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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
In re:	Chapter 11
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.	Case No. 09-50026 (REG) (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.	
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# LIMITED OPPOSITION BY WOODBURY CADILALC LLC TO GUC TRUST'S 268<sup>TH</sup> OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS AND MOTION REQUESTING ENFORCEMENT OF BAR DATE ORDERS

Woodbury Cadillac LLC ("Woodbury Cadillac" or "Claimant") by and through its counsel, Jaspan Schlesinger LLP, hereby raises and files this Limited Opposition to the Debtors' 268<sup>th</sup> Omnibus Objection to Claims and Motion requesting enforcement of Bar Date Orders, dated January 27, 2012, and respectfully shows and alleges as follows:

#### BACKGROUND

1. On or about December 11, 2008, Woodbury Cadillac and Country Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac and GMC Truck, LLC ("Country") entered into a Contribution and Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Contract") wherein, Woodbury Cadillac agreed to acquire certain assets (the "Assets") of Country's automotive dealership (the "Dealership") for the sale and service of new and used vehicles bearing the "Cadillac" brand and mark.

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- 8. On or about January 14, 2011, Woodbury submitted its formal proof of claim to the Garden City Group, Inc. (the "Claims Agent"), for an unsecured claim amount of \$1,000,000.00. Woodbury Cadillac's claim was enumerated as claim no. 70618 ("Claim No. 70618") by the Claims Agent. A copy of Claim No. 70618 is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 9. Attached to Claim No. 70618 are copies of the subject Contract, the Letter and TRO executed by the Court in the Action which was commenced prior to the filing date of the

Chapter 11 cases which outline GM's tortuous interference with the Contract, which has caused Woodbury Cadillac to suffer irreparable harm and damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

- 10. At no time prior to the filing of Claim No. 70618 was Woodbury Cadillac provided and/or in receipt of any notice of a bar date, nor was it aware of any date barring the submission of its claim.
- 11. The GUC Trust ( the "Trustee") has since filed its 268th Omnibus Objection to Claims and Motion requesting enforcement of Bar Date Orders, dated January 27, 2012, (the "268th Omnibus Objection"), indicating an objection to Claim No. 70618 on the basis that it is a "Late Filed Claim". [Docket Entry # 11356]. To the extent the Trustee objects to Claim No. 70618 on this basis, Woodbury Cadillac opposes the 268th Omnibus Objection and respectfully asserts that the Debtor failed to provide notice to Woodbury Cadillac of a bar date to such claim, Woodbury Cadillac never received actual notice of a bar date, and therefore, Claim No. 70618 should be allowed as a timely filed claim.

### PROOF OF CLAIM NO. 70618 SHOULD BE ALLOWED

- 12. Woodbury Cadillac hereby submits its limited opposition to the Trustee's 268th Omnibus Objection for the reasons set forth herein.
- The Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure permit bankruptcy courts to establish bar dates by which proofs of claim must be filed or thereafter forfeited by the creditors. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(7), 3003(c)(3). In order for a claim, such as the claim herein, to be time-barred, there has to be reasonable notice to the creditor. Collier on Bankruptcy at ¶ 3003.03[4] at 3003-9.
- 14. As a result of the Action, Woodbury Cadillac was listed amongst the endless schedule approximately 181 pages, as a creditor at the time of the filing of the Chapter 11

cases. Specifically, Woodbury was scheduled as creditor of the Debtors as an unsecured claimant on Schedule F to Exhibit F-7, at page 177 of 181 pages of the creditors.

