partnership, person or other entity or group (a "Potential Acquirer") and negotiate with such Potential Acquirer if the Board of Directors of the Company, after consulting with its outside legal counsel, determines in good faith that the failure to provide such confidential or nonpublic information to or negotiate with such Potential Acquirer would be reasonably likely to constitute a breach of its fiduciary duty to the Company's stockholders and (ii) the Company's Board of Directors may take and disclose to the Company's stockholders a position contemplated by Rule 14e-2 under the Exchange Act. It is understood and agreed that negotiations and other activities conducted in accordance with this paragraph (b) shall not constitute a violation of paragraph (a) of this Section 6.5.

(c) The Company shall promptly (but in any event within 48 hours) notify Parent after receipt of any Acquisition Proposal, indication of interest or request for nonpublic information relating to the Company or its subsidiaries in connection with an Acquisition Proposal or for access to the properties, books or records of the Company or any subsidiary by any person or entity that informs the Board of Directors of the Company or such subsidiary that it is considering making, or has made, an Acquisition Proposal. Such notice to Parent shall be made orally and in writing and shall indicate in reasonable detail the identity of the offeror and the terms and conditions of such proposal, inquiry or contact.

ARTICLE VII

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

Section 7.1 Access to Information. (a) Subject to applicable law, the Company and its subsidiaries shall afford to Parent and Subsidiary and their respective accountants, counsel, financial advisors and other representatives (the "Parent Representatives") and Parent and its subsidiaries shall afford to the Company and its accountants, counsel, financial advisors and other

representatives (the "Company Representatives") reasonable access during normal business hours with reasonable notice throughout the period prior to the Effective Time to all of their respective properties, books, contracts, commitments and records (including, but not limited to, Tax Returns) and, during such period, shall furnish promptly to one another (i) a copy of each report, schedule and other document filed or received by any of them pursuant to the requirements of federal or state securities laws or filed by any of them with the SEC and (ii) such other information concerning their respective businesses, properties and personnel as Parent or Subsidiary or the Company, as the case may be, shall reasonably request; provided, however, that no investigation pursuant to this Section 7.1 shall amend or modify any representations or warranties made herein or the conditions to the obligations of the respective parties to consummate the Merger. Parent and its subsidiaries shall hold and shall use their reasonable best efforts to cause the Parent Representatives to hold, and the Company and its subsidiaries shall hold and shall use their reasonable best efforts to cause the Company Representatives to hold, in strict confidence all nonpublic documents and information furnished to Parent and Subsidiary or to the Company, as the case may be, in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except that (i) Parent, Subsidiary and the Company may disclose such information as may be necessary in connection with seeking the Parent Required Statutory Approvals and Parent Stockholders' Approval, the Company Required Statutory Approvals and the Company Stockholders' Approval and (ii) each of Parent, Subsidiary and the Company may disclose any information that it is required by law or judicial or administrative order to disclose.

(b) In the event that this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, each party shall promptly redeliver to the other all nonpublic written material provided pursuant to this Section 7.1 and shall not retain any copies, extracts or other reproductions in whole or in part of such written material. In such event, all documents, memoranda, notes and other writings prepared by Parent or the Company based on the information in such material shall be destroyed (and Parent and the Company shall use their respective reasonable best efforts to cause their advisors and representatives to similarly destroy their documents, memoranda and notes), and such destruction (and reasonable best efforts) shall be certified in writing by an authorized officer supervising such destruction.

Section 7.2 Registration Statement and Proxy Statement. Parent and the Company shall file with the SEC as soon as is reasonably practicable after the date hereof the Registration Statement and shall use all reasonable efforts to have the Registration Statement declared effective by the SEC as promptly as practicable. Parent shall also take any action required to be taken under applicable state blue sky or securities laws in connection with the issuance of Parent Common Stock pursuant hereto. Parent and the Company shall promptly furnish to each other all information, and take such other actions, as may reasonably be requested in connection with any action by any of them in connection with the preceding sentence. The information provided and to be provided by Parent and the Company, respectively, for use in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus shall 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, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Section 7.3 Stockholders' Approvals. Subject to the fiduciary duties of the Board of Directors of the Company under applicable law and to the terms of this Agreement, the Company shall, as promptly as practicable, submit this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby for the approval of its stockholders at a meeting of stockholders and shall use its reasonable best efforts to obtain stockholder approval and adoption (the "Company Stockholders' Approval") of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. Subject to the fiduciary duties of the Board of Directors of the Company under applicable law and to the terms of this Agreement, such meeting of stockholders shall be held as soon as practicable following the date upon which the Registration Statement becomes effective. Subject to the fiduciary duties of the Board of Directors of the Company under applicable law and to the terms of this Agreement, the Company shall, through its Board of Directors, recommend to its stockholders approval of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 7.4 Compliance with the Securities Act. Parent and the Company shall each use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause each officer, each director and each other person who is an "affiliate," as that term is used in paragraphs (c) and (d) of Rule 145 under the Securities Act, of Parent or the Company, as the case may be, to deliver to Parent and the Company on or prior to the Effective Time a written agreement (an "Affiliate Agreement") to the effect that such person will not offer to sell, sell or otherwise dispose of any shares of Parent Common Stock issued in the Merger, except, in each case, pursuant to an effective registration statement or in compliance with Rule 145, as amended from time to time, or in a transaction which, in the opinion of legal counsel satisfactory to Parent, is exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and, in any case, until after the results covering 30 days of post-Merger combined operations of Parent and the Company have been filed with the SEC, sent to stockholders of Parent or otherwise publicly issued.

Section 7.5 Exchange Listing. Parent shall use its reasonable best efforts to effect, at or before the Effective Time, authorization for listing on the NYSE, upon official notice of issuance, of the shares of Parent Common Stock to be issued pursuant to the Merger or to be reserved for issuance upon exercise of stock options or warrants.

