

TRANSACTION AGREEMENT

BY AND AMONG

NORTEL NETWORKS LIMITED,

NORTEL NETWORKS INC.

AND

HITACHI, LTD.

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TRANSACTION AGREEMENT

This Transaction Agreement is dated as of October 25, 2009, among Nortel Networks Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of Canada (“**NNL**”), Nortel Networks Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware (“**NNI**” and, together with NNL, the “**Sellers**”), and Hitachi, Ltd., a corporation organized under the laws of Japan (the “**Purchaser**”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Sellers beneficially own and operate the Business (as defined below);

WHEREAS, on the Petition Date (as defined herein), NNL and certain Affiliates of the Sellers (together, the “**Canadian Debtors**”) filed with the Canadian Court (as defined below) an application for protection under the Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act (the “**CCAA**”) (the proceedings commenced by such application, the “**CCAA Cases**”) and were granted certain initial creditor protection pursuant to an order issued by the Canadian Court on the same date, which also appointed Ernst & Young Inc. as “**Monitor**” in connection with the CCAA Cases and was extended by further order of the Canadian Court on February 10, 2009, April 28, 2009 and July 30, 2009, as the same may be amended and restated from time to time by the Canadian Court;

WHEREAS, NNI and certain Affiliates of the Sellers (the “**U.S. Debtors**”) are debtors-in-possession under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (as defined below) having commenced cases under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on the Petition Date by filing voluntary petitions for relief in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”);

WHEREAS, the Sellers have agreed to transfer to the Purchaser and/or the Designated Purchaser (as defined below), and the Purchaser has agreed to purchase and assume, and cause the Designated Purchaser to purchase and assume, including, to the extent applicable, pursuant to Sections 363 and 365 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and pursuant to the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order, the Assets and the Assumed Liabilities (each as defined below) from the Sellers, upon the terms and conditions set forth hereinafter;

WHEREAS, the Parties (as defined below) acknowledge and agree that the purchase by the Purchaser (and the Designated Purchaser) of the Assets (as defined below), the license of Intellectual Property under the Intellectual Property License Agreement (as defined below), and the assumption by the Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser of the Assumed Liabilities (as defined below) are being made at arms’ length and in good faith and without intent to hinder, delay or defraud creditors of the Sellers and their Affiliates; and

WHEREAS, in addition, as of the Closing, the Purchaser (or Affiliates of the Purchaser) and certain Sellers (or Affiliates of the Sellers) will enter into (i) the Transition Services Agreement, a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and (ii) the Intellectual Property License Agreement, a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C, in each case in form and substance substantially similar to the corresponding Exhibits attached hereto ((i) and (ii) together, the “**Ancillary Agreements**”).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the respective covenants, representations and warranties made herein, and of the mutual benefits to be derived hereby (the sufficiency of which is acknowledged), the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

INTERPRETATION

Section 1.1 Definitions. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth below:

“**Action**” means any litigation, action, suit, charge, binding arbitration, Tax audit or investigation or other legal, administrative, regulatory or judicial proceeding.

“**Active RFPs**” means the “requests for proposals” or “requests for information” related to the Business, in each case which have been received by the Sellers but for which the due date has not yet occurred, the due date occurred within the last six (6) months prior to the date hereof or with respect to which there have been since the date ninety (90) days prior to the date hereof any discussions among the relevant parties.

“**Affiliate**” means, as to any Person, any other Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries Controls, or is under common Control with, or is Controlled by, such Person.

“**Agreement**” means this Transaction Agreement, the Sellers Disclosure Schedule and all Exhibits and Schedules attached hereto and thereto and all amendments hereto and thereto made in accordance with Section 10.4.

“**Ancillary Agreements**” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

“**Assets**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.1.

“**Assigned Intellectual Property**” means the Intellectual Property (other than Patents, invention disclosures and Trademarks) owned by the Sellers as of the Closing Date that is embodied as of the Closing Date in (i) the Software listed in Section 1.1(a)(i) of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule, which constitutes the Software predominately used in the Business and (ii) the Documentation listed in Section 1.1(a)(ii) of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule, which constitutes the Documentation exclusively used in the Business.

“**Assumed Liabilities**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.2.

“**Bankruptcy Consents**” has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1(a).

“**Bankruptcy Court**” means the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the Canadian Court, the English Court or any other court before which Bankruptcy Proceedings are held.

“Bankruptcy Laws” means the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, the CCAA, the Insolvency Act and the other applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, administration or similar Laws of any jurisdiction where Bankruptcy Proceedings are held.

“Bankruptcy Proceedings” means the Chapter 11 Cases, the CCAA Cases, the EMEA Cases and, in each case, any proceedings thereunder, as well as any other voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency, administration or similar judicial proceedings concerning any of the Sellers that are held from time to time.

“Bill of Sale” means the bill of sale in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit E.

“Business” means the business activities of the Sellers as of the date of this Agreement, individually or jointly, to design, develop, commercialize, customize and support the following Next Generation Packet Core network components: (A) a Next Generation Serving GPRS Support Node (**“SGSN”**) on Advance TeleComputing Architecture (**“ATCA”**), (B) a Next Generation Gateway GPRS Support Node (**“GGSN”**) on ATCA, (C) a Mobility Manager Element on ATCA, (D) a AGW Serving Gateway on ATCA, (E) a AGW Packet Data Gateway on ATCA and (F) a Network Element Manager associated with each of the aforementioned components (the components listed in (A) through (F) collectively, the **“Next Generation Packet Core Products”**). **“Business”** does not include (A) Overhead and Shared Services; and (B) any products and/or services provided by, or any of the business activities of any businesses or business segments of the Sellers or any of their Affiliates other than those specified above.

“Business Day” means a day on which the banks are opened for business (Saturdays, Sundays, statutory and civic holidays excluded) in (i) New York, New York, United States and (ii) Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

“Business Information” means all books, records, files, ledgers, marketing plans, sales literature or similar documents in the possession and control of the Sellers and to the extent that such information exclusively relates to the Business. **“Business Information”** shall be limited to copies of the foregoing. Business Information shall not include any Employee Records, Tax records or Documentation.

“Canadian Approval and Vesting Order” means an order of the Canadian Court among other things, approving the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements and vesting the Assets in the Purchaser or a Designated Purchaser, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit 5.2 (with such changes thereto as the Parties shall reasonably approve, provided that any material changes thereto shall require the Purchaser’s prior approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld).

“Canadian Approval and Vesting Order Motion” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.2.

“Canadian Court” means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

“Canadian Debtors” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

“Canadian Sales Process Order” means the order entered on September 29, 2009 approving the items described in the Canadian Sales Process Order Motion.

“Canadian Sales Process Order Motion” means the motion filed by the Canadian Debtors on September 22, 2009 with the Canadian Court seeking an order for approval of, among other things, a process of the sale of the Canadian Debtors’ rights, title and interests in and to the “Assets” (as defined therein).

“CCAA” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

“CCAA Cases” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

“CFIUS” means the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

“CFIUS Approval” means the period of time for any applicable review process by CFIUS under the Exon-Florio Amendment to the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the **“Exon-Florio Act”**) (including, if applicable, any investigation commenced thereunder), shall have expired or been terminated, CFIUS shall have provided a written notice to the effect that review of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement has been concluded and that a determination has been made that there are no issues of national security sufficient to warrant investigation under the Exon-Florio Act, or the President shall have made a decision not to block the transaction.

“Chapter 11 Cases” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

“Claim” has the meaning set forth in Section 101(5) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

“Closing” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.1.

“Closing Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.1.

“Code” means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“Confidentiality Agreement” means the (i) confidentiality agreement among the Purchaser, the Sellers listed therein and the Joint Administrators dated June 9, 2009, as amended, (ii) the packet core letter agreement among the Purchaser and the Sellers listed therein dated August 12, 2009 and (iii) the clean team confidentiality agreement among the Purchaser and NNL dated September 6, 2009, as well as any exhibits executed in connection therewith.

“Consent” means any approval, authorization, consent, order, license, permission, permit, qualification, exemption or waiver by, or notice to (including the expiry of any related notice or waiting period), any Government Entity or other Third Party.

“Contract” means any written binding contract, agreement, subcontract, purchase order, work order, sales order, indenture, note, bond, instrument, mortgage, commitment, covenant or undertaking.

“Control” (together with its correlative meanings, “Controlled by” and “under common Control with”) means, in connection with a given Person, the possession, directly or indirectly, or as trustee or executor, of the power to either (i) elect more than fifty percent (50%) of the directors of such Person or (ii) direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of securities, contract, credit arrangement or otherwise.

“Covered Assets and Persons” means the Business and the assets (including the Assets), tangible or intangible property, Liabilities, ownership, activities, businesses, operations, current and former shareholders, and current and former directors, officers, employees and agents of the Business.

“Cross-Border Protocol” means the certain Cross-Border Insolvency Protocol approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court pursuant to Section 105(a) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in an order dated January 15, 2009 and by the Canadian Court pursuant to an order dated January 14, 2009, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“Designated Purchaser” means Hitachi Communication Technologies America, Inc. or a corporation created or organized in the United States or under the Law of the United States that is a U.S. person for purposes of EAR, designated by the Purchaser by way of written notice to be deliver to the Sellers no later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the Closing Date, to purchase the Assets and/or assume specified Assumed Liabilities and/or employ the Transferring Employees.

“Documentation” means design documentation, product and commercial specifications, manufacturing documentation, user manuals, schematics, architectural designs, development notes, product development plans, manuals of test procedures, test plans, training documentation, and test results.

“EAR” means the U.S. Export Administration Regulations, set forth in 15 CFR Parts 730 through 772.

“EMEA Cases” means the proceedings commenced by the applications filed with the English Court on the Petition Date, pursuant to the Insolvency Act of 1986, as amended (the “Insolvency Act”) and the European Union’s Council Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000 on Insolvency Proceedings.

“EMEA Debtors” means the entities listed in Exhibit A hereto.

“Employee” means any of those persons listed in Section 4.7(b) of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule.

“Employee Information” has the meaning set forth in Section 4.7(b).

“Employee Records” means books, records, files, or other documentation with respect to Employees.

“Employee Transfer Date” means, with respect to each Employee who will become a Transferring Employee in accordance with this Agreement, 12:01 a.m. local time at such Employee’s work location, as indicated in the Employee Information, on the day following (i) the Closing Date with respect to Employees other than Inactive Employees and (ii) the end of the leave with respect to Inactive Employees.

“English Court” means the High Court of Justice of England and Wales.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

“Export Controls” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.19.

“GAAP” means the United States generally accepted accounting principles.

“Government Entity” means any U.S., Canadian and any other applicable supranational, foreign, domestic, federal, territorial, provincial, state, municipal or local governmental authority, quasi-governmental authority, instrumentality, court, government or self-regulatory organization, commission, tribunal, arbitral body or organization or any regulatory, administrative or other agency, or any political or other subdivision, department or branch of any of the foregoing, including the European Commission.

“GST” means goods and services Tax payable under Part IX of the Excise Tax Act (Canada).

“Inactive Employees” means Employees on Seller-approved leaves of absence who are expected to return and actually return to work within the relevant time period set out below. An Employee shall be an Inactive Employee for purposes hereof only if such individual is absent on a Seller approved leave of absence or any leave provided under applicable Law and is expected to return to work and actually returns to work in the time permitted for such leave under applicable Law and, for any other leave, is expected to return to work and actually returns to work in accordance with the terms of such leave but not longer than six (6) months following the Closing Date.

“Inbound License Agreement” means any Contract granting to the Sellers any license under or to Intellectual Property owned by a Third Party that is, as of the date hereof, incorporated in the Next Generation Packet Core Products.

“Insolvency Act” has the meaning set forth in the definition of the EMEA Cases.

“Intellectual Property” means any and all intellectual and industrial property rights, whether protected or arising under the Laws of the United States, Canada or any other jurisdiction, including all intellectual or industrial property rights in any of the following: (i) Trademarks; (ii) Patents, invention disclosures and inventions; (iii) works of authorship (including any registrations or applications for registration of copyrights); (iv) mask works; (v) trade secrets, know-how and confidential information; (vi) *sui generis* data base rights; (vii) industrial designs; and (viii) Software.

“Intellectual Property License Agreement” means the agreement to be entered into between the relevant Parties in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.

“Investment Canada Act” means the Investment Canada Act.

“IP Assignment Agreement” means the IP Assignment Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit F.

“ITAR” means the International Traffic In Arms Regulations, set forth in 22 CFR Parts 120 through 129.

“ITAR Approval” means the period of time for any applicable review under 22 CFR 122.4(b) of the ITAR shall have expired, or the Parties have been advised by the relevant Government Entity that such review is not required or has otherwise been completed.

“Joint Administrators” means Alan Bloom, Stephen Harris, Chris Hill and Alan Hudson of Ernst & Young LLP as joint administrators of all the EMEA Debtors (other than Nortel Networks (Ireland) Limited, for which David Hughes and Alan Bloom serve as joint administrators) as appointed by the English Court under the Insolvency Act.

“KDDI License” means that certain License Agreement between NNL and Hitachi Communication Technologies, Ltd. dated as of May 26, 2009, as amended as of July 22, 2009.

“Knowledge” or **“aware of”** or a similar phrase means, with reference to the Sellers, the actual knowledge of those Persons listed on Exhibit D hereto.

“Law” means any U.S., Canadian and any other applicable foreign, supranational, domestic, federal, territorial, state, provincial, local or municipal statute, law, common law, ordinance, rule, regulation, judicial, administrative or other order, writ, injunction, directive, judgment, decree or policy or guideline having the force of law.

“Liabilities” means debts, liabilities and obligations, whether accrued or fixed, direct or indirect, liquidated or unliquidated, absolute or contingent, matured or unmatured or determined or undeterminable, known or unknown, including those arising under any Law or Action and those arising under any Contract or otherwise, including any Tax liability.

“Licensed Intellectual Property” means the Intellectual Property being licensed to the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser under the Intellectual Property License Agreement.

“Lien” means any lien (statutory or otherwise), mortgage, pledge, security interest, charge, deemed trust, right of first refusal, hypothecation, encumbrance on real property, easement, encroachment, right-of-way, restrictive covenant on real property, real property license, lease or conditional sale arrangement.

“Losses” means all losses, damages, Liabilities, deficiencies, interest, awards, judgments, fines, penalties and reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses

(including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements and the costs of litigation, including reasonable amount paid in investigation, defense or settlement of an Action).