- 15. Accordingly, on or about January 14, 2011, Woodbury submitted its formal proof of claim -- Claim No. 70618, to the Claims Agent for an unsecured claim amount of \$1,000,000.00.
- 16. As a scheduled "known" creditor, Woodbury Cadillac is entitled to actual notice of a bar date to its claim. See New York v. New York, N. H. & H. R. Co., 344 U.S. 293, 297 (U.S. 1953) (stating that a creditor should not be required to "make independent inquiry" as to the existence of a bar date [and] "even creditors who have knowledge of a reorganization have a right to assume that the statutory 'reasonable notice' will be given them before their claims are forever barred"); Regen Capital I, Inc. v. Halperin (In re U. S. Wireless Data, Inc.), 547 F.3d 484, 492 (2d Cir. N.Y. 2008); In re XO Communs., Inc., 301 B.R. 782, 792 (S.D.N.Y. 2003) ("If a creditor is "known" to a debtor, actual notice of a debtor's bankruptcy filing and bar date must be given to the creditor in order to achieve a legally effective discharge of the creditor's claim"); In re Kelton Motors, Inc., 135 B.R. 758, 762 (D. Vt. 1991)(stating the "bankruptcy court has no discretion but must allow late claims where a creditor has not received notice of the bar date regardless of his actual knowledge of the bankruptcy proceedings.").
- 17. Yet, in the instant matter, Woodbury Cadillac was <u>never</u> provided actual notice of any bar date in relation to its claim.
- 18. Indeed, the 268th Omnibus Objection (or the attached Exhibit A) fails to provide a scintilla of evidence that Woodbury Cadillac was provided notice of a bar date. The Trustee's broad stroke contention in the 268th Omnibus Objection is merely an attempt to whitewash its failure to provide notice.

19. The 268th Omnibus Objection is devoid of any proof, in the form of sworn

testimony or documentary evidence, that Woodbury Cadillac was provided any notice of any

such bar date. It does not even indicate which of the several bar dates discussed is applicable to

Claim No. 70618.

20. Accordingly, as Woodbury Cadillac was not provided with the required notice,

Claim No. 70618 should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

21. For the foregoing reasons, Woodbury Cadillac LLC requests that Claim No.

70618 be allowed in its entirety in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, together with such other and

further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

22. Woodbury Cadillac LLC reserves the right to revise, supplement, or amend this

Opposition, and any failure to object on a particular ground or grounds shall not be construed as

a waiver of his right to object.

WHEREFORE, Woodbury Cadillac LLC requests that Claim No. 70618 be allowed in

its entirety in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, as an unsecured claim, together with such other and

further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: Garden City, New York

February 23, 2012

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Attorneys for Woodbury Cadillac LLC

By:

s/Steven R. Schlesinger

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## **EXHIBIT A**



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January 14, 2011

The Garden City Group, Inc. Attn: Motors Liquidation Company P.O. Box 9386 Dublin, Ohio 43017-4286

Re:

Motors Liquidation Company, et al.,

f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.

Chapter 11

Case No. 09-50026

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a proof of claim, along with a statement of the legal and factual basis for the claim and relevant exhibits, to be filed in the above-referenced bankruptcy case.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours

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**Enclosures** 

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTH	ERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	P	ROOF OF CLAIM
Name of Debtor (Check Only One):  Motors Liquidation Company (f/k/a General Motors Corporation)  MLCS, LLC (f/k/a Saturn, LLC)  MLCS Distribution Corporation (f/k/a Saturn Distribution Corporation)  MLC of Harlem, Inc. (f/k/a Chevrolet-Saturn of Harlem, Inc.)	Your Claim is Scheduled As Follows: Scheduled General Unsecured Claim		
NOTE: This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative expense arising a for purposes of asserting a claim under 11 U.S.C. § 503(h)(9) (see Item # 5). All other reques filed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503	09-13558 (REG)  fier the commencement of the case, but may be used to for payment of an administrative expense should be		
Name of Creditor (the person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property): Woodbury Cadillac, LLC			
Name and address where notices should be sent:  C/O Steven R. Schlesinger, Esq.  Jaspan Schlesinger ILP  300 Garden City Plaza, 5th Floor  Garden City, NY 11530	Check this box to indicate that this claim amends a previously filed claim.  Court Claim Number: Scheduled (If known)		
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Telephone number: 516-746-8000 Email Address:		scheduled by scheduled a amendment to	is identified above, you have a claim rone of the Debtors as shown. (This mount of your claim may be an o a previously scheduled amount.) If you
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Steven R. Schlesinger

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy cases not filed voluntarily by the debtor, there may be exceptions to these general rules. The attorneys for the Debtors and their court-appointed claims agent, The Garden City Group, Inc., are not authorized and are not providing you with any legal advice.