Section 7.6 Expenses and Fees. (a) All costs and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be paid by the party incurring such expenses, except that those expenses incurred in connection with printing and filing the Proxy Statement/Prospectus shall be shared equally by Parent and the Company.

- (i) the Company terminates this Agreement pursuant to clause (iv) or (v) of Section 9.1(a);
- (ii) Parent terminates this Agreement pursuant to clause (iv) of Section 9.1(b); or
- (iii) (A) Parent terminates this Agreement pursuant to clause (vi) of Section 9.1(b); (B) prior to the time of such termination a proposal relating to a Acquisition Transaction had been made; and (C) on or prior to the six month anniversary of the termination of this Agreement the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates (x) enters into an agreement or letter of intent (or if the Company's Board of Directors resolves or announces an intention to do) with respect to any Business Combination with any person, entity or group or (y) consummates any Business Combination with any person, entity or group.

For purposes of this Section 7.6, "Business Combination" means (i) a merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination or similar transaction involving the Company as a result of which the Company stockholders prior to such transaction in the aggregate cease to own at least 70% of the voting securities of the entity surviving or resulting from such transaction (or the ultimate parent entity thereof), (ii) a sale, lease, exchange, transfer or other disposition of more than 30% of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, or (iii) the acquisition, by a person (other than Parent or any affiliate thereof), group or entity of beneficial ownership (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of more than 30% of the Company Common Stock whether by tender or exchange offer or otherwise.

Section 7.7 Agreement to Cooperate. (a) Subject to the terms and conditions herein provided and subject to the fiduciary duties of the respective boards of directors of the Company and Parent, each of the parties hereto shall use all reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all action and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable under applicable laws and regulations to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including using its reasonable efforts to obtain all necessary or appropriate waivers, consents or approvals of third parties required in order to preserve material contractual relationships of Parent and the Company and their respective subsidiaries, all necessary or appropriate waivers, consents and approvals and SEC "no-action" letters to effect all necessary registrations, filings and submissions and to lift any injunction or other legal bar to the Merger (and, in such case, to proceed with the Merger as expeditiously as possible).

(b) Without limitation of the foregoing, each of Parent and the Company undertakes and agrees to file as soon as practicable, and in any event prior to 15 days after the date hereof, a Notification and Report Form under the HSR Act with the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC") and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice (the "Antitrust Division"). Each of Parent and the Company shall (i) respond as promptly as practicable to any

inquiries received from the FTC or the Antitrust Division for additional information or documentation and to all inquiries and requests received from any State Attorney General or other governmental authority in connection with antitrust matters and (ii) not extend any waiting period under the HSR Act or enter into any agreement with the FTC or the Antitrust Division not to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the other parties hereto. Parent shall take all reasonable steps necessary to avoid or eliminate impediments under any antitrust, competition, or trade regulation law that may be asserted by the FTC, the Antitrust Division, any State Attorney General or any other governmental entity with respect to the Merger so as to enable the Closing to occur as soon as reasonably possible. Without limiting the foregoing, Parent shall propose, negotiate, commit to and effect, by consent decree, hold separate order, or otherwise, the sale, divestiture or disposition of such assets or businesses of Parent or, effective as of the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation as may be required in order to avoid the entry of, or to effect the dissolution of, any injunction, temporary restraining order or other order in any suit or proceeding, which would otherwise have the effect of preventing or delaying the Closing; provided, however, that Parent shall not be required to take any such actions if such action would be reasonably likely, in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, in the case of a sale divestiture, holding separate or other disposition of assets of the Company or its subsidiaries, or, in the case of a sale, divestiture, holding separate or other disposition of assets of the Parent or its subsidiaries, such action with respect to a comparable amount of assets of the Company would be reasonably likely, in the aggregate, to have such a material adverse effect. Parent or the Company, as applicable, shall take promptly, in the event that any permanent or preliminary injunction or other order is entered or becomes reasonably foreseeable to be entered in any proceeding that would make consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby in accordance with the terms of this Agreement unlawful or that would prevent or delay consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, any and all steps necessary to vacate, modify or suspend such injunction or order so as to permit such consummation prior to the deadline specified in Section 9.1(a)(ii) or Section 9.1(b)(ii). The parties hereto will consult and cooperate with one another, and consider in good faith the views of one another, in connection with any analyses, appearances, presentations, memoranda, briefs, arguments, opinions and proposals made or submitted by or in behalf of any party hereto in connection with proceedings under or relating to the HSR Act or any other federal, state or foreign antitrust or fair trade law. The parties hereto will provide to the other copies of all correspondence between it (or its advisors) and the FTC, the Antitrust Division or any State Attorney General relating to this Agreement or any of the matters described in this Section 7.7(b). The parties hereto agree that all material telephonic calls and meetings with the FTC, the Antitrust Division or any State Attorney General regarding the transactions contemplated hereby or any of the matters described in this Section 7.7(b) shall include representatives of each of Parent and the Company. Parent shall coordinate and be the principal spokesperson in connection with any proceedings or negotiations with any

governmental entity relating to any of the foregoing, provided that it shall afford the Company a reasonable opportunity to participate therein.

(c) In the event any litigation is commenced by any person or entity relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or any Acquisition Transaction, Parent shall have the right, at its own expense, to participate therein, and the Company will not settle any such litigation without the consent of Parent, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 7.8 Public Statements. The parties shall consult with each other prior to issuing any press release or any written public statement with respect to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby and shall not issue any such press release or written public statement prior to such consultation.