“Material Adverse Effect” means any circumstance, state of fact, event, change or effect (each an **“Effect”**) that, individually or in the aggregate with all other Effects, (a) is or could reasonably be materially adverse to the business, operations, assets, liabilities, results of operations or financial condition of the Business, taken as a whole, or (b) prevents or materially impedes or delays or could reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impede or delay the ability of the Sellers to perform their obligations under this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements or the timely consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, but excluding, for purposes of clauses (a) and (b), (i) Effects resulting from changes in general economic conditions in the United States or Canada, (ii) Effects arising from the execution or delivery of this Agreement or the public announcement thereof, (iii) Effects that result from any action required to be taken pursuant to this Agreement or any action taken pursuant to the written request or with the prior written consent of the Purchaser, (iv) Effects relating to the industries and markets to the Business relates, (v) Effects relating to changes in Law, generally accepted accounting principles or official interpretations of the foregoing, (vi) Effects relating to the pendency of the Bankruptcy Proceedings and any action approved by, or motion made before, the Bankruptcy Courts; it being understood that the failure of the Business to achieve internal or external financial forecasts or projections, by itself, will not constitute a Material Adverse Effect or (vii) Effects relating to the attrition of Employees; provided, that, with respect to clauses (i), (iv), and (v), any such Effect shall be included to the extent such Effect has a materially disproportionate effect on the Business, taken as a whole as compared to other similar business activities conducted by third parties.

“Monitor” means Ernst & Young Inc., in its capacity as the Canadian Court-appointed Monitor in connection with the CCAA Cases.

“NNI” has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

“NNL” has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

“NNTC” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.5(b).

“Next Generation Packet Core Products” has the meaning set forth in the definition of the Business.

“Non-Solicitation Period” means the twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Closing Date.

“Ordinary Course” means the ordinary course of business through the date of this Agreement consistent with past practice since the filing of the Bankruptcy Proceedings, as such practice may be modified from time to time to the extent necessary to reflect the Bankruptcy Proceedings.

“Overhead and Shared Services” means corporate or shared services provided to or in support of the Business that are general corporate or other overhead services and which are provided to both (i) the Business and (ii) other businesses or business segments of any

Seller, including research and development support services, travel and entertainment services, temporary labor services, office supplies services (including copiers and faxes), personal telecommunications services, computer hardware and software services for internal business operations, fleet services, energy/utilities services, procurement and supply arrangements, treasury services, public relations, legal, compliance and risk management services (including workers' compensation), payroll services, sales and marketing support services, information technology and telecommunications services for internal business operations, accounting services, tax services, human resources and employee relations management services, employee benefits services, credit, collections and accounts payable services, logistics services, property management services, environmental support services and customs and excise services, in each case including corporate or shared services relating to the provision of access to information, operating and reporting systems and databases and including all hardware and software and other Intellectual Property necessary for or used in connection with such corporate or shared services, including the Licensed Applications (as defined in the Transition Services Agreement).

"Outsourcing Contracts" means (i) Schedule A, dated January 1, 2009, to the services agreement, dated September 1, 2002, by and between NNL and Infosys Technologies Limited and (ii) Project Schedule #7, dated April 20, 2009, to the development agreement, dated October 25, 1999, by and between NNL f/k/a Nortel Networks Corporation and Guangdong Nortel Telecommunications Equipment Co. Ltd., in each case as amended through the date of this Agreement.

"Partial Allocation" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.7(b).

"Party" or **"Parties"** means individually or collectively, as the case may be, the Sellers and the Purchaser.

"Patents" means all national (including the United States and Canada) and multinational patents and utility models (petty patents) as well as all applications and provisional applications for any of the foregoing, and further including all reissues, divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, extensions and reexaminations thereof, and all rights therein provided by multinational treaties or conventions.

"Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, an association, a limited or unlimited liability company, a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture, an unincorporated organization or other legal entity or Government Entity.

"Petition Date" shall mean January 14, 2009, except that, with respect to Nortel Networks (CALA) Inc., it shall mean July 14, 2009.

"Pre-Closing Taxable Period" means any Taxable period ending on or prior to the Closing Date.

"Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2.

"Purchaser" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

“Purchaser Employee Plan” means any “employee benefit plan” within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA and any other employee benefit plan or agreement, including any profit sharing plan, savings plan, bonus plan, performance awards plan, incentive compensation plan, deferred compensation plan, stock purchase plan, stock option plan, vacation plan, leave of absence plan, employee assistance plan, automobile leasing/subsidy/allowance plan, severance plan or agreement, relocation plan, pension plan, supplemental pension plan, retirement plan, retirement savings plan, post-retirement plan, medical, health, hospitalization or life insurance plan, disability plan, sick leave plan, retention plan, education assistance plan, compensation arrangement, including any base salary arrangement, overtime, on-call or call-in policy, death benefit plan, or any other similar plan, program, arrangement or policy that is maintained or otherwise contributed to, or required to be maintained or contributed to, by or on behalf of the Purchaser, the Designated Purchaser or any of their Affiliates with respect to their employees employed in the United States.

“Qualified Expenditures” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.5(b).

“Records Custodian” means Deloitte & Touche LLP or in case such firm is unable to carry out its duties for whatever reason, such other auditing firm of international reputation that is acceptable to each of the Purchaser and the Sellers, each acting reasonably.

“Regulatory Approvals” means any Consent of any Government Entity required to occur or be obtained or filed in connection with the transactions contemplated herein.

“Representatives” means as to any Person, the attorneys, accountants, financing sources, consultants, financial advisors and other representatives and agents of such Person.

“Restricted Technical Records” means the Livelink database or any other similar database containing only all necessary documents with respect to the technical aspects of the Qualified Expenditures of NNTC or NNL in their 2002 and subsequent taxation years.

“Seller Consents” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.1(d).

“Seller Contracts” means the Contracts listed in Section 4.4 of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule.

“Seller Encumbrances” means (i) statutory Liens for Taxes or governmental assessments, charges or claims the payment of which is not yet due, or, if due, for Taxes the validity of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, and for which adequate reserves have been established to the extent required by GAAP, and which, during the pendency of any such contest, will not result in a forfeiture of any of the Assets; (ii) mechanics’, carriers’, workers’, repairers’, landlords’, warehouses and similar Liens arising or incurred in the Ordinary Course for sums not yet delinquent or overdue; (iii) Liens arising hereunder; (iv) any Liens imposed by any Bankruptcy Court in connection with the Bankruptcy Proceedings that are to be discharged at Closing pursuant to the terms of the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order and the U.S. Sale Order; (v) zoning, entitlement, building and land use regulations, customary covenants, easements, rights of way, restrictions and other similar charges or encumbrances which do not impair, individually or in the aggregate, in any material respect the use, or value of the related Assets in the Business as currently conducted provided that same are complied with

in all material respects; and (vi) minor title defects or irregularities which do not impair, individually or in the aggregate, in any material respect the use or value of the related Assets in the Business as currently conducted.

“Seller Employee Plan” means (i) any “employee benefit plan” within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA and any other employee benefit plan or agreement, including any profit sharing plan, savings plan, bonus plan, performance awards plan, incentive compensation plan, deferred compensation plan, stock purchase plan, stock option plan, vacation plan, leave of absence plan, employee assistance plan, automobile leasing/subsidy/allowance plan, meal allowance plan, severance plan or agreement, relocation plan, pension plan, supplemental pension plan, retirement plan, retirement savings plan, post-retirement plan, medical, health, hospitalization or life insurance plan, disability plan, sick leave plan, retention plan, education assistance plan, compensation arrangement, including any base salary arrangement, overtime, on-call or call-in policy, death benefit plan, or any other similar plan, program, arrangement or policy under which the Sellers or any of their Subsidiaries or Affiliates have any Liabilities, or that is maintained or otherwise contributed to, or required to be maintained or contributed to, by or on behalf of the Sellers or any of their Subsidiaries or Affiliates, in each case with respect to Employees, and (ii) any other employee benefit plan with respect to which the Purchaser or any of its Affiliates could have any Liability as a result of the Sellers or any of their Subsidiaries or Affiliates maintaining such plan prior to the Closing Date.

“Seller Insurance Policies” means all current or previous insurance policies of the Sellers and their Affiliates, including all environmental, directors’ and officers’ Liability, fiduciary Liability, employed lawyers, property and casualty flood, ocean marine, contaminated products insurance policies and all other insurance policies or programs arranged or otherwise provided or made available by the Sellers or their Affiliates that cover (or covered) any of the Covered Assets and Persons at any time prior to the Closing.

“Sellers” has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

“Sellers Disclosure Schedule” means the disclosure schedule delivered by the Sellers to the Purchaser on the date hereof.

“Software” means any and all (i) computer programs, in source code or object code, and (ii) computerized databases and compilations.

“Straddle Period” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3(b).

“Subsidiary” of any Person means any Person Controlled by such first Person.

“Supplier Contracts” has the meaning set forth in Section 4.4(i).

“Tax” means (a) any domestic or foreign federal, state, local, provincial, territorial or municipal taxes or other impositions by or on behalf of any Government Entity, including the following taxes and impositions: net income, gross income, individual income, capital, value added, goods and services, gross receipts, sales, use, ad valorem, business rates, transfer, franchise, profits, business, environmental, real property, personal property, service, service use, withholding, payroll, employment, unemployment, severance, occupation, social

security, excise, stamp, stamp duty reserve, customs, and all other taxes, fees, duties, assessments, deductions, withholdings or charges of the same or of a similar nature, however denominated, together with any interest and penalties, additions to tax or additional amounts imposed or assessed with respect thereto, and (b) any obligation to pay Taxes of a Third Party, whether by contract, as a result of transferee or successor liability, as a result of being a member of an affiliated, consolidated, combined or unitary group for any period or otherwise.

“Tax Authority” means any local, municipal, governmental, state, provincial, territorial, federal, including any U.S. or Canadian or other fiscal, customs or excise authority, body or officials (or any entity or individual acting on behalf of such authority, body or officials) anywhere in the world with responsibility for, and competent to impose, collect or administer, any form of Tax.

“Tax Credit Purchaser” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.5(b).

“Tax Returns” means all returns, reports (including elections, declarations, disclosures, schedules, estimates and information returns) and other information filed or required to be filed with any Tax Authority relating to Taxes, including any amendments thereto.

“Termination Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.1(b).

“Third Party” means any Person that is neither a Party nor an Affiliate of a Party.

“Trademarks” means all trademarks, service marks, trade dress, logos, trade names, corporate names, business names, Internet domain names, whether or not registered, together with all goodwill associated therewith and including all common law rights, and registrations, applications for registration and renewals thereof, including all marks registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the trademark offices of the states and territories of the United States of America, and the trademark offices of other nations throughout the world (including the Canadian Intellectual Property Office), and all rights therein provided by multinational treaties or conventions.

“Transfer Taxes” means all goods and services, sales, excise, use, transfer, gross receipts, documentary, filing, recordation, value-added, stamp, stamp duty reserve, and all other similar Taxes, duties or other like charges, however denominated (including any real property transfer Taxes and conveyance and recording fees and notarial fees), together with interest, penalties and additional amounts imposed with respect thereto.

“Transfer Tax Returns” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.6(a).

“Transferring Employee” means Employees who accept an offer of employment by, and commence employment with, the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser in accordance with the terms of Section 7.1.

“Transition Services Agreement” means the agreement to be entered into between the relevant Sellers and the Purchaser and/or the Designated Purchaser on the Closing Date substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

“Transferred Tangible Assets” means the equipment and other tangible assets listed in Section 1.1(b) of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule, and including (x) with respect to any nodes, all components thereof and parts attached thereto, and (y) all frames used exclusively in the Business and owned by Sellers on which any such assets are installed, and excluding in all cases any Intellectual Property.

“Treasury Regulations” means the regulations promulgated under the Code.

“U.S. Bankruptcy Code” means Title 11 of the United States Code.

“U.S. Bankruptcy Court” means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

“U.S. Bankruptcy Rules” means the U.S. Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

“U.S. Debtors” has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

“U.S. Sale Order” means an order of the Bankruptcy Court under Sections 105, 363 and 365 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, approving the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, including the sale of the Assets to the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser, the license of the Licensed Intellectual Property to the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser, and the assumption by the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser of the Assumed Liabilities, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit 5.1 (with such changes thereto as the Parties shall reasonably approve, provided that any material changes thereto shall require the Purchaser’s prior approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld and it being understood that certain of the provisions of the U.S. Sale Order must constitute findings of fact or conclusions of Law to be made by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.).

“WARN Act” means the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act or any similar Law requiring notice to employees in the event of a plant closing or mass layoff.

Section 1.2 Interpretation.

1.2.1 Gender and Number.

Any reference in this Agreement to gender includes all genders and words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.

1.2.2 Certain Phrases and Calculation of Time.

In this Agreement (i) the words “including” and “includes” mean “including (or includes) without limitation”, (ii) the terms “hereof,” “herein,” and “herewith” and words of similar import shall, unless otherwise stated, be construed to refer to this Agreement and not to any particular provision of this Agreement, and Article, Section, paragraph, Exhibit and Schedule references are to the Articles, Sections, paragraphs, Exhibits and Schedules to this Agreement unless otherwise specified, and (iii) in the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, unless otherwise expressly stated, the word “from” means

“from and including” and the words “to” and “until” each mean “to but excluding”. If the last day of any such period is not a Business Day, such period will end on the next Business Day.

When calculating the period of time “within” which, “prior to” or “following” which any act or event is required or permitted to be done, notice given or steps taken, the date which is the reference date in calculating such period is excluded from the calculation. If the last day of any such period is not a Business Day, such period will end on the next Business Day.

1.2.3 Headings, etc.

The inclusion of a table of contents, the division of this Agreement into Articles and Sections and the insertion of headings are for convenient reference only and are not to affect or be used in the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

1.2.4 Currency.

All monetary amounts in this Agreement, unless otherwise specifically indicated, are stated in United States currency. All calculations and estimates to be performed or undertaken, unless otherwise specifically indicated, are to be expressed in United States currency. All payments required under this Agreement shall be paid in United States currency in immediately available funds, unless otherwise specifically indicated herein. Where another currency is to be converted into United States currency it shall be converted on the basis of the exchange rate published in the *Wall Street Journal* newspaper for the day in question.