#### A SEPARATE PROOF OF CLAIM FORM MUST BE FILED AGAINST EACH DEBTOR

PLEASE SEND YOUR ORIGINAL. COMPLETED CLAIM FORM AS FOLLOWS: IF BY MAIL: THE GARDEN CITY GROUP, INC., ATTN: MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY CLAIMS PROCESSING. P.O. BOX 9386, DUBLIN, OH 43017-4286. IF BY HAND OR OVERNIGHT COURIER: THE GARDEN CITY GROUP, INC., ATTN: MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY CLAIMS PROCESSING, \$151 BLAZER PARKWAY, SUITE A, DUBLIN, OH 43017. PROOFS OF CLAIM MAY ALSO BE HAND DELIVERED TO: THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, SDNY, ONE BOWLING GREEN, ROOM 534, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004. ANY PROOF OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR E-MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## THE GENERAL AND GOVERNMENTAL BAR DATE IS NOVEMBER 30, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING EASTERN TIME)

#### Court, Name of Debtor, and Case Number:

These chapter 11 cases were commenced in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York on June 1, 2009. You should select the debtor against which you are asserting your claim.

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#### Creditor's Name and Address:

Fill in the name of the person or entity asserting a claim and the name and address of the person who should receive notices issued during the bankruptcy case. Please provide us with a valid email address. A separate space is provided for the payment address if it differs from the notice address. The creditor has a continuing obligation to keep the court informed of its current address. See Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g).

#### 1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed:

State the total amount owed to the creditor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. Follow the instructions concerning whether to complete items 4 and 5. Check the box if interest or other charges are included in the claim.

#### 2. Basis for Claim:

State the type of debt or how it was incurred. Examples include goods sold, money loaned, services performed, personal injury/wrongful death, car loan, mortgage note, and credit card. If the claim is based on the delivery of health care goods or services, limit the disclosure of the goods or services so as to avoid embarrassment or the disclosure of confidential health care information. You may be required to provide additional disclosure if the debtor, trustee or another party in interest files an objection to your claim.

#### 3. Last Four Digits of Any Number by Which Creditor Identifies Debtor:

State only the last four digits of the debtor's account or other number used by the creditor to identify the debtor, if any.

#### 3a. Debtor May Have Scheduled Account As:

Use this space to report a change in the creditor's name, a transferred claim, or any other information that clarifies a difference between this proof of claim and the claim as scheduled by the debtor.

#### 4. Secured Claim:

Check the appropriate box and provide the requested information if the claim is fully or partially secured. Skip this section if the claim is entirely unsecured. (See DEFINITIONS, below.) State the type and the value of property that secures the claim, attach copies of lien documentation, and state annual interest rate and the amount past due on the claim as of the date of the bankruptcy filing.

#### 5. Amount of Claim Entitled to Priority Under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a):

If any portion of your claim falls in one or more of the listed categories, check the appropriate box(es) and state the amount entitled to priority. (See DEFINITIONS, below.) A claim may be partly priority and partly non-priority. For example, in some of the categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

For claims pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9), indicate the amount of your claim arising from the value of any goods received by the debtor within 20 days before June 1, 2009, the date of commencement of these cases (See DEFINITIONS, below). Attach documentation supporting such claim,

#### Credits

An authorized signature on this proof of claim serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the Debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

#### 7. Documents:

Attach to this proof of claim form redacted copies documenting the existence of the debt and of any lien securing the debt. You may also attach a summary. You must also attach a copies of documents that evidence perfection of any security interest. You may also attach a summary. FRBP 3001(c) and (d). If the claim is based on the delivery of health care goods or services, see instruction 2. Do not send original documents, as attachments may be destroyed after scanning.

#### Date and Signature:

The person filing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011. If the claim is filed electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what constitutes a signature. Print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim. State the filer's address and telephone number if it differs from the address given on the top of the form for purposes of receiving notices. Attach a complete copy of any power of attorney. Criminal penalties apply for making a false statement on a proof of claim.

#### DEFINITIONS

#### Debtor

A debtor is the person, corporation, or other entity that has filed a bankruptcy case.

The Debtors in these Chapter 11 cases are:

Motors Liquidation Company

 (f/k/a General Motors Corporation)
 09-50026 (REG)

 MLCS, LLC
 (f/k/a Saturn, LLC)

 09-50027 (REG)

MLCS Distribution Corporation

(f/k/a Saturn Distribution Corporation) 09-50028 (REG)

MLC of Harlem, Inc.