Section 7.9 Option Plans. (a) The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts and shall take all necessary actions, including but not limited to obtaining the consent of the option holders, if necessary, to ensure that, at the Effective Time, all rights with respect to the Company Common Stock pursuant to each stock option ("Company Options") granted under stock option plans of the Company or otherwise which is outstanding on the Effective Date, whether or not such Company Option has previously vested or become exercisable, shall be cancelled in exchange for a number of shares of Parent Common Stock equal in market value (based upon the average of the closing prices of the Parent Common Stock on the NYSE for the 10 trading days immediately prior to the Closing Date) to the fair value of such Company Option as determined by independent third party experts, mutually agreed upon by Parent and the Company. The parties hereto have agreed that the value determined using the methodology proposed by such independent third party experts will represent the fair value of the Company Options as of the Effective Time.

- (b) At the Effective Time, automatically and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, each outstanding Company Option that was not canceled in accordance with Section 7.9(a) above shall be assumed by Parent and become an option to purchase that number of shares of Parent Common Stock obtained by multiplying the number of shares of Company Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of such option by the Exchange Ratio at an exercise price per share equal to the per share exercise price of such option divided by the Exchange Ratio, and otherwise upon the same terms and conditions as such outstanding Company Options; provided, however, that in the case of any Company Option to which Section 421 of the Code applies by reason of the qualifications under Section 422 or 423 of such Code, the exercise price, the number of shares purchasable pursuant to such Company Option be determined in order to comply with Section 424(a) of the Code.
- (c) Parent shall take all corporate actions necessary to reserve for issuance a sufficient number of shares of Parent Common Stock for delivery upon exercise of the Company Options assumed by Parent, if any, pursuant to Section 7.9(b) above.

- (d) As promptly as practicable after the Effective Time, Parent shall file a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (or any successor or other appropriate forms) with respect to the shares of Parent Common Stock subject to the Company Options and shall use its reasonable efforts to maintain the effectiveness of such registration statement or registration statements (and maintain the current status of the prospectus or prospectuses contained therein) for so long as such Company Options remain outstanding.
- (e) Except as provided herein or as otherwise agreed to by the parties, each of the Company stock option plans providing for the issuance or grant of Company Options shall be assumed as of the Effective Time by Parent with such amendments thereto as may be required to reflect the Merger.

Section 7.10 Notification of Certain Matters. Each of the Company, Parent and Subsidiary agrees to give prompt notice to each other of, and to use commercially reasonable efforts to remedy, (i) the occurrence or failure to occur of any event which occurrence or failure to occur would be likely to cause any of its representations or warranties in this Agreement to be untrue or inaccurate in any material respect at the Effective Time and (ii) any material failure on its part to comply with or satisfy any covenant, condition or agreement to be complied with or satisfied by it hereunder; provided, however, that the delivery of any notice pursuant to this Section 7.10 shall not limit or otherwise affect the remedies available hereunder to the party receiving such notice.

Section 7.11 Directors' and Officers' Indemnification. (a) The indemnification provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Surviving Corporation as in effect at the Effective Time shall not be amended, repealed or otherwise modified for a period of six years from the Effective Time in any manner that would adversely affect the rights thereunder of individuals who at the Effective Time were directors, officers, employees or agents of the Company. Parent shall assume, be jointly and severally liable for, and honor, guaranty and stand surety for, and shall cause the Surviving Corporation to honor, in accordance with their respective terms each of the covenants contained in this Section 7.11 and each of the indemnification agreements listed on Section 7.11 of the Company Disclosure Schedule without limit as to time; provided, however, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Section 7.11 and the provisions of an indemnification agreement listed on Section 7.11 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the provisions of such indemnification agreement shall govern.

(b) After the Effective Time, each of Parent and the Surviving Corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law, indemnify and hold harmless, each present and former director, officer, employee and agent of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, together with such person's heirs, executors or administrators, an "indemnified Party" and collectively, the "indemnified Parties") against any costs or expenses (including attorneys fees), judgments, fines, losses, claims, damages, liabilities and amounts paid in settlement in connection with any actual or threatened claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, arising out of, relating to or in connection with any action

or omission occurring or alleged to occur prior to the Effective Time (including, without limitation, acts or omissions in connection with this Agreement and the consummation of transactions contemplated hereunder and acts or omissions in connection with such persons serving as an officer, director or other fiduciary in any entity if such service was at the request or for the benefit of the Company) or arising out of or pertaining to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In the event of any such actual or threatened claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation (whether arising before or after the Effective Time), (i) the Company or Parent and the Surviving Corporation, as the case may be, shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel selected by the indemnified Parties, which counsel shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Parent and the Surviving Corporation, promptly after statements therefor are received and shall pay all other reasonable expenses in advance of the final disposition of such action, (ii) the Parent and the Surviving Corporation will cooperate and use all reasonable efforts to assist in the vigorous defense of any such matter, and (iii) to the extent any determination is required to be made with respect to whether an indemnified Party's conduct complies with the standards set forth under the DGCL and the Parent's or the Surviving Corporation's respective charters or by-laws such determination shall be made by independent legal counsel acceptable to the Parent or the Surviving Corporation, as the case may be, and the indemnified Party; provided, however, that neither the Parent nor the Surviving Corporation shall be liable for any settlement effected without its written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) and provided further that if Parent or the Surviving Corporation advances or pays any amount to any person under this paragraph (b) and if it shall thereafter be finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that such person was not entitled to be indemnified hereunder for all or any portion of such amount, to the extent required by law, such person shall repay such amount or such portion thereof, as the case may be, to Parent or the Surviving Corporation, as the case may be. The indemnified Parties as a group may not retain more than one law firm to represent them with respect to each matter unless there is, under applicable standards of professional conduct, a conflict on any significant issue between the positions of any two or more indemnified Parties.