1.2.5 Miscellaneous.

Unless otherwise specifically indicated, any reference to a statute in this Agreement refers to that statute and to the regulations made under that statute as in force from time to time.

ARTICLE II

PURCHASE AND SALE OF ASSETS

Section 2.1 Purchase and Sale.

2.1.1 Assets.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, at the Closing, the Purchaser shall, and shall cause the Designated Purchaser to, purchase or accept assignment and assume from the relevant Sellers (including legal title, equitable title and risk of loss), and each Seller shall transfer or assign to the Purchaser, or the Designated Purchaser, all of such Seller's right, title and interest in and to the assets described in clauses (a) through (e) of this Section 2.1.1 (such assets, the “**Assets**”): (x) in the case of Assets that are transferred or assigned by U.S. Debtors, free and clear of all Liens, Claims and interests (other than Seller Encumbrances of a type described in clauses (v) and (vi) of the definition thereof and Assumed Liabilities or with respect to the Assigned Intellectual Property, as expressly provided in Section 2.1.1(b) below) pursuant to and to the extent provided by Sections 363 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and (y) in

the case of Assets that are transferred or assigned by Canadian Debtors, free and clear of all Liens (other than Seller Encumbrances of a type described in clauses (v) and (vi) of the definition thereof and Assumed Liabilities or with respect to the Assigned Intellectual Property, as expressly provided in Section 2.1.1(b) below) pursuant to the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order, when granted:

- (a) the Transferred Tangible Assets as of the Closing Date;
- (b) the Assigned Intellectual Property as of the Closing Date, subject to any and all licenses granted under such Intellectual Property prior to the Closing Date, together with (A) the right, if any, to register, prosecute, maintain and defend the Assigned Intellectual Property before any public or private agency or registrar; and (B) the right to sue and recover damages or other compensation for past or future infringements or misappropriations thereof, the right to sue and obtain equitable relief in respect of such infringements or misappropriations and the right to fully and entirely stand in the place of the Sellers in all matters related thereto;
- (c) all rights as of the Closing under all warranties, representations and guarantees made by suppliers, manufacturers and contractors to the extent related to the Transferred Tangible Assets and the Assigned Intellectual Property;
- (d) to the extent assignable under applicable Law, all Consents of Government Entities that exclusively pertain to the Business and for which Purchaser has agreed to accept assignment (the “**Seller Consents**”); and
- (e) the material Business Information existing as of the Closing Date.

2.1.2 Assumed Liabilities.

Subject to the terms of this Agreement, at the Closing, the Purchaser shall, and shall cause the Designated Purchaser to, assume and become responsible for, and perform, discharge and pay when due, solely the Liabilities described in clauses (a) through (e) of this Section 2.1.2 (the “**Assumed Liabilities**”):

- (a) all Liabilities to the extent related to the conduct, operation or ownership of the Business by the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser and their respective Affiliates and licensees and assignees (but only to the extent acquired by the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser hereunder) after the Closing Date, including (i) all such Liabilities with respect to the ownership, exploitation and operation of the Assets incurred on or after the Closing Date, and (ii) all such Liabilities related to Actions or claims related to or arising from the conduct, operation or ownership of the Assets after the Closing Date;
- (b) all Liabilities for, or related to or arising from any obligation for, any Tax that the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser bears under ARTICLE VI;
- (c) all Liabilities related to or arising from: (i) the Purchaser’s (or any of its Affiliates’) employment or termination of employment of Transferring Employees arising after the Closing Date; (ii) the terms of any offer of employment to any Employee who is provided an offer pursuant to Section 7.1 of this Agreement; (iii) the Purchaser’s (or any of its Affiliates’)

decision to make or not make offers of employment to Employees, to the extent such offer violates applicable Law with respect to discrimination among employees or potential employees; and (iv) the failure of the Purchaser (or any of its Affiliates) to satisfy its obligations with respect to the Employees, including the Transferring Employees, as set out in ARTICLE VII, except in each case above to the extent arising from any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties of the Sellers in Section 4.7 hereof;

(d) all Liabilities arising from or in connection with the performance of Contracts, if any, assigned pursuant to Section 5.18 after the Closing Date; and

(e) all Liabilities related to Transferring Employees expressly assumed by the Purchaser as set forth in ARTICLE VII, except to the extent arising from any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties of the Sellers in Section 4.7.

For the avoidance of doubt, none of the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser, as applicable, shall pursuant to this Agreement, any Ancillary Agreement, the Bill of Sale, the IP Assignment Agreement or any other agreement or instrument delivered pursuant hereto assume or be deemed to have assumed any Liabilities of the Sellers or any Third Party other than the Assumed Liabilities. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, neither the Purchaser nor the Designated Purchaser shall assume or be deemed to have assumed any Liabilities for any indebtedness of the Sellers and their Affiliates, any Liabilities arising out of the Contracts that are not assigned to the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser hereunder, any accounts payable or trade payables of the Sellers, including intercompany payables, any fees or commissions of any brokers, funds or investment banks in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of the Sellers or any of their Affiliates, or any Liabilities for, or related to any obligation for, any Tax that is not expressly assumed by the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser pursuant to ARTICLE VI of this Agreement or pursuant to any other agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any income or gross receipts Tax imposed on any of the Sellers).

2.1.3 EMEA Debtors.

None of the EMEA Debtors or the Joint Administrators shall assume, or be deemed to assume, any Liability whatsoever under this Agreement and nothing in this Agreement shall apply to, or govern, the sale, assignment, transfer, retention or assumption of assets, rights, properties or Liabilities of, or by, any EMEA Debtors or the Joint Administrators in any manner whatsoever. The Purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim under this Agreement, or assert any right hereunder, against any Person other than the Sellers.

2.1.4 Non-Assignable Assets.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if a Consent of a Third Party (including a Government Entity) has not been obtained on or prior to Closing, then, unless such Consent is subsequently obtained, this Agreement shall not constitute an agreement to sell, transfer or assign, directly or indirectly, any Asset or any obligation or benefit arising thereunder if an attempted direct or indirect sale, transfer or assignment thereof, without such Consent, would constitute a breach, default, violation or other contravention of the rights of such

Third Party or would be ineffective with respect to any party to a Contract concerning such Asset; provided, however, that the Sellers shall use their reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser in connection with any commercially reasonable arrangement to provide the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser the same interest, benefits and rights with respect to such Asset as the applicable Seller had immediately prior to the Closing.

Section 2.2 Purchase Price. Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, in consideration of the sale of the Assets pursuant to the terms hereof, and of the rights granted by the Sellers under the Intellectual Property License Agreement, the Purchaser, on its own behalf or as agent for the Designated Purchaser, shall, or shall cause the Designated Purchaser to, (x) assume and become obligated to perform, discharge and pay, when due, the Assumed Liabilities and (y) pay to the Sellers an aggregate amount of cash (the “**Purchase Price**”) equal to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).

Section 2.3 Closing.

2.3.1 Closing Date.

The completion of the purchase and sale of the Assets and the assumption of the Assumed Liabilities (the “**Closing**”) shall take place at the offices of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in New York, New York, commencing at 10:00 a.m. local time on (i) the date which is three (3) Business Days after the day upon which all of the conditions set forth under ARTICLE VIII (other than conditions to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the waiver or fulfillment of those conditions) have been satisfied, or if permissible, waived by the Sellers and/or the Purchaser (as applicable), or (ii) on such other place, date and time as shall be mutually agreed upon in writing by the Purchaser and the Sellers (the day on which the Closing takes place being the “**Closing Date**”).

2.3.2 Closing Actions and Deliveries.

(a) At the Closing, the Sellers and the Purchaser shall, and where applicable the Purchaser shall cause the Designated Purchaser to, execute and deliver (i) the Ancillary Agreements, (ii) the Bill of Sale and (iii) the IP Assignment Agreement, in each case to which it is contemplated that the respective Sellers, the Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser will be parties, substantially in the forms attached hereto;

(b) At the Closing, each Seller shall deliver to the Purchaser:

(i) in the case of a Seller that is a “United States person” within the meaning of Section 7701 of the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations, a duly executed certificate of non-foreign status in accordance with Section 1445 of the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations; and

(ii) (x) a duly executed certificate certifying that such Seller is not a non-resident of Canada for purposes of section 116 of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or (y) in the case of a Seller that is a non-resident of Canada for purposes of section 116 of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), a duly executed certificate certifying that the Assets transferred or assigned to the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser pursuant to this

Agreement by such Seller do not include any taxable Canadian property as defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), of such non-resident Seller.

(c) At the Closing, the Purchaser shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Sellers:

(i) an amount equal to the Purchase Price, on behalf of itself and as agent for the Designated Purchaser, by wire transfer in immediately available funds to an account designated by the Sellers in a written notice to the Purchaser at least ten (10) days prior to the Closing Date; and

(ii) a duly executed certificate of an executive officer of the Purchaser certifying the fulfillment of the conditions set forth in Section 8.2.

(d) At the Closing, NNI shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Purchaser a duly executed certificate of an executive officer of NNI certifying the fulfillment of the conditions set forth in Section 8.3.

(e) At the Closing, the Sellers shall deliver all of the Assets to the Designated Purchaser.

(f) At the Closing, each Party shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the other any other documents reasonably requested by such other Party in order to effect, or evidence the consummation of, the transactions contemplated herein.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE PURCHASER

The Purchaser hereby represents and warrants to the Sellers as follows:

Section 3.1 Organization and Corporate Power.

(a) The Purchaser is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of Japan. The Designated Purchaser is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of Delaware and a U.S person for purposes of EAR. The Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser has the requisite corporate power and authority to (i) enter into, deliver and perform its obligations pursuant to this Agreement and each of the Ancillary Agreements to which it will be party and (ii) to own, lease and operate its assets (including the Assets).

(b) The Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser is duly qualified or licensed to own or lease and operate its properties and assets (including the Assets), and is in good standing, in each jurisdiction in which its ownership of assets or operation of business requires it to so qualify or to be so licensed, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or licensed would not materially hinder, delay or impair the Purchaser's or the Designated

Purchaser's ability to carry out its obligations under, and to consummate the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements.

Section 3.2 Authorization; Binding Effect; No Breach.

(a) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements have been duly authorized by the Purchaser. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Purchaser, and this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements have been or will be duly executed and delivered by the Purchaser. Assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the relevant Sellers, this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements constitutes, or upon execution thereof will constitute, a valid and binding obligation of the Purchaser, enforceable against such Person in accordance with its respective terms, except as such enforceability is limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at Law.

(b) The execution, delivery and performance by the Purchaser of this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements do not and will not conflict with or result in a breach of the terms, conditions or provisions of, constitute a default under, result in a violation of, give to any Person any right of termination, amendment, modification, acceleration or cancellation or any preemptive right or right to the payment of any penalty under, or require any Consent or approval (other than the Regulatory Approvals, if applicable) or other action by or declaration or notice to any Government Entity pursuant to (i) the articles, charter or by-laws of the Purchaser, (ii) any Contract to which the Purchaser is a party or to which any of its assets is subject or (iii) any Laws to which the Purchaser or any of its assets is subject, except, in the case of (ii) and (iii) above, for such defaults, violations, actions and notifications that have not materially hindered, delayed or impaired, and would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, materially hinder, delay or impair, the performance by the Purchaser of any of its obligations under this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements.

Section 3.3 Financing.

The Purchaser has, as of the date hereof, and will have as of the Closing (i) sufficient funds available for purposes of paying the Purchase Price and paying any other amount due hereunder or in respect hereof and (ii) the resources and capabilities (financial or otherwise) to perform its obligations hereunder, including the Assumed Liabilities. The Purchaser has not, as of the date hereof, and will not have as of the Closing, incurred any obligation, commitment, restriction or liability of any kind, which would materially impair or adversely affect such resources and capabilities. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Purchaser's obligations to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are not conditioned or contingent in any way upon the receipt of financing from any Person.

Section 3.4 Purchaser's Acknowledgments; Exclusivity of Representations and Warranties.

The Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that (i) except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth herein or in any Ancillary Agreement, the Purchaser has not relied on any representation or warranty from the Sellers or any Affiliate of the Sellers or any employee, officer, director, accountant, financial, legal or other Representative of the Sellers or its Affiliates in determining whether to enter into this Agreement; (ii) except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth herein or in any Ancillary Agreement, none of the Sellers or any employee, officer, director, accountant, financial, legal or other Representative of the Sellers or any Affiliate of the Sellers has made any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the Business (or the value or future thereof) or the Assets (including any implied representation or warranty as to the condition, merchantability, suitability or fitness for a particular purpose of any of the Assets, including under the International Convention on Contracts for the Sale of Goods (Geneva Convention) and any other applicable sale of goods Laws), the Assumed Liabilities, or any Affiliate of any such Person or the accuracy or completeness of any information regarding any of the foregoing that the Sellers or any other Person furnished or made available to the Purchaser and its Representatives (including any projections, estimates, budgets, offering memoranda, management presentations or due diligence materials).

Section 3.5 Brokers.

Except for fees and commissions that will be paid by the Purchaser, no broker, finder or investment banker is entitled to any brokerage, finder's or similar fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of the Purchaser or any of its Affiliates.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE SELLERS

Except (a) for disclosure in any section of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule of any facts or circumstances, whether or not such disclosure is specifically associated with or purports to respond to one or more of such representations or warranties, if it is reasonably apparent on its face from the text of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule that such disclosure is applicable, or (b) as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, each of the Sellers jointly and severally represents and warrants to the Purchaser as set forth in this ARTICLE IV:

Section 4.1 Organization and Corporate Power.

(a) Each Seller is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction in which it is organized. Subject to entry of the U.S. Sale Order in the case of the U.S. Debtors and the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order in the case of the Canadian Debtors and receipt of other Consents from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and the Canadian Court in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and in the Ancillary Agreements (collectively, the “**Bankruptcy Consents**”), each of the Sellers has the requisite corporate power and authority to (i) enter into, deliver and perform its obligations pursuant to each of this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements to which it is or will become a party and

(ii) own, lease and operate its assets, including the Assets, as applicable, and to carry on the Business as it is now being conducted.

(b) Each of the Sellers is duly qualified or licensed to do business and to own, lease and operate its properties and assets, including the Assets, and to carry on the Business as it is currently being conducted, as applicable in each jurisdiction in which its ownership of property or conduct of business relating to the Business requires it to so qualify or to be so licensed and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which its ownership of property or conduct of business relating to the Business requires it to so qualify or be licensed, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified, licensed or in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially hinder, delay or impair the performance by the Sellers of any of their obligations under this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements.