(f/k/a Chevrolet-Saturn of Harlem, Inc.) 09-13558 (REG)

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A creditor is the person, corporation, or other entity owed a debt by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing.

#### Claim

A claim is the creditor's right to receive payment on a debt that was owed by the Debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filling. See 11 U.S.C. § 101(5). A claim may be secured or unsecured.

#### Proof of Clain

A proof of claim is a form used by the creditor to indicate the amount of the debt owed by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. The creditor must file the form with The Garden City Group, Inc. as described in the instructions above and in the Bar Date Notice.

#### Secured Claim Under 11 U.S.C. § 506(a)

A secured claim is one backed by a lien on property of the debtor. The claim is secured so long as the creditor has the right to be

paid from the property prior to other creditors. The amount of the secured claim cannot exceed the value of the property. Any amount owed to the creditor in excess of the value of the property is an unsecured claim. Examples of liens on property include a mortgage on real estate or a security interest in a car. A lien may be voluntarily granted by a debtor or may be obtained through a court proceeding. In some states, a court judgment is a lien. A claim also may be secured if the creditor owes the debtor money (has a right to setoff).

#### Section 503(b)(9) Claim

A Section 503(b)(9) claim is a claim for the value of any goods received by the debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement of a bankruptcy case in which the goods have been sold to the debtor in the ordinary course of such debtor's business.

#### Unsecured Claim

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## Claim Entitled to Priority Under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a) Priority claims are certain categories of unsecured claims that are paid from the available money or property in a bankrupicy case before other unsecured claims.

#### Redacted

A document has been redacted when the person filing it has masked, edited out, or otherwise deleted, certain information. A creditor should redact and use only the last four digits of any social-security, individual's

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INFORMATION

#### **Evidence of Perfection**

Evidence of perfection may include a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document showing that the lien has been filed or recorded.

#### Acknowledgment of Filing of Claim

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#### Additional Information

If you have any questions with respect to this claim form, please contact Alix Partners at 1 (800) 414-9607 or by e-mail at claims@motorsliquidation.com,

In re Motors Liquidation Company, et al., f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al., – Chapter 11 - Case No. 09-50026 (REG)

## Woodbury Cadillac, LLC

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## A copy of the Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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**EXHIBIT "A"** 

At a Motion Part \_\_\_\_ of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Nassau, at the Courthouse located at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, New York, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

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MOTION SEQUENCE #\_\_\_\_\_ORIGINAL RETURN DATE

J.S.C.

RELIEE \_\_\_

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NASSAU

WOODBURY CADILLAC, LLC,

- against -

Warshawsky

ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE FOR
TEMPORARY AND PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Index No. 04004687

COUNTRY CADILLAC, BUICK, PONTIAC AND GMC TRUCK, LLC and GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

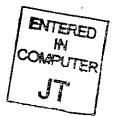
#### Defendants.

UPON the reading of the accompanying emergency affirmation of Steven R. Schlesinger, Esq., dated March 13, 2009, the affirmation in support of the order the show cause of Steven R. Schlesinger, Esq., dated March 13, 2009, the annexed summons and verified complaint, verified on March 12 2009, and the exhibits annexed thereto, and upon all the pleadings and proceedings heretofore had herein, and good and sufficient reason appearing therefore.

HON. IRA B. WARSTANDER,

LET DEFENDANTS SHOW CAUSE before the Honorable \_

\_ of the Courthouse located at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, New York



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11501, on the 27 day of March, 2009, at 23 a.m. p.m., or soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an Order should not be made enjoining General Motors Corporation ("GM"), its attorneys, agents or any other person acting on their behalf from taking any action to prevent Country Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac and GMC Truck, LLC ("Country") from performing its obligations pursuant to its Contract with plaintiff and it is further hereby;

**ORDERED** that pending further order of the Court, defendants, their attorneys or any other person acting on their behalf are hereby enjoined from transferring, assigning, pledging or otherwise disposing of the assets as defined in the Contribution and Asset Purchase Agreement between Plaintiff and Country, and it is further hereby;