- (c) In the event the Surviving Corporation or Parent or any of their successors or assigns (i) consolidates with or merges into any other person and shall not be the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (ii) transfers all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any person, then and in each such case, proper provisions shall be made so that the successors and assigns of the Surviving Corporation or Parent shall assume the obligations of the Surviving Corporation or the Parent, as the case may be, as set forth in this Section 7.11.
- (d) For a period of six years after the Effective Time, Parent shall cause to be maintained in effect the current policies of directors' and officers' liability insurance maintained by the Company and its subsidiaries (provided that Parent may substitute therefor policies of at least the same coverage and amounts containing terms and conditions that are no less advantageous to the indemnified Parties and which coverages and amounts shall be no less than the coverages and amounts provided at that time for Parent's directors and officers provided that there shall be no lapse of coverage) with respect to matters arising on or before the Effective Time and acts or

omissions in connection with this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereunder.

- (e) Parent shall pay all reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, that may be incurred by any indemnified Party in enforcing the indemnity and other obligations provided in this Section 7.11.
- (f) The rights of each indemnified Party hereunder shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights such indemnified Party may have under the charter or bylaws of the Company, any indemnification agreement, under the DGCL or otherwise. The provisions of this Section 7.11 shall survive the consummation of the Merger and expressly are intended to benefit each of the indemnified Parties.

Section 7.12 Corrections to the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and Registration Statement. Prior to the date of approval of the Merger by their respective stockholders, each of the Company, Parent and Subsidiary shall correct promptly any information provided by it to be used specifically in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and Registration Statement that shall have become false or misleading in any material respect and shall take all steps necessary to file with the SEC and have declared effective or cleared by the SEC any amendment or supplement to the Proxy Statement/Prospectus or the Registration Statement so as to correct the same and to cause the Proxy Statement/Prospectus as so corrected to be disseminated to the stockholders of the Company and Parent, in each case to the extent required by applicable law.

Section 7.13. Assumption of Registration Rights Agreements. The Company will use reasonable best efforts to ensure that Parent and Subsidiary shall have no obligation to register any securities of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time.

Section 7.14. Company Employees. Prior to the Effective Time, neither Parent nor any subsidiary of Parent or any affiliate of Parent or any of its subsidiaries shall offer to employ or employ any salaried managerial or professional employee of Company or any of its subsidiaries, if such employment would begin prior to the Effective Time, without the prior written consent of Company.

ARTICLE VIII

CONDITIONS

Section 8.1 Conditions to Each Party's Obligation to Effect the Merger. The respective obligations of each party to effect the Merger shall be subject to the fulfillment at or prior to the Closing Date of the following conditions:

- (a) this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall have been approved and adopted by the requisite vote of the stockholders of the Company under applicable law and applicable listing requirements;
- (b) the shares of Parent Common Stock issuable in the Merger and those to be reserved for issuance upon exercise of stock options or warrants shall have been authorized for listing on the NYSE upon official notice of issuance;
- (c) the waiting period applicable to the consummation of the Merger under the HSR Act shall have expired or been terminated;
- (d) the Registration Statement shall have become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act, and no stop order suspending such effectiveness shall have been issued and remain in effect and no proceeding for that purpose shall have been instituted by the SEC or any state regulatory authorities;
- (e) no preliminary or permanent injunction or other order or decree by any federal or state court which prevents the consummation of the Merger shall have been issued and remain in effect (each party agreeing to use its reasonable efforts to have any such injunction, order or decree lifted);
- (f) no statute, rule or regulation shall have been enacted by any state or federal government or governmental agency in the United States which would prevent the consummation of the Merger or make the Merger illegal;
- (g) all governmental waivers, consents, orders and approvals legally required for the consummation of the Merger and the transactions contemplated hereby shall have been obtained and be in effect at the Effective Time, except where the failure to obtain the same would not be reasonably likely, individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, liabilities, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, following the Effective Time;
- (h) the certified public accountants for Parent, shall have delivered a letter, dated the Closing Date, addressed to Parent, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Parent, to the effect that the Merger will qualify for a pooling of interests accounting treatment if consummated in accordance with this Agreement; and
- (i) each of the parties to the Agreement shall have received a letter dated the Closing Date, addressed to the Company, from Ernst & Young LLP regarding such firm's concurrence with the Company's management's conclusions that no conditions exist related to the Company that would preclude the Parent's accounting for the Merger with

the Company as a pooling of interests under Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 16 if closed and consummated in accordance with this Agreement.

Section 8.2 Conditions to Obligation of the Company to Effect the Merger. Unless waived by the Company, the obligation of the Company to effect the Merger shall be subject to the fulfillment at or prior to the Closing Date of the following additional conditions:

- (a) Parent and Subsidiary shall have performed their agreements contained in this Agreement required to be performed on or prior to the Closing Date and the representations and warranties of Parent and Subsidiary contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct on and as of the date made and (except to the extent that such representations and warranties speak as of an earlier date) on and as of the Closing Date as if made at and as of such date except for such failures to perform or to be true and correct that have not and would not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of Parent and its subsidiaries considered as a whole (except for representations and warranties that contain materiality or material adverse effect qualifications which representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects), and the Company shall have received a certificate of the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, the President or a Vice President of Parent and of the President and Chief Executive Officer or a Vice President of Subsidiary to that effect;
- (b) the Company shall have received an opinion of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company, dated the Closing Date, substantially to the effect that, on the basis of facts, representations and assumptions set forth in such opinion, which are consistent with the state of facts existing at the Effective Time: (i) the Merger will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, (ii) no gain or loss will be recognized by Parent, the Company or Subsidiary as a result of the Merger, and (iii) no gain or loss will be recognized by the holders of Company Common Stock upon the exchange of their Company Common Stock solely for shares of Parent Common Stock (except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional shares of Parent Common Stock). In rendering such opinion, such counsel may rely upon representations contained in certificates of officers and certain stockholders of Parent, the Company and Subsidiary.