Section 4.2 Authorization; Binding Effect; No Breach.

(a) Subject to the receipt of the Bankruptcy Consents (i) the execution, delivery and performance by each Seller of this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements has been duly authorized by such Seller, (ii) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Sellers, and the Ancillary Agreements have been or will be executed and delivered by the Sellers thereto. Subject to receipt of the Bankruptcy Consents, and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Purchaser, this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Seller, enforceable against such Person in accordance with its respective terms.

(b) Subject to receipt of the Bankruptcy Consents (where applicable), the execution, delivery and performance by each Seller of this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements (without giving effect to Section 2.1.4 or to Section 2(f) of the Transition Services Agreement or any similar provision in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements) do not and will not conflict with or result in a breach of the terms, conditions or provisions of, constitute a default under, result in a violation of, give to any Person any right of termination, amendment, modification, acceleration or cancellation or any preemptive right or right to the payment of any penalty under, or result in the creation or imposition of any Lien upon any of the Assets, or require any Consent or approval (other than the Regulatory Approvals and the Bankruptcy Consents) or other action by or declaration or notice to any Government Entity pursuant to (i) the articles, charter or by-laws of the relevant Sellers, (ii) any Contract to which the relevant Seller is a party or to which any of their Assets are subject, (iii) any order of any Government Entity applicable to any Seller or by which any of their Assets are bound or (iv) any Laws to which any of the Sellers or any of their Assets are subject, except, in the case of (ii), (iii), and (iv) above, for such defaults, violations and notifications that, individually or in the aggregate, have not materially hindered, delayed or impaired, and would not reasonably be expected to materially hinder, delay or impair, the performance by the Sellers of any of their obligations under this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements.

Section 4.3 Title to Transferred Tangible Assets. Except for Seller Encumbrances, the Transferred Tangible Assets are owned beneficially by one or more of the Sellers, free and clear of all Liens, and such Sellers have good and marketable title thereto.

Section 4.4 Seller Contracts.

To the Knowledge of the Sellers, Section 4.4 of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule sets forth, as of the date hereof:

- (i) all of the material agreements with Third Parties providing, as of the date hereof, goods, services or licenses to the Business (excluding all Inbound License Agreements, all of which are addressed in Section 4.5 below) (the “**Supplier Contracts**”);
- (ii) the Active RFPs and related agreements; and
- (iii) the Outsourcing Contracts ((i), (ii) and (iii), collectively, the “**Seller Contracts**”).

Sellers do not have, and have not had, any Contracts for the sale of the Next Generation Packet Core Products with respect to the Business.

To the knowledge of the Sellers, none of the Supplier Contracts is exclusive to the Business.

Section 4.5 Intellectual Property.

(a) To the Knowledge of the Sellers, NNL owns all right, title and interest in and to the Assigned Intellectual Property.

(b) To the Knowledge of the Sellers, no Seller has received any written assertions during the two (2) years prior to the date hereof that (i) the operation of the Business infringes, misappropriates or violates any Intellectual Property right of any Third Party; or (ii) the use or exploitation of any of the Assigned Intellectual Property infringes or violates any Intellectual Property of or was misappropriated from a Third Party.

(c) To the Knowledge of the Sellers, as of the date hereof, there has been no assertion or claim made in writing to the Sellers during the two (2) years prior to the date hereof asserting invalidity, misuse or unenforceability of any Assigned Intellectual Property or challenging the Sellers’ right to use, right to transfer, or ownership of the Assigned Intellectual Property.

(d) To the Knowledge of the Sellers, NNL has the right and power to grant the licenses to be granted to the Purchaser pursuant to the Intellectual Property License Agreement.

(e) To the Knowledge of the Sellers, Section 4.5(e) of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule sets forth a list of all material Inbound License Agreements.

(f) To the Knowledge of the Sellers, the Assigned Intellectual Property is not subject to any Liens other than Seller Encumbrances.

(g) To the Knowledge of the Sellers, no Software included in the Assigned Intellectual Property is distributed under or has been made subject to any Open Source Software License (as defined in the Intellectual Property License Agreement).

(h) To the Knowledge of the Sellers, as of the Closing Date, no exclusive licenses will have been granted to any Person with respect to any Assigned Intellectual Property.

(i) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, this Section 4.5 consists of the sole representation and warranty in this Agreement regarding non-infringement, non-violation and non-misappropriation of Intellectual Property.

Section 4.6 Litigation.

As of the date hereof, except for the Bankruptcy Proceedings there is no material Action pending or, to the Knowledge of the Sellers, threatened, against or in respect of the Business or the Assets. As of the date hereof, except for orders and settlements entered in connection with the Bankruptcy Proceedings, there is no order or settlement to which the Sellers are subject that directly and materially affects or restricts the ownership of the Assets, Assumed Liabilities or the Business.

Section 4.7 Labor and Employee Benefits Matters.

(a) Section 4.7(a) of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule contains a list of all material Seller Employee Plans. The Sellers have provided the Purchaser with a true and complete copy of the plan document or summary plan description of each Seller Employee Plan listed in Section 4.7(a) of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule or, if such plan document or summary plan description does not exist, an accurate written summary of such Seller Employee Plan.

(b) The information contained in Section 4.7(b) of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule in respect of the Employees (the “**Employee Information**”) is accurate in all material respects as of the date hereof, and sets forth with respect to each Employee (except where not permissible under applicable data privacy Laws): (i) unique identifier, (ii) service date, (iii) position, (iv) annual base salary and annual target incentive (v) work location, (vi) visa type, if any, (vii) vacation accrual rate, (viii) status as full-time or part-time, (ix) telecommuter arrangement, if any, and (x) status as an Inactive Employee, type of leave and expected date of return to work, if known.

(c) No Employee is covered by a collective bargaining agreement. There has not been for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the date hereof, nor is there existent or, to the Sellers’ Knowledge, has there been threatened, any strike, slowdown, lockout, picketing or work stoppage against the Sellers or any of their Affiliates by or on behalf of any of the Employees.

(d) For a period of twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the date hereof, no petition has been filed or proceedings instituted by a union, works council, collective bargaining agent, employee or group of employees with any Government Entity seeking recognition of a collective bargaining agent with respect to any Employees, no voluntary recognition has been given by the Sellers or any Affiliate, and, to the Sellers’ Knowledge, no such organizational

effort is currently being made or has been threatened in writing by or on behalf of any union, employee, group of employees or collective bargaining agent to organize any Employees.

(e) With respect to the Employees, the Sellers and their Affiliates are in material compliance with all applicable Laws respecting employment and employment practices, including, without limitation, all Laws respecting terms and conditions of employment, health and safety, wages and hours, child labor, immigration, employment discrimination, disability rights or benefits, equal opportunity, the WARN Act, affirmative action, workers' compensation, labor relations and employee leaves.

(f) The consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not, either alone or in combination with another event, (i) entitle any Employee to severance pay or any other payment, except to the extent such severance pay is required under applicable Law or any Seller Employee Plan or (ii) accelerate the time of payment or vesting, or increase the amount of compensation due any such Employee.

Section 4.8 Brokers.

Except for fees and commissions that will be paid or otherwise settled or provided for by the Sellers, no broker, finder or investment banker is entitled to any brokerage, finder's or other similar fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of the Sellers or any of their Affiliates.

Section 4.9 Taxes.

No material Liens for Taxes (other than Seller Encumbrances) exist with respect to any of the Assets.

Section 4.10 Valid Transfers.

The transfer of Assets and the grant of rights pursuant to the Intellectual Property License Agreement by the Sellers to the Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser, as applicable, pursuant to this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements has been and will be made at arms length and in good faith and without intent to hinder, delay or defraud creditors of the Sellers or their Affiliates, and the Sellers acknowledge that they have received, in the aggregate, fair consideration and reasonably equivalent value for the purchase by the Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser of the Assets, the rights granted pursuant to the Intellectual Property License Agreement and the assumption by the Purchaser of the Assumed Liabilities hereunder and under the Ancillary Agreements.

Section 4.11 Interdependency Schedule.

Section 4.11 of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule sets out a matrix describing the material technology platforms that are shared between the Business and the other businesses of the Sellers.

Section 4.12 EMEA Debtors unrelated to Business or Assets.

None of the EMEA Debtors (i) owns in whole or in part any of the Assets; (ii) is a beneficiary under any Seller Contracts or (iii) employs any Employee.

Section 4.13 Sellers' Acknowledgment; Exclusivity of Representations and Warranties.

The Sellers acknowledge and agree that except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth herein or in any Ancillary Agreement, the Sellers have not relied on any representation or warranty from the Purchaser or any Affiliate of the Purchaser or any employee, officer, director, accountant, financial, legal or other Representative of the Purchaser or its Affiliates in determining whether to enter into this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements.

Section 4.14 Investment Canada Act.

The aggregate value of the Assets, determined in accordance with the Investment Canada Act (Canada) and regulations thereunder, is less than CDN\$312 million, and the Business is not a cultural business within the meaning of the Investment Canada Act.

Section 4.15 Competition Act.

The value of the Assets in Canada, and the gross revenues from sales in or from Canada generated from those Assets, determined in accordance with Part IX of the Competition Act (Canada) and the regulations thereunder, are less than CDN\$70 million.

Section 4.16 ITAR.

With respect to the Business, the Assets, and the Ancillary Agreements, neither the Sellers nor any of their Affiliates are currently required to obtain any ITAR licenses or other approvals for any of such products, services or technologies.

ARTICLE V

COVENANTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS

Section 5.1 U.S. Bankruptcy Actions.

As promptly as practicable after the date hereof, the Sellers who are U.S. Debtors shall (i) file a notice of successful bidder with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court seeking approval by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the U.S. Sale Order; (ii) notify, as required by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, the U.S. Bankruptcy Rules and any order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, all parties entitled to notice of such motion and order, as modified by orders in respect of notice which may be issued at any time and from time to time by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, and such additional parties as the Purchaser may reasonably request, and (iii) subject to the provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of Section 9.1, use their reasonable efforts to obtain U.S. Bankruptcy Court approval of the U.S. Sale Order.

Section 5.2 Canadian Bankruptcy Actions.

As promptly as practicable after the date hereof, subject to their rights and obligations set forth in the Canadian Sales Process Order, the Canadian Debtors shall (i) file with the Canadian Court one or more motions (the “**Canadian Approval and Vesting Order Motion**”) seeking to obtain entry of the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order, on notice to such parties as the Purchaser may reasonably request, and (ii) subject to the provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of Section 9.1, use their reasonable efforts to obtain Canadian Bankruptcy Court approval of the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order.

Section 5.3 Consultation; Notification.

(a) The Purchaser and the U.S. Debtors shall cooperate with each other in seeking entry of the U.S. Sale Order, and the U.S. Debtors shall deliver to the Purchaser prior to filing, copies of all proposed pleadings, motions, objections, responses to objections, notices, statements, schedules, applications, reports and other material papers to be filed by the U.S. Debtors in connection with such motions and relief requested therein and any challenges thereto.

(b) The Purchaser and the Canadian Debtors shall cooperate with each other in filing and prosecuting the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order Motion and in seeking entry of the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order, and the Canadian Debtors shall deliver to the Purchaser prior to filing, copies of all proposed pleadings, motions, notices, statements, schedules, applications, reports and other material papers to be filed by the Canadian Debtors in connection with such motions and relief requested therein and any challenges thereto.

(c) If the U.S. Sale Order or any other order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court relating to this Agreement shall be appealed by any Person (or a petition for certiorari or motion for rehearing, re-argument or stay shall be filed with respect thereto), the U.S. Debtors shall take all reasonable steps, and use their reasonable efforts, including incurring reasonable expenses, to defend against such appeal, petition or motion, and the Purchaser shall cooperate and use its reasonable efforts, including incurring reasonable expenses, in such efforts. Each of the Parties hereby agrees to take all reasonable steps, and use its reasonable efforts, to obtain an expedited resolution of such appeal; provided, however, that, subject to the conditions set forth herein and assuming the Parties are not precluded pursuant to Section 5.3(d) from consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, nothing contained in this Section shall preclude the Parties from consummating the transactions contemplated hereby if the U.S. Sale Order shall have been entered and shall not have been stayed, modified, revised or amended, in which event the Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser shall be able to assert the benefits of Section 363(m) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and, as a consequence of which, such appeal shall become moot.

(d) If the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order or any other order of the Canadian Court relating to this Agreement shall be appealed or be subject to a motion for leave to appeal by any Person (or a motion for rehearing, re-argument, modification or stay shall be filed with respect thereto), the Canadian Debtors shall, and shall cause their Affiliates (other than any EMEA Debtors or their respective Subsidiaries) to, take all reasonable steps, and use their reasonable efforts, including incurring reasonable expenses, to defend against such appeal or motion, and the Purchaser shall cooperate and use its reasonable efforts, including incurring

reasonable expenses, in such efforts. Each of the Parties hereby agrees to take all reasonable steps, and use its reasonable efforts, to obtain an expedited resolution of such appeal or motion; provided, however, that, subject to the conditions set forth herein and assuming the Parties are not precluded pursuant to Section 5.3(c) from consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, nothing in this Section shall preclude the Purchaser from requiring the implementation of, or permit the Sellers not to consummate, the transactions contemplated hereby if the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order shall have been entered and shall not have been stayed, modified, revised or amended

Section 5.4 Pre-Closing Cooperation.