ORDERED that pending further order of the Court, GM, its attorneys or any other person acting on its behalf are hereby enjoined from relinquishing and/or terminating its franchise agreement with Country together with other and further and different relief, as this Court may deem necessary and proper, and it is further hereby;

With Index Number and Filing Date Endorsed Thereon ORDERED that service of a copy of this Order, together with all of the papers upon CPLE 311 (1/a) which it is based, pursuant to CPLR § 2103(e)(6), on or before the 23 day of March \_\_\_\_ 2009, shall be deemed good and sufficient service if served by overnight mail upon the following defendants: Country Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac and GMC Truck, LLC at 305 W. Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, New York 11743-6332 and General Motors Corporation at 767 Fifth Avenue, Suite 16, New York, New York 10019.

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**EXHIBIT "B"** 

## CONTRIBUTION AND ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT

CONTRIBUTION AND ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT, dated December 11, 2008 between COUNTRY CADILLAC, BUICK, PONTIAC AND GMC TRUCK, LLC, a New York limited liability company ("Investor"), and WOODBURY CADILLAC, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Company").

#### RECITALS

- 1. Investor desires to become a member of Company and Company desires that Investor be admitted as a member of Company.
- 2. Investor is willing to make, and Company is willing to accept, a certain contribution to Company in exchange for its membership interests.
- 3. Investor also desires to sell to Company, and Company desires to purchase, certain assets of Investor.
- NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Recitals and of the mutual covenants, conditions and agreements set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed that:

## ARTICLE I CONTRIBUTION; ISSUANCE OF INTERESTS

- Contribution; Issuance of Interests. Subject to and upon the terms and conditions set forth herein, Investor hereby agrees to acquire, on the Closing Date, a 17.5% membership interest in Company (the "Interest"). In connection therewith, the parties agree that in return for the Interest issued to Investor and the establishment of Investor's capital account with Company, Investor will contribute to Company, on the Closing Date, all of the Contributed Assets (the "Contribution").
- 1.2 <u>No Assumption of Liabilities</u>. Company will not assume, and the Contribution will not include, any Liabilities of Investor.
- 1.3 <u>Documents of Conveyance</u>. With respect to the Contributed Assets, on the Closing Date, Investor shall execute and deliver to Company appropriate bills of sale and such other documents of conveyance as Company may reasonably request to effect the transactions contemplated herein that are to be consummated before or at the Closing. All such documents of conveyance and assumption are collectively referred to herein as the "<u>Contribution Conveyance Documents</u>."

## ARTICLE II CONTRIBUTION; ISSUANCE OF INTERESTS

- 2.1 Sale of Assets. Subject to and upon the terms and conditions set forth herein, Investor hereby agrees to sell to Company, and Company agrees to purchase from Investor, on the Closing Date, all of the Purchased Assets (the "Sale"). Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section 2.1 to the contrary, it is expressly understood and agreed that (x) in the event that a vehicle required to be purchased hereunder is or has been damaged in excess of \$500.00 (in the aggregate as to each vehicle), or said damage (irrespective of the cost to repair) involves frame damage or damage of the kind or nature required to be disclosed to a customer (pursuant to relevant consumer laws), Company shall not be obliged to purchase such vehicle(s) from Investor; and (y) Company shall not be required to purchase more than nine 2008 model vehicles.
- Purchase Price. The purchase price to be paid for each vehicle included in the Purchased Assets (the "Purchase Price") shall be Investor's invoice amount, including freight, handling, dealer installed accessories and conversions less factory holdback of \_\_%. All preparation money and supplemental floor plan payments for 2009 vehicles in stock in excess of 30 days shall be divided equally between the parties. Reimbursable advertising allowances for cars invoiced prior to 30 days prior to the Closing Date shall belong to Investor and invoiced after such date shall belong to Company. Subject to the 2008 Indemnity, Company will assume floor plan interest at Closing. Investor will prepare PDI check lists and assemble proof of supplemental floor plan payments for all cars in stock in excess of 30 days. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Company's obligations with respect to floor plan financing of the Purchase Assets will commence on, and apply on with respect to periods from and after, the Closing Date.
- 2.3 <u>No Assumption of Liabilities</u>. Company will not assume, and the Sale will not include, any Liabilities of Investor.
- Date, Investor shall execute and deliver to Company appropriate bills of sale and such other documents of conveyance as Company may reasonably request to effect the transactions contemplated herein that are to be consummated before or at the Closing. All such documents of conveyance and assumption are collectively referred to herein as the "Sale Conveyance Documents."