Section 8.3 Conditions to Obligations of Parent and Subsidiary to Effect the Merger. Unless waived by Parent and Subsidiary, the obligations of Parent and Subsidiary to effect the Merger shall be subject to the fulfillment at or prior to the Effective Time of the additional following conditions:

(a) the Company shall have performed its agreements contained in this Agreement required to be performed on or prior to the Closing Date and the representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement shall be true

and correct on and as of the date made and (except to the extent that such representations and warranties speak as of an earlier date) on and as of the Closing Date as if made at and as of such date, except for such failures to perform and to be true and correct that have not and would not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as a whole (except for representations and warranties that contain materiality or material adverse effect qualifications which representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects), and Parent shall have received a Certificate of the President and Chief Executive Officer or of a Vice President of the Company to that effect;

- (b) Parent shall have received an opinion of Shearman & Sterling, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Parent, dated the Closing Date, substantially to the effect that, on the basis of facts, representations and assumptions set forth in such opinion, which are consistent with the state of facts, existing at the Effective Time: (i) the Merger will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368 of the Code and (ii) Parent and Subsidiary will recognize no gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of consummation of the Merger. In rendering such opinion, such counsel may rely upon representations contained in certificates of officers and certain stockholders of Parent, the Company and Subsidiary; and
- (c) all consents, approvals or waivers from the Company's lenders required to consummate the Merger, shall have been obtained and be in effect at the Effective Time, except where the failure to obtain the same would not be reasonably likely, individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, properties, assets, liabilities, condition (financial or other) or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, following the Effective Time.

ARTICLE IX

TERMINATION, AMENDMENT AND WAIVER

Section 9.1 Termination. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Closing Date, whether before or after approval by the stockholders of the Company or Parent, by the mutual written consent of the Company and Parent or as follows:

- (a) The Company shall have the right to terminate this Agreement:
 - (i) upon a material breach of a representation or warranty of Parent contained in this Agreement which has not been cured in all material respects and which has caused any of the conditions set forth in section 8.2(a) to be incapable of being satisfied by the Termination Date;

- (ii) if the Merger is not completed by March 31, 1999
 (the "Termination Date") (unless due to a delay or default on
 the part of the Company);
- (iii) if the Merger is enjoined by a final, unappealable court order not entered at the request or with the support of the Company and if the Company shall have used reasonable efforts to prevent the entry of such order;
- (iv) if the Company receives a Superior Proposal, resolves to accept such Superior Proposal, and the Company shall have given Parent two days' prior written notice of its intention to terminate pursuant to this provision; provided, however, that such termination shall not be effective until such time as the payment required by Section 7.6(b) shall have been received by Parent;
- (v) if (A) a tender or exchange offer is commenced by a Potential Acquirer (excluding any affiliate of the Company or any group of which any affiliate of the Company is a member) for all outstanding shares of Company Common Stock, (B) the Company's Board of Directors determines, in good faith and after consultation with an independent financial advisor, that such offer constitutes a Superior Proposal and resolves to accept such Superior Proposal or recommend to the stockholders that they tender their shares in such tender or exchange offer and (C) the Company shall have given Parent two days' prior written notice of its intention to terminate pursuant to this provision; provided, however, that such termination shall not be effective until such time as the payment required by Section 7.6(b) shall have been received by Parent; or
- (vi) if Parent (A) fails to perform in any material respect any of its material covenants in this Agreement and (B) does not cure such default in all material respects within 30 days after written notice of such default specifying such default in reasonable detail is given to Parent by the Company.
- (b) Parent shall have the right to terminate this Agreement:
- (i) upon a material breach of a representation or warranty of the Company contained in this Agreement which has not been cured in all material respects and which has caused any of the conditions set forth in Section 8.3(a) to be incapable of being satisfied by the Termination Date;
- (ii) if the Merger is not completed by March 31, 1999
 (unless due to a delay or default on the part of Parent);

- (iii) if the Merger is enjoined by a final, unappealable court order not entered at the request or with the support of Parent and if Parent shall have used reasonable efforts to prevent the entry of such order;
- (iv) if the Board of Directors of the Company shall have resolved to accept a Superior Proposal or shall have recommended to the stockholders of the Company that they tender their shares in a tender or an exchange offer commenced by a third party (excluding any affiliate of Parent or any group of which any affiliate of Parent is a member);
- (v) if the Company (A) fails to perform in any material respect any of its material covenants in this Agreement and (B) does not cure such default in all material respects within 30 days after written notice of such default specifying such default in reasonable detail is given to the Company by Parent; or
- (vi) if the stockholders of the Company fail to approve the Merger at a duly held meeting of stockholders called for such purpose or any adjournment or postponement thereof.
- (c) As used in this Section 9.1, (i) "affiliate" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 7.4 and (ii) "group" has the meaning set forth in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Section 9.2 Effect of Termination. In the event of termination of this Agreement by either Parent or the Company pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.1, this Agreement shall forthwith become void and there shall be no liability or further obligation on the part of the Company, Parent, Subsidiary or their respective officers or directors (except in this Section 9.2, the second sentence of Section 7.1(a), Section 7.1(b), Section 7.6 and Section 10.4 shall survive the termination). Nothing in this Section 9.2 shall relieve any party from liability for any willful and intentional breach of any covenant or agreement of such party contained in this Agreement.

Section 9.3 Amendment. This Agreement may not be amended except by action taken by the parties' respective Boards of Directors or duly authorized committees thereof and then only by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each of the parties hereto and in compliance with applicable law. Such amendment may take place at any time prior to the Closing Date, and, subject to applicable law, whether before or after approval by the stockholders of the Company, Parent or Subsidiary.