(a) Prior to the Closing, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, each of the Parties shall use their reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and to do, or cause to be done, and cooperate with each other in order to do, all things necessary, proper or advisable under applicable Law to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as soon as practicable and cause the fulfillment at the earliest practicable date of all of the conditions to the other Parties' obligations to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including using reasonable efforts in connection with: (i) the preparation and filing of all forms, registrations and notices required to be filed to consummate the Closing and the taking of such actions as are necessary to obtain any requisite Consent; provided, that the Sellers shall not be obligated to make any payment or deliver anything of value to any Government Entity in order to obtain any such Consent (other than filing and application fees to Government Entities), (ii) defending all lawsuits and other proceedings by or before any Government Entity challenging this Agreement or the consummation of the Closing, (iii) causing to be lifted or rescinded any injunction, decree, ruling, order or other action of any Government Entity that would prohibit, prevent, restrict or materially delay the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (iv) assisting the Purchaser in the offer process and facilitating the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) The Parties shall keep each other apprised of the status of matters relating to the completion of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and work cooperatively in connection with obtaining the Regulatory Approvals of each applicable Government Entity. To the extent permitted by Law, each Party will provide the other Parties with prior notice of any submissions or notifications made with any Government Entity and will consult with other Parties reasonably with respect thereto prior to making any such submission or notification, will provide to the other Parties copies of submissions and notifications made with any Government Entity and will promptly notify the other Parties of any communications from or with any Government Entity with respect to the Regulatory Approvals. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party of the occurrence, to such Party's knowledge, of any event or condition, or the existence, to such Party's knowledge, of any fact, that would reasonably be expected to result in any of the conditions set forth in ARTICLE VIII not being satisfied. The Sellers shall keep the Purchaser reasonably informed of any material actions with respect to the Business prior to the Closing. If the Purchaser determines by November 6, 2009 to seek CFIUS Approval, then the Parties shall use reasonable efforts to promptly make any required submissions and notifications required to obtain such approval.

Section 5.5 Public Announcements.

Subject to (a) the provisions of ARTICLE VII with respect to communications and announcements to the Employees and the employees of the Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser and (b) each Party's disclosure obligations imposed by Law or stock exchange regulation (including any obligations under any Bankruptcy Laws), during the period from the date hereof until the Closing Date, the Purchaser and the Sellers shall, and shall cause their respective Affiliates (other than any EMEA Debtors or their respective Subsidiaries) to, (i) cooperate with each other Party in the development and distribution of all news releases, other public information disclosures and announcements, including announcements and notices to customers, suppliers and Employees, with respect to this Agreement, or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements and (ii) not issue any such announcement or statement prior to consultation with, and the approval of, the other Parties (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided, that approval shall not be required where the disclosing Party determines, based on advice of counsel and after consultation with the other Parties, that such disclosure is required by Law or stock exchange regulation; and provided, further, that nothing herein shall prevent the Purchaser and its Affiliates from making disclosures and announcements that contain no more information regarding this Agreement than is contained in such public announcements or is otherwise disclosed or publicly filed by the Sellers or their Affiliates. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Parties shall make a public announcement, on the date hereof, of the signing of this Agreement, and of the granting of the U.S. Sale Order and the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order, promptly after the granting thereof, in each case in the form agreed by the Parties.

Section 5.6 Reserved.

Section 5.7 Post-Closing Cooperation.

From and after the Closing Date, each of the Parties shall execute and deliver such documents and other papers and take such further actions as may reasonably be required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements and give effect to the transactions contemplated herein and therein, including the execution and delivery of such assignments, deeds and other documents as may be necessary to transfer any Assets as provided in this Agreement, unless executed and delivered prior to Closing. At the request of the Purchaser, the Sellers shall, at or promptly following the Closing, deliver or cause to be delivered to vendor counterparties to such of the Supplier Contracts as specified by the Purchaser prior to the Closing, a notice from the Sellers authorizing such vendors to sell such components, and any new versions thereof, to the Purchaser and its Affiliates substantially in the form included as Section 5.7 of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule, and at the Closing provide copies of such notices to the Purchaser.

Section 5.8 Conduct of Business.

The Sellers covenant that, subject to any limitation imposed as a result of being subject to the Bankruptcy Proceedings and except as (i) the Purchaser may approve otherwise in writing as set forth below (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), (ii) otherwise expressly required by this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements, or (iii) required by Law (including any applicable Bankruptcy Law or by any order of a Bankruptcy Court entered as of the date hereof), the Sellers shall and shall cause their Affiliates (other than the

EMEA Debtors and their respective Subsidiaries) to (A) conduct the Business in the Ordinary Course and (B) abstain from any of the following actions, provided that, the Sellers shall be permitted to (i) terminate the employment of any Employee to whom the Purchaser or Designated Purchaser has neither extended an offer of employment nor with respect to whom the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser has irrevocably committed to the Sellers to extend an offer of employment by the fifth (5th) Business Day after the date hereof pursuant to Section 7.1(a) of this Agreement or who has rejected such offer of employment and (ii) terminate, or pursuant to the terms thereunder give notice to terminate, the Outsourcing Contracts:

- (a) sell, lease or dispose of any of the Assets;
- (b) incur any Lien on any of the Assets, other than Liens that will be discharged at or prior to Closing and Seller Encumbrances;
- (c) (i) grant any license or sublicense of any rights under or with respect to any Assigned Intellectual Property, unless (x) such license or sublicense is to suppliers of the Business in the Ordinary Course or (y) such license or sublicense would be permitted by the grant back license rights set forth in Section 3.11 of the Intellectual Property License Agreement (after the Intellectual Property License Agreement enters into effect); (ii) enter into any exclusive license of any of the Assigned Intellectual Property; or (iii) sell, transfer, or assign any of the Licensed Intellectual Property unless the relevant Sellers receive a written license from the buyer, transferee or assignee of such Licensed Intellectual Property sufficient for the Purchaser to retain, or for the Sellers to grant to the Purchaser, all of the rights in such Licensed Intellectual Property contemplated to be granted under the Intellectual Property License Agreement to the same extent as if such Intellectual Property License Agreement were entered into as of the date hereof;
- (d) increase the cash compensation or other fringe, incentive, equity incentive, pension, welfare or other employee benefits paid or payable to the Employees, other than increases required by applicable Law, Contracts or Seller Employee Plans in effect as of the date hereof or increases in the Ordinary Course that apply to substantially all similarly situated employees (including the Employees) of the Sellers or the applicable Affiliates of the Sellers;
- (e) enter into, adopt, amend or modify any collective labor agreement affecting Transferring Employees except as required by applicable Law; or
- (f) authorize, or commit or agree to take, any of the foregoing actions.

Section 5.9 Transaction Expenses.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements, each of the Purchaser and the Sellers shall bear its own costs and expenses (including brokerage commissions, finders' fees or similar compensation, and legal fees and expenses) incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Ancillary Agreements and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby.

Section 5.10 Confidentiality.

The Parties acknowledge that the Confidentiality Agreement remains in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, which are incorporated herein by reference, and the Parties agree to be bound thereby in the same manner and to the same extent as if the terms had been set forth herein in full; provided, that on the Closing Date, (x) the Purchaser's obligations under this Section 5.10, (y) the Confidentiality Agreement and all of the Purchaser's and all other parties' obligations thereunder, and (z) all other confidentiality and nondisclosure obligations of the Purchaser and its Affiliates to the Sellers and their Affiliates relating to the Business, including any such obligation in the KDDI License, shall terminate, except to the extent, if any, otherwise provided in the Ancillary Agreements. The Sellers shall be at liberty to disclose the terms of this Agreement and any Ancillary Agreement to any court or to any liquidator or in connection with any auction process approved by the Bankruptcy Court or in connection with the offer for sale or divestiture of any of the Sellers' product lines, operating units or business divisions or assets, and show appropriate figures in their administration records, accounts and returns.

Section 5.11 Delivery of Assets.

To the extent not provided for in the Transition Services Agreement, the Purchaser shall, and shall cause the Designated Purchaser to, within ninety (90) days after the Closing Date, remove at the Purchaser's cost all of the Transferred Tangible Assets from all premises owned or leased by the Sellers or their Affiliates after the Closing.

Section 5.12 Termination of Overhead and Shared Services.

The Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Transition Services Agreement, effective as of the Closing Date (i) all Overhead and Shared Services provided to the Business shall cease and (ii) the Sellers or their Affiliates shall have no further obligation to provide any Overhead and Shared Services to the Business.

Section 5.13 Insurance Matters.

(a) The Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that coverage of the Covered Assets and Persons under the Seller Insurance Policies shall cease as of the Closing Date and the Covered Assets and Persons (other than assets used in, and Persons engaged in, the provision of services under the Transition Services Agreement, except as otherwise set forth therein) will be deleted in all respects as insured (or additional insured, as the case may be) under all Seller Insurance Policies. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Sellers shall retain any rights to, including any right to any proceeds received in respect of, any claim pending as of the date hereof, except as provided in Section 5.17, or made on or after the date hereof under any Seller Insurance Policy.

(b) If after the Closing Date the Purchaser or the Sellers (or any of their respective Affiliates) reasonably require any information regarding claim data or other information pertaining to a claim or an occurrence reasonably likely to give rise to a claim (including any pre-Closing claims under the Seller Insurance Policies that are to be covered under the retrospective component of the new insurance policy) in order to give notice to or

make filings with insurance carriers or claims adjustors or administrators or to adjust, administer or otherwise manage a claim, then the Sellers or the Purchaser, as the case may be, shall cause such information to be supplied to the other (or their designee), to the extent such information is in their possession and control or can be reasonably obtained by the Sellers or the Purchaser (or their respective Affiliates (other than, in the case of the Sellers, any EMEA Debtors or their respective Subsidiaries)), as applicable, promptly upon a written request therefore. If the Purchaser desires access to, and utilization of, claims data or information maintained by an insurance company or other Third Party in respect of any claim (including any pre-Closing claims under any Seller Insurance Policies that are covered under the retrospective component of the new insurance policies), the Purchaser shall be exclusively responsible for acquiring from such insurance company or Third Party, at the Purchaser's sole cost and expense, the rights necessary to permit them to obtain access to and utilization of such claims data or information, provided that Sellers and their Affiliates (other than any EMEA Debtors or their respective Subsidiaries) shall reasonably cooperate with the Purchaser's efforts. If any Third Party requires the consent of the Sellers or any of their Affiliates (other than any EMEA Debtors or their respective Subsidiaries) to the disclosure of such information, such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 5.14 Use of Trademarks.

As of the Closing Date, neither the Purchaser nor the Designated Purchaser shall have any license to use the name "Nortel" or any other Trademarks owned by the Sellers or any of their Affiliates or any other Trademark employing the word "Nortel" or any confusingly similar Trademarks to any of the foregoing. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent either the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser from making factually-accurate statements about the historic affiliation of the Business with Nortel, including by reference to "Nortel" to the extent such statements are permitted pursuant to applicable Law absent a license, but for the avoidance of doubt this does not permit any use of "Nortel" as a trademark or in connection with any product or service.

Section 5.15 Sellers' Accessible Information; Cooperation.

After the Closing, the Purchaser shall have the right to reasonably request from the Sellers copies of all books, records, files, documentation and sales literature, in the possession or under control of the Sellers and held or used in the Business (other than Employee Records or Tax records), to which the Purchaser in good faith determines it needs access for bona fide business or legal purposes. The Sellers shall, or cause their respective Affiliates (other than any EMEA Debtors or their respective Subsidiaries) to, provide such copies to the Purchaser (at the Purchaser's expense) as soon as reasonably practicable; provided, that the Sellers shall be allowed to redact any such requested document in order to delete any information and data relating to business segments of any such Seller and its respective Affiliates (other than any EMEA Debtors or their respective Subsidiaries) not included in the Business; provided, further, that nothing herein shall (i) require the Sellers to disclose any information to the Purchaser if such information disclosure would jeopardize any attorney-client or legal privilege or (ii) contravene any applicable Law, fiduciary duty or agreement (including any confidentiality agreement to which the Sellers or any of their Affiliates is a party); it being understood, that Sellers shall cooperate in any reasonable efforts and requests for waivers that would enable

otherwise required disclosure to the Purchaser to occur without so jeopardizing privilege or contravening such Law, duty or agreement.

Section 5.16 Maintenance of Books and Records.

(a) After the Closing, the Purchaser shall, and shall cause the Designated Purchaser to, preserve, until at least the greater of the third (3rd) anniversary of the Closing Date or as otherwise provided in the Purchaser's applicable document retention policies, all pre-Closing Date records to the extent relating to the Business possessed or to be possessed by such Person. After the Closing Date and up until at least the third (3rd) anniversary of the Closing Date, upon any reasonable advance notice and during regular business hours, the Purchaser shall, and/or shall cause the Person holding such records to, (i) provide to the Sellers or their Representatives reasonable access to such records during normal business hours and (ii) permit the Sellers or their Representatives to make copies of such records; provided, however, that (A) any such access shall be conducted at Sellers' expense, in accordance with Law, under the supervision of the Purchaser's personnel and in such a manner as to maintain confidentiality and not to interfere with the normal operations of the businesses of the Purchaser and its Affiliates, and (B) the Purchaser will not be required to provide to the Sellers access to or copies of any Employee Records.

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement or any other agreement between the Purchaser and the Sellers executed on or prior to the date hereof, the Purchaser shall not have any obligation to make available to the Sellers or its Representatives, or provide the Sellers or its Representatives with (i) any income Tax Return or any combined or consolidated Tax Return filed by the Purchaser or any of its Affiliates or predecessors, or any related material, or (ii) more generally, any information if making such information available would (A) jeopardize any attorney-client or other legal privilege or (B) potentially cause the Purchaser to be found in contravention of any applicable Law or contravene any fiduciary duty or agreement (including any confidentiality agreement to which the Purchaser or any of its Affiliates is a party), it being understood that the Purchaser shall cooperate in any reasonable efforts and requests for waivers that would enable otherwise required disclosure to the Sellers to occur without so jeopardizing privilege or contravening such Law, duty or agreement.

Section 5.17 Casualty.

At Closing the Sellers shall assign to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser shall be entitled to receive the benefits of, any and all claims and proceeds the Sellers may have with respect to any insurance policies with respect to any Transferred Tangible Assets which related to a casualty or other event occurring on or after the date of this Agreement but prior to the Closing, and the Purchaser shall have the right to proceed against any insurance company to recover any such items and will have the right prior to the Closing to participate in all negotiations and discussions regarding the adjustment and settlement of any insurance claims with respect to any property or group of properties having a value in excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). The Sellers shall notify the Purchaser in writing of the occurrence of any casualty or similar event with respect to any of the Transferred Tangible Assets promptly after learning of such event and shall cooperate with the Purchaser's reasonable requests related thereto. The Seller shall deliver to the Purchaser at Closing all amounts and proceeds received

by them with respect to such claims and after Closing shall deliver to Purchaser all such amounts and proceeds received by them after Closing promptly upon receipt thereof.

Section 5.18 Cooperation on Seller Contracts.