## ARTICLE III COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Company hereby represents and warrants to Investor that:

3.1 <u>Authorization; Enforceability</u>. Company has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and carry out the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement is, and the other documents and instruments contemplated hereunder to which Company is a party will be, when executed and delivered by the parties thereto, Company's legal, valid and binding obligations.

- 3.2 No Violation or Conflict. The execution and delivery by Company of this Agreement do not, and the performance by Company of its obligations under this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not:
- (i) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the articles of organization of Company;
- (ii) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any term or provision of any Law or Order applicable to Company or any of its assets and properties; or
- (iii) (v) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of, (w) constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under, (x) require Company to obtain any consent, approval or action of, make any filing with or give any notice to any Person as a result or under the terms of, (y) result in or give to any Person any right of termination, cancellation, acceleration or modification in or with respect to, or (z) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien upon Company or any of its assets and properties under, any Contract or License to which Company is a party or by which any of its assets and properties are bound.
- 3.3 <u>Consents</u>. No consent, approval or action of, filing with or notice to any Governmental Body or any other Person on the part of Company is required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.
- 2.4 Company. Company is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, and has full corporate power and authority to conduct its business as and to the extent now conducted and to own, use and lease its assets and properties. Company does not have a written operating agreement, has conducted no business other than entering into this Agreement and issuing membership interests to each of Antonio Izzo and Ivan M. Leist (the "Original Members"), and, prior to giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, has no liabilities or assets. The Original Members are the sole members of Company. There are no outstanding Options with respect to Company.
- 3.5 <u>The Membership Interests</u>. Company has the unrestricted power to issue the Interest. The Interest is duly authorized, validly issued, outstanding, fully paid and nonassessable.
- 3.6 No Misleading Statements. The representations of Company in this Agreement or any list or other document delivered by Company pursuant hereto do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements contained therein or herein not misleading or incomplete. To the knowledge of Company, no information material to this transaction necessary to make any of the representations and warranties herein contained not misleading has been withheld from, or has not been disclosed in writing to, Investor.

## ARTICLE IV INVESTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Investor hereby represents and warrants to Company that:

- 4.1 <u>Authorization; Enforceability</u>. Investor has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and carry out the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement is, and the other documents and instruments contemplated hereunder to which Investor is a party will be, when executed and delivered by the parties thereto, Investor's legal, valid and binding obligations.
- 4.2 No Violation or Conflict. The execution and delivery by Investor of this Agreement do not, and the performance by Investor of its obligations under this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not:
- (i) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the articles of organization or operating agreement of Investor;
- (ii) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any term or provision of any Law or Order applicable to Investor or any of its assets and properties; or
- (iii) subject to obtaining the consents set forth on Schedule 4.2 hereto, (v) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of, (w) constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under, (x) require Investor to obtain any consent, approval or action of, make any filing with or give any notice to any Person as a result or under the terms of, (y) result in or give to any Person any right of termination, cancellation, acceleration or modification in or with respect to, or (z) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien upon Investor or any of its assets and properties under, any Contract or License to which Investor is a party or by which any of its assets and properties are bound.
- 4.3 No Litigation or Judgments. Except as set forth on Schedule 4.3 hereto, (x) there are no actions, suits, proceedings, arbitrations or Governmental Body investigations pending or, to the knowledge of Investor, threatened against, relating to or affecting Investor or its principals, (y) no there are no judgments pending against Investor or its principals; and (z) there are no insolvency proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of Investor, threatened against, relating to or affecting Investor or its principals.
- 4.4 <u>Consents</u>. Except as provided in <u>Schedule 4.2</u> hereto, no consent, approval or action of, filing with or notice to any Governmental Body or any other Person on the part of Investor is required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.
- 4.5 <u>Liens</u>. Except as provided in <u>Schedule 4.5</u> hereto, there are no Liens on the Contributed Assets or the Purchased Assets.
  - 4.6 <u>Investor</u>. Investor is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and

in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, and has full corporate power and authority to conduct its business as and to the extent now conducted and to own, use and lease its assets and properties. Investor Principals are the sole members of Investor.