Section 9.4 Waiver. At any time prior to the Effective Time, the parties hereto may (a) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the other parties hereto, (b) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties contained herein or in any document delivered pursuant thereto and (c) waive compliance with any of the agreements or conditions contained herein. Any agreement on the part of a party hereto to any

such extension or waiver shall be valid only if set forth in an instrument in writing signed on behalf of such party.

ARTICLE X

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 10.1 Non-Survival of Representations and Warranties. No representations, warranties or agreements in this Agreement or in any instrument delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall survive the Merger, and after effectiveness of the Merger neither the Company, Parent, Subsidiary or their respective officers or directors shall have any further obligation with respect thereto except for the representations, warranties and agreements contained in Articles II, III and X, Section 7.9, Section 7.11, and Section 7.13.

Section 10.2 Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given if delivered personally, mailed by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) or sent via facsimile to the parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a party as shall be specified by like notice):

(a) If to Parent or Subsidiary to:

Waste Management, Inc. 1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 Houston, TX 77002 Attn: Gregory T. Sangalis

with a copy to:

Shearman & Sterling 599 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10022 Attn: John A. Marzulli, Jr.

(b) If to the Company, to:

Eastern Environmental Services, Inc. 1000 Crawford Place Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 Attn: Robert M. Kramer with a copy to:

Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP 1345 Chestnut Street, Suite 110 Philadelphia, PA 19107-3496 Attn: H. John Michel, Jr.

Section 10.3 Interpretation. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. In this Agreement, unless a contrary intention appears, (i) the words "herein", "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision and (ii) reference to any Article or Section means such Article or Section hereof. No provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed against any party hereto solely because such party or its legal representative drafted such provision.

Section 10.4 Miscellaneous. This Agreement (including the documents and instruments referred to herein) (a) constitutes the entire agreement and supersedes all other prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, among the parties, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof, (b) shall not be assigned by operation of law or otherwise, except that Subsidiary may assign this Agreement to any other wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED IN ALL RESPECTS, INCLUDING VALIDITY, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT, BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS EXECUTED AND TO BE PERFORMED WHOLLY WITHIN SUCH STATE. THE EXCLUSIVE VENUE FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR THE PERFORMANCE THEREOF SHALL BE THE COURTS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND THE PARTIES HERETO AND THEIR AFFILIATES EACH CONSENT TO AND HEREBY SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY COURT LOCATED IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

Section 10.5 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

Section 10.6 Parties in Interest. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of each party hereto, and except as set forth in Sections 2.1, 2.2, 3.3, 7.9, 7.11 and 7.13 (which are intended to and shall create third party beneficiary rights if the Merger is consummated), nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any other person any rights or remedies of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement. The rights of any third party beneficiary hereunder are not subject to any defense, offset or counterclaim.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Parent, Subsidiary and the Company have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers and attested to as of the date first written above.

WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

Attest:

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/s/ Gregory T. Sangalis By: /s/ John E. Drury

Name: John E. Drury Secretary

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer

OCHO ACQUISITION CORPORATION

Attest:

/s/ Earl E. DeFrates By: /s/ Gregory T. Sangalis

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Name: Gregory T. Sangalis
Title: Senior Vice President
and Secretary Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EASTERN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

Attest:

By: /s/ Louis D. Paolino, Jr. /s/ Robert M. Kramer

Secretary

Name: Louis D. Paolino, Jr. Title: Chairman, President and Chief

Executive Officer

STOCKHOLDERS SUPPORT AGREEMENT

STOCKHOLDERS SUPPORT AGREEMENT, dated as of August 16, 1998 (this "Agreement"), among WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC., a Delaware corporation ("Parent"), OCHO ACQUISITION CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("Subsidiary"), and the stockholders whose names appear on the signature pages of this Agreement (each a "Stockholder" and collectively the "Stockholders").

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, the Stockholders own of record or has the power to vote the number of shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Company Common Stock"), of Services Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") as set forth opposite such Stockholder's name on Exhibit A hereto (all such Company Common Stock and any shares of Company Common Stock of which ownership of record or the power to vote is hereafter acquired by the Stockholders prior to the termination of this Agreement being referred to herein as the "Shares");

WHEREAS, Parent, Subsidiary and the Company propose to enter into (i) an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of even date herewith (as the same may be amended from time to time, the "Merger Agreement"), which provides, upon the terms and subject to the conditions thereof, for the merger of Subsidiary with and into the Company (the "Merger") and (ii) an agreement granting Parent an option on certain shares of Company Common Stock (the "Stock Option Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, as a condition to the willingness of Parent to enter into the Merger Agreement, Parent has requested that the Stockholders agree, and, in order to induce Parent to enter into the Merger Agreement, the Stockholders have agreed, jointly and severally, to enter into this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual agreements and covenants set forth herein and in the Merger Agreement, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

TRANSFER AND VOTING OF SHARES

SECTION 1.01. Transfer of Shares. No Stockholder shall, directly or indirectly, (a) sell (other than pursuant to any brokers' transaction executed upon the

Stockholder's orders on any exchange or in the over the counter market), pledge (other than in connection with margin accounts maintained by such Stockholder) or otherwise dispose of any or all of such Stockholder's Shares, (b) deposit any Shares into a voting trust or enter into a voting agreement or arrangement with respect to any Shares or grant any proxy with respect thereto or (c) enter into any contract, option or other arrangement or undertaking with respect to the direct or indirect acquisition or sale (other than pursuant to any brokers' transaction executed upon the Stockholder's orders on any exchange or in the over the counter market), assignment, transfer or other disposition of any Shares.