Prior to the Closing, the Sellers shall use their reasonable efforts to assist the Purchaser (i) to transition the benefits of each Active RFP, if any, to the Purchaser, including (A) by providing prior material communications with counterparties to each relevant Active RFP, if any, (B) by identifying relevant Employees with respect to each Active RFP and (C) by providing such other assistance Purchaser may reasonably request to enable the Purchaser to enter each Active RFP process following the Closing, in each case, subject to the Sellers' non-disclosure and confidentiality obligations to the Active RFP counterparties; (ii) in obtaining assignments from the Sellers of their rights under Supplier Contracts and Inbound License Agreements that are exclusively used by the Business as of the date hereof specified by the Purchaser, to the extent assignable by the Sellers in accordance with the express terms of such Supplier Contracts and Inbound License Agreements (without cost to the Sellers), and in communications with counterparties to the Supplier Contracts, Inbound License Agreements and the Outsourcing Contracts with respect to the Purchaser's entry into new arrangements with such counterparties to provide similar goods, services or licenses as currently being provided under the relevant Seller Contract, including (A) by identifying the relevant counterparty contacts, (B) by providing access to any Employees who engage with the Supplier Contract, Inbound License Agreement and Outsourcing Contract counterparties and (C) in the case of the Outsourcing Contracts, to the extent requested by the Purchaser, by enabling the orderly transfer of the headcounts that are covered by the relevant Outsourcing Contract; and (iii) in obtaining the benefit of Inbound License Agreements specified by the Purchaser that are used, but not exclusively used, by the Business as of the date hereof, to the extent permissible under the express terms of each such Inbound License Agreement (without cost to the Sellers or the payment of any consideration and without relinquishing any rights granted in such Inbound License Agreements other than rights that are exclusive to the Business); provided, that the Purchaser shall timely, and in any event no later than five (5) Business Days following the date hereof, identify (x) each Active RFP in which the Purchaser intends to participate and (y) each Supplier Contract, Inbound License Agreement and Outsourcing Contract counterparty with respect to which the Purchaser requires Sellers' assistance pursuant to this Section 5.18

Section 5.19 Export Controls.

Each Party acknowledges that the Assets may be subject to export control Laws of the United States, Canada or other applicable jurisdictions (collectively, "Export Controls"), including without limitation the United States Export Administration Regulations and the Canadian Export and Imports Permits Act, and that it is familiar with the requirements of such Export Controls. The Purchaser agrees that following Closing and delivery from the relevant Seller, it will be responsible for compliance with applicable Export Controls in connection with its use of the Assets and will not export, release, or otherwise transmit or transfer any Asset in a manner prohibited by any applicable Export Controls. The Purchaser further represents and warrants that its export privileges have not been suspended, revoked, or denied by the United States or Canada. Sellers will use reasonable efforts commencing on the date hereof to provide

to the Purchaser as soon as practicable the U.S. Export Control Classification Numbers (ECCNs) and other Export Control information related to the Business.

ARTICLE VI

TAX MATTERS

Section 6.1 Transfer Taxes.

(a) The Parties agree that the Purchase Price is exclusive of any Transfer Taxes. The Purchaser (on behalf of itself and the Designated Purchaser) shall (or shall cause the Designated Purchaser to) promptly pay directly to the appropriate Tax Authority all applicable Transfer Taxes that may be imposed upon or payable or collectible or incurred in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated herein, or that may be imposed upon or payable or collectible or incurred in connection with the execution of any Ancillary Agreement; provided, that if any such Transfer Taxes are required to be collected, remitted or paid by a Seller or any Subsidiary, Affiliate, Representative or agent thereof, such Transfer Taxes shall be paid by the Purchaser to such Seller, Subsidiary, Affiliate, Representative or agent, as applicable, at the Closing or thereafter, as requested of or by the applicable Seller. All other Closing expenses will be paid by the Party incurring such expenses. Upon request from a Seller, the Purchaser shall provide to such Seller an original receipt (or such other evidence as shall be reasonably satisfactory to such Seller) evidencing the payment of Transfer Taxes by the Purchaser to the applicable Tax Authority under this Section 6.1(a).

(b) If the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser wishes to claim any exemption relating to, or a reduced rate of, or make an election with the effect of reducing, Transfer Taxes, in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated herein, or in connection with the execution of any Ancillary Agreement, the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser, as the case may be, shall be solely responsible for ensuring that such exemption, reduction or election applies and, in that regard, shall provide the Sellers prior to Closing with its permit number, GST, VAT or other similar registration numbers and/or any appropriate certificate of exemption and/or other document or evidence to support the claimed entitlement to such exemption or reduction by the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser, as the case may be. The Sellers, the Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser shall cooperate in good faith to obtain any such exemption or reduction and otherwise to minimize applicable Transfer Taxes in such manner as is permitted by law.

Section 6.2 Tax Characterization of Payments Under This Agreement.

The Sellers and the Purchaser agree to treat all payments made either to or for the benefit of the other Party under this Agreement as adjustments to the Purchase Price for Tax purposes and that such treatment shall govern for purposes hereof to the extent permitted under applicable Tax Law.

Section 6.3 Apportionment of Taxes.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this ARTICLE VI, (i) the Sellers shall bear all Taxes of any kind relating to the Assets or the conduct or operation of the Business for

all Tax periods or portions thereof ending on or before the Closing Date and (ii) the Purchaser shall and shall cause the Designated Purchaser to bear all Taxes relating to the Assets or the conduct or operation of the Business for all Tax periods or portions thereof beginning after the Closing Date.

(b) For purposes of this Agreement, any Taxes for a “**Straddle Period**” (a Tax period that includes, but does not end on, the Closing Date) shall be apportioned between the Sellers, on the one hand, and the Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser, on the other hand, based on the portion of the period ending on and including the Closing Date and the portion of the period beginning after the Closing Date, respectively. The amount of Taxes shall be allocated between portions of a Straddle Period in the following manner: (i) in the case of a Tax imposed in respect of property (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any income Tax) and that applies ratably to a Straddle Period, the amount of Tax allocable to a portion of the Straddle Period shall be the total amount of such Tax for the period in question multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the total number of days in such portion of such Straddle Period and the denominator of which is the total number of days in such Straddle Period, and (ii) in the case of sales, value-added and similar transaction-based Taxes (other than Transfer Taxes allocated under Section 6.1), such Taxes shall be allocated to the portion of the Straddle Period in which the relevant transaction occurred.

Section 6.4 Withholding Taxes.

The Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from the Purchase Price, as adjusted by this Section 6.4, such amounts as the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser, as the case may be, is required to deduct and withhold under the Code, or any provision of state, local or foreign Tax Law, with respect to the making of such payment. Except for withholding taxes required by Japanese Law, which the Purchaser has currently determined equal no more than \$140,000, none of the Parties is aware of any obligation to deduct and withhold any amounts from the Purchase Price under the Code, or any provision of state, local or foreign Tax Law, with respect to the making of such payment. If the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser is required for any reason to deduct or withhold from the Purchase Price for any Tax imposed by a Tax Authority, such payment of the Purchase Price shall be increased to an amount which, after taking into account such deduction or withholding, will result in payment to the Sellers of the amount obtained by reducing the full amount, in aggregate, that all Sellers would have received from the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser (without taking into account such increase in the Purchase Price) had no such deduction or withholding been made, by the lesser of (i) \$140,000 and (ii) the total amount required to be withheld or deducted under Japanese Tax law as reduced by any applicable Tax treaty. The Purchaser shall or shall cause such Designated Purchaser to promptly furnish the Sellers with such evidence as may be required by the applicable Tax Authorities to establish that any such Tax has been paid, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Sellers on an after-Tax basis from any liability for Taxes, penalties or interest due to the payor’s failure to timely withhold and remit the required amounts in respect of Taxes to the applicable Tax Authority. Should a Seller with reasonable efforts be able to utilize an amount which has been so paid by the Purchaser in respect of withheld Taxes as a tax credit against a tax liability owing by such Seller in the same tax year, after having applied any other tax attributes to reduce such liability in accordance with applicable Law, such Seller shall promptly deliver to the Purchaser the amount of such credit.

Section 6.5 Records.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.15 (i) after the Closing Date, the Purchaser and the Designated Purchaser, on the one hand, and the Sellers, on the other hand, will make available to the other, as reasonably requested, and to any Tax Authority, all information, records or documents relating to liability for Taxes with respect to the Assets, the Assumed Liabilities, or the Business for all periods prior to or including the Closing Date (including Straddle Periods), and will preserve such information, records or documents until the expiration of any applicable statute of limitations or extensions thereof, and (ii) in the event that one party needs access to records in the possession of a second party relating to any of the Assets, the Assumed Liabilities or the Business for purposes of preparing Tax Returns or complying with any Tax audit request, subpoena or other investigative demand by any Tax Authority, or for any other legitimate Tax-related purpose not injurious to the second party, the second party will allow Representatives of the other party access to such records during regular business hours at the second party's place of business for the sole purpose of obtaining information for use as aforesaid and will permit such other party to make extracts and copies thereof as may be necessary or convenient. The obligation to cooperate pursuant to this Section 6.5 shall terminate at the time the relevant applicable statute of limitations expires (giving effect to any extension thereof).

(b) At any time within the ten (10) years immediately following the Closing, the Sellers may cause copies of Restricted Technical Records to be placed into escrow with the Records Custodian, who shall hold such Restricted Technical Records for a term ending no later than ten (10) years after the Closing Date in accordance with an escrow agreement between the Purchaser (or the Designated Purchaser, as applicable), the Sellers and the Records Custodian, in form satisfactory to the Purchaser (or the Designated Purchaser) and the Sellers. The Purchaser (or the Designated Purchaser) shall have no obligation to provide any assistance to the Sellers with respect to placing copies of Restricted Technical Records into escrow unless the Sellers pay all of the Purchaser's (or the Designated Purchaser's) reasonable costs and expenses in connection with the foregoing, including a reasonable per diem rate for access to former employees of NNL or Nortel Networks Technology Corporation ("**NNTC**"), as the case may be (based on the total compensation of the employee at the time access is provided). The escrow agreement will provide for access to the copies of the Restricted Technical Records only by the relevant Canadian Tax Authority or by Tax advisors of any purchaser ("**Tax Credit Purchaser**") relating to the scientific research and experimental development tax credits of the Sellers under the Income Tax Act (Canada), and only if such advisors have executed an appropriate confidentiality agreement in form satisfactory to the Purchaser (or the Designated Purchaser), acting reasonably. The access permitted by the escrow agreement shall be only for the limited purpose of defending any audit, claim or action by any Canadian Tax Authority in respect of the characterization of expenditures by NNL or NNTEC as qualified expenditures on scientific research and experimental development for purposes of the applicable provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) ("**Qualified Expenditures**").

(c) The Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser shall use reasonable efforts to make available to the relevant Tax Authority or Tax advisors of the Tax Credit Purchaser, those former employees of NNL or NNTEC, as the case may be, with direct knowledge of the Qualified Expenditures who are then employed by the Purchaser and whose cooperation is necessary for

the purpose of defending any audit, claim or action by any Tax Authority of the characterization of expenditures by NNL or NNTC, as the case may be, as Qualified Expenditures, and provided such advisors have executed an appropriate confidentiality agreement satisfactory to the Purchaser or the Designated Purchaser.

(d) The Purchaser shall have no obligation to provide any access under this provision unless the Seller (if there is no Tax Credit Purchaser in respect of the request for access) or the Tax Credit Purchaser pays all the Purchaser's reasonable expenses in connection with the foregoing provisions, including a reasonable per diem rate for access to former employees of NNL or NNTC, as the case may be (based on the total compensation of the employee at the time access is provided).

(e) At the request of the Purchaser, the Sellers shall provide reasonable access to records and employees of the Sellers to assist the Purchaser in claiming any future scientific research and experimental development Tax credits for Qualified Expenditures.

(f) The Sellers shall have no obligation to provide any access under this provision unless the Purchaser pays all of the Sellers' reasonable expenses in connection with the foregoing provisions, including a reasonable per diem rate for access to employees of the Sellers (based on the total compensation of the employee at the time access is provided).

Section 6.6 Tax Returns.

(a) The Sellers shall be responsible for the preparation and timely filing (taking into account any extensions received from the relevant Tax Authorities) of all Tax Returns in respect of the Assets or the Business, for all Pre-Closing Taxable Periods (other than any Tax Returns with respect to Transfer Taxes ("**Transfer Tax Returns**") described below in Section 6.6(b)). Such Tax Returns shall be true, correct and complete in all material respects. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all Taxes indicated as due and payable on such Tax Returns shall be paid by (or shall be caused to be paid by) Sellers as and when required by Law.

(b) Each Transfer Tax Return with respect to Transfer Taxes imposed in respect of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein or in respect of the execution of any Ancillary Agreement shall be prepared by the Party that customarily has primary responsibility for filing such Transfer Tax Return pursuant to the applicable Tax Laws. Any Transfer Tax Returns prepared by the Sellers pursuant to this Section 6.6(b) shall be made available to the Purchaser at least five (5) Business Days before such Tax Returns are due to be filed. Subject to Section 6.1(a), the Purchaser shall pay to the Sellers any applicable amount of Transfer Taxes payable in respect of Transfer Tax Returns to be filed by the Sellers pursuant to this Section 6.6(b) at least one (1) Business Day before such Transfer Tax becomes due and payable.

(c) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the preparation and timely filing (taking into account any extensions received from the relevant Tax Authorities) of all Tax Returns with respect to the Assets or the Business for all Straddle Periods. Such Tax Returns shall be true, correct and complete in all material respects. All Taxes indicated as due and

payable on such Tax Returns shall be paid by (or shall be caused to be paid by) the Purchaser as and when required by Law.

(d) The Sellers shall be entitled to review and comment on any Tax Return (other than a Transfer Tax Return described in Section 6.6(b)) prepared by the Purchaser for any Straddle Period before any such Tax Return is filed. The Purchaser shall use reasonable efforts to submit a draft of any such Tax Return to the Sellers at least thirty (30) days before the date such Tax Return is required to be filed with the relevant Tax Authority. The Sellers shall have ten (10) days after the date of receipt thereof to submit to the Purchaser, in writing, the Sellers' written comments with respect to such Tax Return. The Purchaser shall file such Tax Return in accordance with the Sellers' reasonable comments.

(e) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this ARTICLE VI, each Seller shall pay to the Purchaser the amount of its liability for Taxes shown to be due on any Tax Return for a Straddle Period at least three (3) Business Days prior to the due date thereof, giving effect to valid extensions; provided, however, that (i) if such Seller and the Purchaser are unable to agree as to the amount of such liability prior to such due date, such Seller shall pay to the Purchaser such amount as it in good faith believes that it owes.