- 4.7 <u>Customers; Customer List</u>. Investor has received no notice from any of Investor's customers, and Investor has no reason to believe, that any such customer intends to terminate or materially decrease its relationship with Investor. The customer list included as part of the Contributed Assets is a true, complete and correct list of all customers of Investor with respect to Cadillac vehicles.
- 4.8 <u>Equipment</u>. All special tools, computers and shop equipment included in the Contributed Assets are in good condition and repair, are free from material defects and have been reasonably maintained, and no material repairs, replacements or regularly scheduled maintenance relating to such items has been deferred.
- 4.9 <u>Purchased Assets</u>. All of the Purchased Assets are 2008 and 2009 model new, unused, never registered, Cadillac motor vehicles with less than 50 actual miles thereon, with unreported retail delivery cards (or its equivalent) for each.
- Taxes. That all Tax Returns required to be filed on or before the date of Closing with respect to Investor's business or the assets which are the subject matter of this Agreement, have been filed, or will be filed on or before the Closing date, in accordance with all applicable laws (after taking into account extensions duly obtained), and, to the best of Investor's knowledge, no penalties or other charges are due or will become due with respect to the late filing of any such Tax Return. All such Tax Returns are or will be accurate and complete in all respects and properly reflect the Taxes due for the periods covered thereby. All Taxes due and payable with respect to Investor's business, as shown on such Tax Returns have been paid, adequately provided for in reserves, or properly protested or will be so paid, reserved for or protested by Investor by the Closing date. All Taxes required to be withheld or collected by Investor with respect to its business have been duly withheld or collected and have been or will be paid over to the appropriate governmental authorities. No audit of any such Tax Return is pending or, to the best of Investor's knowledge, threatened. Investor is not a party to any pending action or proceeding by any governmental authority for assessment or collection of Taxes with respect to its business, and no claim for assessment or collection of Taxes has been asserted or threatened against Investor with respect to its business.
- 4.11 No Misleading Statements. The representations of Investor in this Agreement or any list or other document delivered by Investor pursuant hereto do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements contained therein or herein not misleading or incomplete. To the knowledge of Investor, no information material to this transaction necessary to make any of the representations and warranties herein contained not misleading has been withheld from, or has not been disclosed in writing to, Company.
- 4.12 <u>No Other Representations</u>. Investor is acquiring the Interest voluntarily and in its own judgment and not upon any representations made by Company, or by any one acting on its behalf, other than those set forth in this Agreement.

## 4.13 Securities Acts Representations. Investor acknowledges that:

- (i) the Interest has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. § 15b et seq., the New York State securities act or any other state securities laws (collectively, the "Securities Acts") because Company has issued the Interest in reliance upon exemptions from the registration requirements contained in the Securities Acts for issuances not involving a public offering;
- (ii) Company has relied upon the fact that the Interest is to be held by Investor for investment purposes only, and not with a view to or for any resale or distribution thereof, unless such sale or distribution is made in accordance with applicable Laws; and
- (iii) Company and its members are not under any obligation to register or qualify the Interest or to assist Investor in complying with any exemption from registration under the Securities Acts if Investor wishes to dispose of the Interest in accordance with applicable Laws.
- 4.14 <u>Investment Purpose</u>. Investor is acquiring the Interest for its own account, for investment purposes only, and not with a view to or for the resale or distribution thereof, unless such sale or distribution is made in accordance with applicable Laws.

Nothing contained herein is intended to be construed as an admission that the Interest constitutes "securities" for purposes of any of the Securities Acts or other Law.