SECTION 1.02. Voting of Shares; Further Assurances. (a) Each Stockholder, by this Agreement, with respect to the Shares set out in Exhibit A hereto and any Shares hereinafter acquired by such Stockholder, does hereby constitute and appoint Subsidiary, or any nominee of Subsidiary, with full power of substitution, as his, her or its true and lawful attorney and proxy, for and in his, her or its name, place and stead, to vote each of such Shares as his, her or its proxy, at every annual, special or adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Company (including the right to sign his, her or its name (as stockholder) to any consent, certificate or other document relating to the Company that may be permitted or required by applicable law) (i) in favor of the adoption of the Merger Agreement and approval of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, (ii) against any transaction pursuant to an Acquisition Proposal (as defined below) or any other action or agreement that would result in a breach of any covenant, representation or warranty or any other obligation or agreement of the Company under the Merger Agreement or which could result in any of the conditions to the Company's

obligations under the Merger Agreement not being fulfilled, and (iii) in favor of any other matter relating to consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Each Stockholder further agrees to cause the number of Shares as set forth opposite such Stockholder's name in Exhibit A hereto and all Shares over which he has voting power to be voted in accordance with the foregoing. Each Stockholder acknowledges receipt and review of a copy of the Merger Agreement.

- (b) Each Stockholder shall perform such further acts and execute such further documents and instruments as may reasonably be required to vest in Subsidiary the power to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.
- (c) The obligations of the Stockholders pursuant to this Article I shall terminate upon the earlier of (i) the Effective Time (as defined in the Merger Agreement) (ii) (x) 180 days after the termination of the Merger Agreement in case of termination that entitles Parent to a fee under Section 7.6 of the Merger Agreement, or (y) on the date of termination in the case of termination for any other reason.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES; COVENANTS OF THE STOCKHOLDER

 $\label{thm:covenant} \quad \text{The Stockholders hereby severally represent and warrant and covenant to Subsidiary as follows:}$

SECTION 2.01. Organization; Authorization. (a) Such Stockholder, if it is a corporation, is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and has the requisite power and authority and all necessary governmental approvals to own, lease and operate its properties and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted, except where the failure to be so organized, existing or in good standing or to have such power, authority and governmental approvals would not prevent or delay the performance in any material respect by such Stockholder of its obligations under this Agreement. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of each Stockholder.

- (b) Such Stockholder, if it is a limited partnership, (i) is a limited partnership duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, (ii) has all requisite partnership power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and (iii) the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of such Stockholder, except, with respect to clauses (i) and (ii) above, where the failure to be so organized, existing or in good standing or to have such power and authority would not prevent or delay in any material respect performance by such Stockholder of its obligations under this Agreement.
- (c) Such Stockholder, if it is a trust, (i) is duly formed as a trust under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation and its trust agreement is valid and in full force and effect, (ii) has all requisite power and authority under its trust instruments to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and (iii) the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of such Stockholder, except, with respect to clauses (i) and (ii) above, where the failure to be so formed or to have such power and authority would not prevent or delay in any material respect performance by such Stockholder of its obligations under this Agreement.
- (d) Such Stockholder, if it is an individual, has all legal capacity to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

(e) This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by or on behalf of each Stockholder and, assuming its due authorization, execution and delivery by Purchaser, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Stockholder, enforceable against each Stockholder in accordance with its terms.

SECTION 2.02. No Conflict; Required Filings and Consents. (a) The execution and delivery of this Agreement by such Stockholder do not, and the performance of this Agreement by such Stockholder will not, (i) conflict with or violate the Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws or equivalent organizational documents of such Stockholder (if any), (ii) conflict with or violate any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment or decree applicable to such Stockholder or by which it or any of its, his or her properties is bound or affected, or (iii) result in any breach of or constitute a default (or an event that with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, or give to another party any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation of, or result in the creation of a lien or encumbrance on any of the property or assets of such Stockholder, including, without limitation, the Shares, pursuant to, any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement, lease, license, permit, franchise or other instrument or obligation to which such Stockholder is a party or by which such Stockholder or any of its, his or her properties is bound or affected, except for any such breaches, defaults or other occurrences that would not prevent or delay the performance by such Stockholder of its obligations under this Agreement. There is no beneficiary or holder of a voting trust certificate or other interest of any trust of which the Stockholder is a trustee whose consent is required for the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation by the Stockholder of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(b) The execution and delivery of this Agreement by such Stockholder do not, and the performance of this Agreement by such Stockholder will not, require any consent, approval, authorization or permit of, or filing with or notification to, any governmental or regulatory authority, domestic or foreign, except (i) for applicable requirements, if any, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of 1976 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "HSR Act") and (ii) where the failure to obtain such consents, approvals, authorizations or permits, or to make such filings or notifications, would not prevent or materially delay the performance by such Stockholder of his or its obligations under this Agreement.

SECTION 2.03. Title to Shares. Such Stockholder is the record or beneficial owner of its Shares free and clear of any proxy or voting restriction other than pursuant to this Agreement. Such Shares are all the securities of the Company owned of record or beneficially by such Stockholder on the date of this Agreement.