(f) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this ARTICLE VI, the Sellers shall not be entitled to any Tax-related information, including any Tax Return, that includes assets or operations of the Purchaser or any of its Affiliates in addition to the Assets; provided, however, that the Purchaser shall provide the Sellers with a copy of a pro forma Tax Return relating solely to the Assets for any Straddle Period.

Section 6.7 Allocation of Purchase Price.

(a) The Parties shall (i) allocate to the Transferred Tangible Assets a portion of the Purchase Price equal to the net book value of such Transferred Tangible Assets as of the Closing Date, and (ii) allocate to the intangible Assets the balance of the Purchase Price.

(b) To the extent necessary to file Transfer Tax Returns, the Parties shall reasonably and in good faith determine an allocation of the Purchase Price (and, to the extent properly taken into account under the applicable Tax Laws, the Assumed Liabilities) among the Assets in accordance with the principles of Section 1060 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and other applicable Tax Laws, which allocation shall be subject to the principles of Section 6.7(a) (such allocation, a "**Partial Allocation**"); provided, however, that if a different Partial Allocation is required by a Government Entity (including as a result of the Bankruptcy Proceedings), then the Partial Allocation shall be modified as necessary to be consistent with the required allocation but in all cases shall be subject to the principles of Section 6.7(a). The Parties agree (i) to be bound by the final Partial Allocation (as modified to be consistent with the allocation required by a Government Entity, as described above) and (ii) to act in accordance with the allocations contained in such final Partial Allocation for all purposes relating to Transfer Taxes, including the preparation, filing and audit of any Transfer Tax Returns.

ARTICLE VII

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

Section 7.1 Employment Terms.

(a) Prior to Closing, the Purchaser shall or shall cause the Designated Purchaser to extend a written offer of employment to at least the number of Employees listed on Section 7.1 of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule who are then employed by the Sellers, such offer being contingent in the case of Inactive Employees upon their return to active status. The Sellers shall have the right to review and approve, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, any offer of employment made pursuant to this Section 7.1 prior to it being sent to any Employee. Such offer of employment shall provide for an employee consideration period of at least one week, which shall end prior to the Closing Date. Such offers shall be consistent with the requirements of applicable Law and on terms and conditions no less favorable, in the aggregate, than those the Employees have as of the date hereof, including (i) an annual base salary and annual target incentive compensation at least equal to such amounts set out with respect to such Employee in the Employee Information; (ii) a work location no more than twenty-five (25) miles from the Employee's current work location as set out in the Employee Information; and (iii) a position that is substantially similar to the Employee's position as set out in the Employee Information. The Sellers shall provide the Purchaser with such additional information as the Purchaser may reasonably require in order to comply with its obligations under this ARTICLE VII. Employees' employment with the Designated Purchaser shall not be conditioned upon such Employee satisfactorily completing a background investigation, drug test or other employee screening process and shall not include a probationary period; provided, however, that the Designated Purchaser may require Employees to provide evidence they are legally permitted to be employed by the Designated Purchaser. Any Employee who accepts such offer of employment and commences employment with the Designated Purchaser shall be deemed to be a Transferring Employee for all purposes of this Agreement, effective as of the Employee Transfer Date.

(b) For the twelve (12) month period following the Closing Date (or for such shorter period as a Transferring Employee remains employed by the Purchaser or its Affiliates), such Transferring Employee, subject to applicable Law, shall be employed on terms and conditions of employment not less favorable, in the aggregate, than the terms and conditions of employment provided to such Employees as of the date hereof.

(c) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither this Section 7.1 nor Section 7.2 restricts the right of Purchaser or its Affiliates to terminate the employment of any Transferring Employee after the Closing, and nothing shall prohibit the Purchaser or any Affiliate from amending or terminating, in whole or in part, any Purchaser Employee Plan or from making changes to such terms and conditions of employment that are generally applicable and broadly based across the Purchaser's or such Affiliate's employee population.

Section 7.2 Employee Benefits.

(a) The Purchaser shall, and shall cause its relevant Affiliates to, recognize the service date of each Transferring Employee as set out in the Employee Information for all purposes other than benefit accrual under any defined benefit pension plan and except as would result in a duplication of benefits.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following shall apply to Transferring Employees:

(i) For the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending on the date that is twelve (12) months from the Closing Date, the Purchaser shall, or shall cause its relevant Affiliates to, provide Transferring Employees with at least the severance payments and benefits to which the Transferring Employee would have been entitled under the applicable severance plan covering the Transferring Employee immediately prior to the Employee Transfer Date.

(ii) Following the Employee Transfer Date the Sellers shall pay to the Transferring Employees the amount of compensation with respect to the accrued and unused vacation days that is due and owing to such Transferring Employees by the date required under applicable Law. The Purchaser will, and will cause its Affiliates to, make commercially reasonable efforts to accommodate requests for unpaid time off of such Transferring Employees until such time as they accrue sufficient paid time off under the Purchaser Employee Plans to address their vacation plans.

(iii) Under the vacation policy of the Purchaser or an Affiliate of the Purchaser, the vacation accrual rate of each Transferring Employee on and after the Employee Transfer Date shall be the greater of such Transferring Employee's vacation accrual rate (i) as reflected in the Employee Information, or (ii) under the vacation policy of the Purchaser or its Affiliates following the crediting of such Transferring Employee with service as provided in Section 7.2(a).

(iv) Each Transferring Employee (and their eligible dependents, as applicable), shall be eligible, effective as of the relevant Employee Transfer Date, to participate in and accrue benefits under the Purchaser Employee Plans that the Purchaser or its Affiliates extends to similarly situated employees of the Purchaser. With respect to each Transferring Employee (and their eligible dependents, as applicable) the Purchaser shall or shall cause its Affiliates, to the extent permitted under the Purchaser Employee Plan, or, if not so permitted, shall undertake commercially reasonable efforts to cause Purchaser Employee Plans, to (x) waive any eligibility periods, evidence of insurability or pre-existing condition limitations under any health benefit plan to the extent such limitations no longer apply to such Transferring Employees under a comparable Seller Employee Plan and (y) honor any deductibles, co-payments, co-insurance or out-of-pocket expenses paid or incurred by such employees, including with respect to their dependents, under any such Seller Employee Plans during the year in which the relevant Employee Transfer Date occurs.

(c) The Sellers shall be solely responsible for any required notice under the WARN Act with respect to terminations of employment of Employees that occur on or prior to

the Closing Date provided that the Purchaser has satisfied its obligations set out in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2. The Purchaser shall be solely responsible for any required notice under the WARN Act with respect to terminations of employment of Transferring Employees that occur on or after the Closing Date.

Section 7.3 Other Employee Covenants.

(a) After the date hereof and until the Closing Date, and subject to each Party's disclosure obligations imposed by Law or by Government Entities and each Party's obligations hereunder, neither the Purchaser, the Sellers nor any of their respective Affiliates shall issue any announcement or communication to their respective employees or the Employees, prior to consultation with, and the approval of, the other Party (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) with respect to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby. If requested, the Parties shall reasonably cooperate in respect of the development and distribution of any announcement and communication to the employees of the Sellers, including Employees, with respect to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) Prior to the Employee Transfer Date (for Transferring Employees) and before and after the Closing Date for all other Employees, the Purchaser undertakes (and shall cause its Affiliates to undertake) to keep the Employee Information in confidence including taking the following actions:

(i) the Purchaser shall restrict the disclosure of the Employee Information only to such of its employees, agents and advisors as is reasonably necessary for the purposes of complying with its obligations pursuant to this Agreement;

(ii) the Employee Information shall not be disclosed to any Person other than those set forth in Section 7.3(b)(i) above (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any other employee of the Purchaser or other Affiliate of the Purchaser) without the consent of the Sellers, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld;

(iii) the Employee Information shall not be used except for the purposes of complying with the obligations of the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement and shall be returned to the Sellers or destroyed, at the Sellers' election, if this Agreement is terminated; and

(iv) the Purchaser shall comply with such additional obligations as may be reasonably required in any particular jurisdiction to comply with any applicable data privacy Laws.

(c) During the Non-Solicitation Period, the Sellers shall not, without the advance written consent of the Purchaser, either directly or indirectly solicit for employment or hire any Transferring Employee unless the employment of such Transferring Employee is involuntarily terminated without cause by the Purchaser prior to such action by the Sellers (other than any termination in connection with such Transferring Employee seeking employment with Sellers); provided, however, that nothing in this Section 7.3(c) shall prevent the Sellers from (i) conducting generalized employment searches, including placing bona fide public advertisements,

that are not specifically targeted at such Transferring Employees or (ii) hiring such Transferring Employees identified through such employment searches.

(d) During the Non-Solicitation Period, the Purchaser shall not, and shall cause its Affiliates to not, either directly or indirectly solicit for employment or hire any employee of the Sellers who is not an Employee unless (i) the employment of such employee is involuntarily terminated without cause by the Seller prior to such action by the Purchaser (other than any termination in connection with such employee seeking employment with the Purchaser), or (ii) otherwise permitted by the Transition Services Agreement; provided that nothing herein shall restrict or preclude the Purchaser or any such Affiliate from (A) making generalized searches for employees (e.g., by use of advertisements in the media (including trade media)) or soliciting potential employees identified through such searches or (B) continuing its ordinary course employment advertising and hiring practices that are not targeted specifically at employees of the Carrier Networks business of the Sellers or other employees of the Sellers associated with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or in either case hiring such employees so identified.

(e) During the Non-Solicitation Period, except as provided in this ARTICLE VII, the Purchaser shall not and shall cause its Affiliates to not either directly or indirectly solicit for employment or hire any Employee who has rejected an offer of employment from the Purchaser or its Affiliates or to whom Purchaser or its Affiliates did not make an offer of employment; provided, that this Section 7.3(e) shall not apply if the Purchaser gives the Sellers prior notice of such solicitation or hire and such employee, if applicable, returns to the Sellers any severance payments paid by the Sellers to such employee and, if applicable, releases the Sellers from any right to severance payments; provided, further, that nothing herein shall restrict or preclude the Purchaser or any of its Affiliates from (A) making generalized searches for employees (e.g., by use of advertisements in the media (including trade media)) or soliciting potential employees identified through such searches or (B) continuing its ordinary course employment advertising and hiring practices that are not targeted specifically at employees of the Carrier Networks business of the Sellers or other employees of the Sellers associated with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or in either case hiring such employees so identified.

(f) For the avoidance of doubt, except as provided above in this Section 7.3, all of the Purchaser's and its Affiliates' obligations to not, and to cause their respective Affiliates to not, solicit for employment or hire any employee of the Sellers or any of their Affiliates, including those set forth in the Confidentiality Agreement, shall terminate on the Closing Date.

Section 7.4 Sole Benefit of Sellers and Purchaser.

The terms and provisions of this ARTICLE VII are for the sole benefit of the Sellers and the Purchaser. Nothing contained herein, express or implied (i) shall be construed to establish, amend, or modify any Seller Employee Plan, any Purchaser Employee Plan, or any other benefit plan, program, agreement or arrangement, (ii) shall alter or limit the ability of the Purchaser, the Sellers, or any of their respective Affiliates to amend, modify or terminate any Seller Employee Plan, any Purchaser Employee Plan or any other benefit or employment plan, program, agreement or arrangement after the Closing Date, (iii) is intended to confer or shall

confer upon any current or former employee any right to employment or continued employment, or constitute or create an employment agreement with any Transferring Employee, or (iv) is intended to confer or shall confer upon any individual or any legal representative of any individual (including employees, retirees, or dependents or beneficiaries of employees or retirees and including collective bargaining agents or representatives) any right as a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII

CONDITIONS TO THE CLOSING

Section 8.1 Conditions to Each Party's Obligation.

The Parties' obligation to effect the Closing is subject to the fulfillment (or the express written waiver of the Parties), at or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions:

(a) *ITAR Approval.* ITAR Approval, to the extent applicable, has been obtained.

(b) *CFIUS Approval.* If the Purchaser shall have determined by not later than November 6, 2009 to seek CFIUS Approval and by not later than such date shall have made the requisite initial filing to obtain such approval, such approval has been obtained.

(c) *No Injunctions or Restraints.* There shall be in effect no Law, order, injunction, decree or judgment of any court or other Government Entity in the U.S. or Canada prohibiting the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, and there shall not be any proceedings pending by any Government Entity in the U.S. or Canada seeking such prohibition.

(d) *U.S. Sale Order and Canadian Approval and Vesting Order.* Each of the U.S. Sale Order and the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order shall have been granted and shall not, on the Closing Date, have been stayed, varied or set aside. No motion seeking any relief from either such order will have been served or filed or be pending as of the Closing.

Section 8.2 Conditions to Sellers' Obligation.

The Sellers' obligation to effect the Closing shall be subject to the fulfillment (or the express written waiver by the Sellers), at or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions:

(a) No Breach of Representations and Warranties.

(i) Each of the representations and warranties of the Purchaser set forth in ARTICLE III (other than those referred to in clause (ii) below), disregarding all materiality qualifications contained therein, shall be true and correct (x) as if restated on and as of the Closing Date or (y) if made as of a date specified therein, as of such date, except, in each case, for any failure to be true and correct that has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on the ability of the Purchaser

to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements.

(ii) Each of the representations and warranties set forth in Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.5, disregarding all materiality and material adverse effect qualifications contained therein, shall be true and correct in all material respects (x) as if restated on and as of the Closing Date or (y) if made as of a date specified therein, as of such date.

(b) *No Breach of Covenants.* Each of the covenants, obligations and agreements contained in this Agreement to be complied with by the Purchaser on or before the Closing shall not have been breached in any material respect.

(c) *Ancillary Agreements, Bill of Sale and IP Assignment Agreement.* The Purchaser shall have delivered to the Sellers duly executed copies of each of the Ancillary Agreements, the Bill of Sale and the IP Assignment Agreement.

Section 8.3 Conditions to Purchaser's Obligation.

The Purchaser's obligation to effect the Closing shall be subject to the fulfillment (or the express written waiver by the Purchaser), at or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions:

(a) *No Breach of Representations and Warranties.*

(i) Each of the representations and warranties of the Sellers set forth in ARTICLE IV (other than those referred to in clause (ii) below), disregarding all materiality and Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained therein, shall be true and correct (x) as if restated on and as of the Closing Date or (y) if made as of a date specified therein, as of such date, except, in each case, for any failure to be true and correct that has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

(ii) Each of the representations and warranties set forth in Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.8, disregarding all materiality and Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained therein, shall be true and correct in all material respects (x) as if restated on and as of the Closing Date or (y) if made as of a date specified therein, as of such date.

(b) *No Breach of Covenants.* Each of the covenants, obligations and agreements contained in this Agreement to be complied with by the Sellers on or before the Closing shall not have been breached in any material respect.

(c) *Certificates.* The Sellers shall have delivered to the Purchaser duly executed certificates, as set forth in Section 2.3.2(b).

(d) *Ancillary Agreements, Bill of Sale and IP Assignment Agreement.* The applicable Seller shall have delivered to the Purchaser a duly executed copy of each of the Ancillary Agreements, the Bill of Sale and the IP Assignment Agreement.

ARTICLE IX

TERMINATION

Section 9.1 Termination.

This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Closing:

- (a) by mutual written consent of each of the Sellers and the Purchaser;
- (b) by either the Sellers or the Purchaser, upon written notice to the other, if the Closing does not take place by December 31, 2009 (the “**Termination Date**”); provided, that if the Closing does not take place by the Termination Date solely due to the condition set forth in Section 8.1(b) not being fulfilled by the Termination Date, the Sellers may elect to extend the Termination Date to January 31, 2010 and further provided, that the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 9.1(b) shall not be available to the Party seeking to terminate if such Party or one of its Affiliates is then in breach of this Agreement and such breach has been the cause of, or has resulted in, the event or condition giving rise to a right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 9.1(b); or
- (c) by the Purchaser if any of the Sellers withdraw or seek authority to withdraw the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order Motion or the motion seeking approval of the U.S. Sale Order;
- (d) by the Purchaser if the U.S. Sale Order and the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order have not been entered by the respective Courts by November 30, 2009, provided, however, that the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 9.1(d) shall not be available to the Purchaser if the Purchaser or one of its Affiliates is then in breach of this Agreement and such breach has been the cause of, or has resulted in, the event or condition giving rise to a right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 9.1(d);
- (e) by the Purchaser, if the Sellers fail to consummate the Closing in breach of Section 2.3 within five (5) Business Days of written demand by the Purchaser to consummate the Closing; or
- (f) by the Sellers, if the Purchaser fails to consummate the Closing in breach of Section 2.3 within five (5) Business Days of written demand by the Sellers to consummate the Closing.

Section 9.2 Effects of Termination.

If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 9.1:

- (a) all further obligations of the Parties under or pursuant to this Agreement shall terminate without further liability of any Party to the other, except for the provisions of (i) Section 5.5 (Public Announcements), (ii) Section 5.9 (Transaction Expenses), (iii) Section 5.10 (Confidentiality), with respect to the last sentence thereof, (v) Section 7.3(b) (Other Employee Covenants), (vi) Section 9.1 (Termination), (vii) Section 9.2 (Effects of Termination)

and (viii) ARTICLE X (Miscellaneous); provided, that neither the termination of this Agreement nor anything in this Section 9.2 shall relieve any Party from liability for any breach of this Agreement occurring before the termination hereof;

(b) except as required by applicable Law, the Purchaser shall return to the Sellers or destroy all documents, work papers and other material of any of the Sellers relating to the transactions contemplated hereby, whether so obtained before or after the execution hereof;

(c) the provisions of the Confidentiality Agreement shall continue in full force and effect; and

(d) the Sellers shall return to the Purchaser, within two (2) Business Days following the date of termination of this Agreement, in immediately available funds, the Purchaser's good faith deposit paid in connection herewith, provided that, the Sellers shall have no obligation to return the good faith deposit if this Agreement is terminated by the Sellers pursuant to Section 9.1(f) herein.

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.1 No Survival of Representations and Warranties or Covenants.

No representations or warranties, covenants or agreements in this Agreement or in any instrument delivered pursuant to this Agreement (which for purposes of this provision shall not include the Intellectual Property License Agreement) shall survive beyond the Closing Date, except for covenants and agreements that by their terms are to be performed or satisfied after the Closing Date, which covenants and agreements shall survive until performed or satisfied in accordance with their terms.

Section 10.2 Remedies.

No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege under this Agreement by any Party will operate as a waiver of such right, remedy, power or privilege, nor will any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege under this Agreement preclude any other or further exercise of such right, remedy, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege.

Section 10.3 No Third Party Beneficiaries.

Except for any acknowledgments, rights, undertakings, representations or warranties expressed to be for the benefit of the EMEA Debtors or the Joint Administrators, this Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

Section 10.4 Consent to Amendments; Waivers.

No Party shall be deemed to have waived any provision of this Agreement or any of the Ancillary Agreements unless such waiver is in writing, and then such waiver shall be limited to the circumstances set forth in such written waiver. This Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements shall not be amended, altered or qualified except by an instrument in writing signed by all the parties hereto or thereto, as the case may be.

Section 10.5 Successors and Assigns.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all representations, warranties, covenants and agreements set forth in this Agreement or any of the Ancillary Agreements by or on behalf of the parties hereto or thereto will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder may be assigned by any Party without the prior written consent of the Sellers in case of an assignment by the Purchaser or the Purchaser in case of an assignment by any Seller, which consent may be withheld in such party's sole discretion, except for the following assignment which shall not require consent:

- (i) assignment to an Affiliate of a Party (provided that such Party remains liable jointly and severally with its assignee Affiliate to the other Parties for the assigned obligations),
- (ii) assignment by a U.S. Debtor to a succeeding entity following such U.S. Debtor's emergence from Chapter 11, and (iii) assignment by any of the Canadian Debtors pursuant to any plan of arrangement approved by the Canadian Court.

Section 10.6 Governing Law; Submission to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Jury Trial.

(a) Any questions, claims, disputes, remedies or Actions arising from or related to this Agreement, and any relief or remedies sought by any Parties, shall be governed exclusively by the Laws of the State of New York applicable to Contracts made and to be performed in that State and without regard to the rules of conflict of laws of any other jurisdiction.

(b) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, each Party: (i) agrees that any claim, Action or proceeding by such Party seeking any relief whatsoever arising out of, or in connection with, this Agreement, or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be brought only in (a) either the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, if brought prior to the entry of a final decree closing the Chapter 11 Cases, or the Canadian Court, if brought prior to the termination of the CCAA Cases, provided that if (X) a final decree closing the Chapter 11 Cases has not been entered and (Y) the CCAA Cases have not terminated, the U.S. Debtors or the Canadian Debtors may, in accordance with the Cross-Border Protocol, request that the Bankruptcy Court or the Canadian Court, as case may be, hold a joint hearing of the Bankruptcy Court and the Canadian Court to determine the appropriate jurisdiction for such claim, Action or proceeding, and (b) in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York or, if that court lacks subject matter jurisdiction, the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, if brought after entry of a final decree closing the Chapter 11 Cases and termination of the CCAA Cases, and shall not be brought, in each case, in any other court in the United States of America, Canada or any court in any other country; (ii) agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the Canadian Court, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, as applicable,

pursuant to the preceding clauses (a) and (b) for purposes of all legal proceedings arising out of, or in connection with, this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby; (iii) waives and agrees not to assert any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of such Action brought in any such court or any claim that any such Action brought in such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum; (iv) agrees that the mailing of process or other papers in connection with any such Action or proceeding in the manner provided in Section 10.7 or any other manner as may be permitted by Law shall be valid and sufficient service thereof; and (v) agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in any other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by applicable Law. However, nothing in the foregoing shall be deemed to prevent the Purchaser from enforcing or defending its rights or defenses in the most appropriate forum between the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and the Canadian Court as to any Seller or any of their Affiliates. For example, this consent to U.S. Bankruptcy Court jurisdiction is not a waiver of the Purchaser's right to resolve any disputes against a Canadian debtor in the Canadian Court, rather than in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

(c) EACH PARTY HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, ANY ANCILLARY AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY. EACH PARTY (I) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (II) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE ANCILLARY AGREEMENTS, AS APPLICABLE, BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 10.6.

Section 10.7 Notices.

All demands, notices, communications and reports provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be either sent by facsimile transmission with confirmation to the number specified below, by electronic mail with confirmation to any Party at the address specified below, or personally delivered or sent by reputable overnight courier service (delivery charges prepaid) to any Party at the address specified below, or at such address, to the attention of such other Person, and with such other copy, as the recipient Party has specified by prior written notice to the sending Party pursuant to the provisions of this Section 10.7.

If to the Purchaser to:

Hitachi, Ltd. Telecommunications & Network Systems Division
216 Totsuka-cho, Totsuka-ku, Yokohama-shi
Kanagawa 244-8567 Japan
Attention: Minoru Inayoshi
Fax Number: +81-45-881-3210

and

Hitachi Communication Technologies America, Inc.
2280 Campbell Creek Blvd., Suite 325
Richardson, Texas 75082
Attention: Don Keeler

With copies (that shall not constitute notice) to:

Morrison & Foerster LLP
425 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-2482
Attention: Michael G. O' Bryan
and William I. Schwartz
Facsimile: (415) 268-7522

and

McCarthy Tétrault
Suite 5300, TD Bank Tower
Toronto Dominion Centre
Toronto, Ontario
M5K 1E6
Attention: James Gage
Facsimile: (416) 868-0673

If to the Sellers to:

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Mailstop: T0503006
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M9C 5K1
Attention: Anna Ventresca
Facsimile: +1-905-863-7386

Nortel Networks Inc.
Legal Department
220 Athens Way, Suite 300
Nashville, Tennessee, USA 37228
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Assistant Secretary
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With copies (that shall not constitute notice) to:

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Canada
Attention: Michael Lang
Facsimile: +1-416-216-3930

Any such demand, notice, communication or report shall be deemed to have been given pursuant to this Agreement when delivered personally, when confirmed if by facsimile transmission, or on the second calendar day after deposit with a reputable overnight courier service, as applicable.

Section 10.8 Exhibits; Sellers Disclosure Schedule.

(a) The Sellers Disclosure Schedule and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute a part of this Agreement and are incorporated into this Agreement for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.

(b) The inclusion of any item in a section of this Sellers Disclosure Schedule (i) does not represent a determination by the Sellers that such item is “material” or could have a Material Adverse Effect; (ii) does not represent a determination by the Sellers that such item did not arise in the Ordinary Course; and (iii) shall not constitute an admission by the Sellers that such disclosure is required to be made pursuant to any of the representations and warranties contained in the Agreement.

Section 10.9 Counterparts.

The Parties may execute this Agreement in two or more counterparts (no one of which need contain the signatures of all Parties), each of which will be an original and all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic means shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement

Section 10.10 No Presumption; Mutual Drafting.

The parties hereto are sophisticated and have been represented by lawyers who have carefully negotiated the provisions hereof. As a consequence, the parties do not intend that the presumptions of any Laws relating to the interpretation of contracts against the drafter of any particular clause should be applied to this Agreement and therefore waive the effects of such Laws.

Section 10.11 Severability.

If any provision, clause, or part of this Agreement, or the application thereof under certain circumstances, is held invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced in any jurisdiction, (i) as to such jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision, clause or part under other circumstances, and (ii) as for any other jurisdiction, all provisions of this Agreement, shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect, unless, in each case, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability in such jurisdiction materially impairs the ability of the Parties to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Upon such determination that any clause or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced in such jurisdiction, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible even in such jurisdiction.

Section 10.12 Entire Agreement.

This Agreement, the Ancillary Agreements and the Confidentiality Agreement set forth the entire understanding of the Parties relating to the subject matter thereof, and all prior or contemporaneous understandings, agreements, representations and warranties, whether written or oral, are superseded by this Agreement, the Ancillary Agreements and the Confidentiality Agreement, and all such prior or contemporaneous understandings, agreements, representations and warranties are hereby terminated. In the event of any irreconcilable conflict between this Agreement and any of the Ancillary Agreements or the Confidentiality Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

Section 10.13 Availability of Equitable Relief.

The Parties agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. Accordingly, each of the Parties shall be entitled to equitable relief to prevent or remedy breaches of this Agreement, without the proof of actual damages, calculation of which the Parties agree would be uncertain and difficult to ascertain, including in the form of an injunction or injunctions or orders for specific performance in respect of such breaches.

Section 10.14 Bulk Sales Laws.

Subject to the entry of the U.S. Sale Order and the Canadian Approval and Vesting Order, each Party waives compliance by the other Party with any applicable bulk sales Law.

Section 10.15 Obligations of the Sellers.

When references are made in this Agreement to certain Sellers causing other Affiliate(s) to undertake (or to not undertake) certain actions, or agreements are being made on behalf of certain other Affiliates, "Sellers" for purposes of such clause shall be deemed to mean, respectively, NNI (in the case of a U.S. Debtor) and NNL (in the case of a Canadian Debtor) and Affiliates of any Sellers shall in no event include any EMEA Debtors or their respective Subsidiaries.

Section 10.16 Limitation on Losses.

Except in the case of a Liability arising from a cash payment obligation due to a party in respect of which the party seeking set-off has received a final judgment in an Action or proceeding in accordance with Section 10.6, no party shall be entitled to set-off any Liabilities or Losses under this Agreement against any amounts due to such party under any other agreement with the other parties or any Affiliate thereof. In no event shall any party be responsible or liable for any Losses that are consequential, in the nature of lost profits, diminution in the value of property, special or punitive or otherwise not actual damages.

[Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have duly executed this Transaction Agreement as of the date first written above.

Hitachi, Ltd.

By: Masahiro Kitano

Name: Masahiro Kitano

Title: Vice President and Executive Officer

Nortel Networks Limited

By: _____

Name:

Title:

By: _____

Name:

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Nortel Networks Inc.

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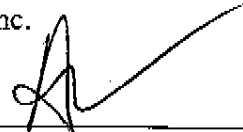
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Title: GENERAL COUNSEL - CORPORATE
+ CORPORATE SECRETARY

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Name: _____
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Nortel Networks Inc.

By:  _____
Name: ANNA VENTRESCA
Title: CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

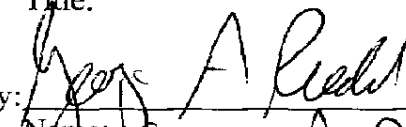
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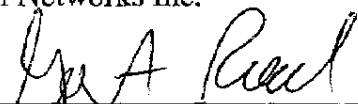
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