SECTION 2.04 Acquisition Proposals. Until the termination of the Merger Agreement the Stockholder shall not, initiate, solicit, negotiate, encourage or provide

nonpublic or confidential information to facilitate, any proposal or offer to acquire all or any substantial part of the business or properties of the Company or any capital stock of the Company, whether by merger, purchase of assets, tender offer or otherwise, whether for cash, securities or any other consideration or combination thereof (any such transactions being referred to herein as an "Acquisition Transaction") or participate in any negotiations regarding, or furnish to any other person or entity any information with respect to, or otherwise cooperate in any way with, or assist or participate in, facilitate or encourage, any effort or attempt by any other person to do or seek any of the foregoing; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 2.04 shall prevent the Stockholder, in his capacity as a director or executive officer of the Company from engaging in any activity permitted pursuant to Section 6.5 of the Merger Agreement. From and after the execution of this Agreement, the Stockholder shall promptly (but in any event within 48 hours) notify Parent after receipt of any unsolicited written offer or proposal with respect to a potential or proposed Acquisition Transaction ("Acquisition Proposal"), indication of interest or request for nonpublic information relating to the Company or its subsidiaries in connection with an Acquisition Proposal that the Stockholder receives in his capacity as a Stockholder of the Company. Such notice to Subsidiary shall be made orally and in writing and shall indicate in reasonable detail the identity of the offeror and the terms and conditions of such proposal, inquiry or contact.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PARENT

Parent hereby represents and warrants to the Stockholders as

follows:

SECTION 3.01. Due Organization; Binding Agreement. Each of Parent and Subsidiary is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Each of Parent and Subsidiary has all necessary corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby by Parent and Subsidiary have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of each of Parent and Subsidiary. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by each of Parent and Subsidiary and, assuming its due authorization, execution and delivery by the Stockholders, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each of Parent and Subsidiary, enforceable against each of Parent and Subsidiary in accordance with its terms.

SECTION 3.02. No Conflict; Required Filings and Consents. (a) The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Parent and Subsidiary does not, and the performance of this Agreement by Parent and Subsidiary will not, (i) conflict with or violate

the organizational documents of either Parent or Subsidiary, (ii) conflict with or violate any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment or decree applicable to Parent or Subsidiary or by which Parent or Subsidiary or any property of Parent or Subsidiary is bound or affected, or (iii) result in any breach of or constitute a default (or an event that with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation of, or result in the creation of a lien or encumbrance on any of the property or assets of Parent or Subsidiary pursuant to, any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement, lease, license, permit, franchise or other instrument or obligation to which Parent or Subsidiary is bound or affected, except for any such breaches, defaults or other occurrences that would not prevent or materially delay the performance by Parent or Subsidiary of their obligations under this Agreement.

(b) The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Parent and Subsidiary do not, and the performance of this Agreement by Parent and Subsidiary will not, require any consent, approval, authorization or permit of, or filing with or notification to, any governmental or regulatory authority, domestic or foreign, except (i) for applicable requirements, if any, of the Exchange Act and the HSR Act and (ii) where the failure to obtain such consents, approvals, authorizations or permits, or to make such filings or notifications, would not prevent or delay the performance by Parent or Subsidiary of their obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 4.01. Notices. All notices and other communications given or made pursuant hereto shall be in writing and shall be given (and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt) by delivery in person, by cable, telecopy, telegram or telex or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) to the respective parties at the following addresses (or at such other address as shall be specified by notice given in accordance with this Section 4.01):

(a) if to Parent or Subsidiary:

Waste Management, Inc. 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 4000 Houston, Texas 77002 Attention: with a copy to:

Shearman & Sterling 599 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10022 Facsimile No: (212) 848-7179 Attention: John A. Marzulli, Jr., Esq.

(b) If to Stockholders to:

Eastern Environmental Services, Inc. 1000 Crawford Place Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054 Attention: Robert Kramer

with a copy to:

Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP 1345 Chestnut Street, Suite 110 Philadelphia, PA 1910-3496 Attention: H. John Michel, Jr.

SECTION 4.02. Headings. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

SECTION 4.03. Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law in an acceptable manner to the end that the transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the extent possible.

SECTION 4.04. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the parties, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

SECTION 4.05. Assignment. This Agreement shall not be assigned by operation-of law or otherwise.

SECTION 4.06. Parties in Interest. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of each party hereto, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any person any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

SECTION 4.07. Specific Performance. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event any provision of this Agreement was not performed in accordance with the terms hereof and that the parties shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms hereof, in addition to any other remedy at law or in equity.

SECTION 4.08. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware applicable to contracts executed in and to be performed in that State. All actions and proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be heard and determined in any Delaware state or federal court. THE STOCKHOLDERS AND SUBSIDIARY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT THEY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION BASED ON, ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT, COURSE OF DEALING, STATEMENT (VERBAL OR WRITTEN) OR ACTION OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OR SUBSIDIARY.

SECTION 4.09. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, and by the different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

 $\,$ IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ John E. Drury

Name: John E. Drury Title: Chief Executive Officer OCHO ACQUISITION CORPORATION By: /s/ Gregory T. Sangalis Name: Gregory T. Sangalis Title: Senior Vice President and Secretary STOCKHOLDERS /s/ Willard Miller Willard Miller /s/ Louis D. Paolino, Jr. Louis D. Paolino, Jr. /s/ Glen Miller Glen Miller /s/ George O. Moorehead George O. Moorehead /s/ Robert M. Kramer Robert M. Kramer /s/ Gregory M. Krzemien Gregory M. Krzemien

EXHIBIT A

LIST OF STOCKHOLDERS

Number of Shares of Company Common Stock owned Beneficially and of Record*

1. Willard Miller

2. Louis D. Paolino, Jr.

3. Glen Miller

4. George O. Moorehead

1. Number of Shares of Company Common Stock owned Beneficially and of Record*

940,074

1,298,781

1,037,895

357,297

6. Gregory M. Krzemien 101,885

5. Robert M. Kramer

50,000

^{*} Some of these numbers are approximate. Exact numbers will be provided as soon as possible.

Exhibit 99.3

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the persons named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a Statement on Schedule 13D (including amendments thereto) with respect to the common stock of Eastern Environmental Services, Inc., and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filing.

Dated: August 26, 1998 WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

By /s/ Gregory T. Sangalis

Name: Gregory T. Sangalis

Title: Senior Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary

OCHO ACQUISITION CORPORATION

By /s/ Gregory T. Sangalis

Name: Gregory T. Sangalis Title: Senior Vice President

and Secretary