## ARTICLE V INDEMNITIES AND ADDITIONAL COVENANTS

- and its successors and permitted assigns (collectively, with Investor, the "Investor Indemnitees") from and against, and agrees to defend promptly the Investor Indemnitees from and reimburse the Investor Indemnitees for, any and all demands, actions, suits, proceedings, hearings, investigations, charges, complaints, demands, injunctions, judgments, decrees, rulings, amounts paid in settlement, liens, causes of actions, assessments, losses, damages, costs, expenses, liabilities, obligations and claims of any kind, including without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and other legal costs and expenses and any liability (hereinafter referred to collectively in this Article V as "Losses"), that the Investor Indemnitees or any of them may at any time suffer or incur, or become subject to, as a result of or in connection with any breach or inaccuracy of any of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements made by Company in or pursuant to this Agreement or any documents executed by Company pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.
- 5.2 <u>Investor's Indemnity</u>. Investor hereby indemnifies and holds harmless Company, its members from time to time other than Investor, and its and their successors and permitted assigns (collectively, with Company, the "<u>Company Indemnitees</u>") from and against, and agrees to defend promptly Company Indemnitees from and reimburse the Company Indemnitees for, any and all Losses that Company Indemnitees or any of them may at any time suffer or incur, or become subject

to, as a result of or in connection with (a) any breach or inaccuracy of any of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements made by Investor in or pursuant to this Agreement or any documents executed by Investor pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement; or (b) any Liabilities of Investor.

- 5.3 Survival. All representations, warranties, covenants and agreements made by any Person in this Agreement will survive the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein.
- 5.4 Admission to Company. Company agrees that upon the issuance of the Interest hereunder, Investor will be admitted as a member of Company.

## ARTICLE VI PRE-CLOSING COVENANTS

- 6.1 <u>Pre-Closing Covenants</u>. Investor and Company agree as follows with respect to the period between the execution of this Agreement and the Closing Date:
- (a) General. Each of the parties will use its best efforts to take all actions and to do all things necessary, proper, or advisable in order to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including satisfaction, but not waiver, of the closing conditions set forth in Article VII). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company will promptly (i) submit to General Motors all information required by law and General Motors to obtain the Franchise Approval, (ii) apply for the Floor Plan Financing.
- (b) Notices and Consents. Investor will give notice to any third parties whose consent is required in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and will use its best efforts to obtain all such consents. Each of the parties will give any notices to, make any filings with, and use its reasonable best efforts to obtain any authorizations, consents, and approvals of governments and governmental agencies that are required in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (c) Operation of Business. Investor will not engage in any practice, take any action, or enter into any transaction outside the ordinary course of business, and will use its best efforts to keep available the services of its officers and employees and to maintain satisfactory relationships with licensors, suppliers, distributors, customers and others having business relations with Investor.
- (d) <u>Exclusivity</u>. Investor will not, directly or indirectly, through any representative or otherwise, solicit or entertain offers from, negotiate with, or in any manner encourage, accept, consider or discuss any proposal of any other Person relating to the acquisition of the membership interests of Investor, its assets or business, in whole or in part, whether directly or indirectly, through purchase, merger or otherwise (other than sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business).

## ARTICLE VII CONDITIONS TO OBLIGATION TO CLOSE

- 7.1 Conditions to Obligation of Company. The obligation of Company to consummate the transactions to be performed by it in connection with the Closing is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions (provided Company may waive any such condition if it executes a writing so stating at or prior to the Closing):
- (i) the representations and warranties set forth in Article IV shall be true and correct in all material respects at and as of the Closing Date;
- (ii) Investor shall have performed and complied with all of its covenants hereunder in all material respects through the Closing;
- (iii) there shall not be any Order in effect preventing consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;
- (iv) Investor shall have delivered to Company a certificate to the effect that each of the conditions specified in Section 7.1(i)-(iii) is satisfied in all respects;
- (v) Investor shall have delivered to Company (A) the articles of organization of Investor certified by the Secretary of State of New York and a recent certificate of good standing of Investor; and (B) certified copies of the resolutions evidencing the authorization of this Agreement by the members of Investor;
- (vi) no damage, destruction or loss (whether or not covered by insurance) shall have occurred which materially and adversely affects the Contributed Assets or the Purchased Assets;
- (vii) all actions to be taken by Investor in connection with consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and all certificates, opinions, instruments, and other documents required to effect the transactions contemplated hereby will be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to Company;
- (viii) the issuance and execution of a standard form and term Dealer Sales and Service Agreement between Company and General Motors Corporation, on such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to Company in Company's sole and absolute discretion, authorizing Company's sale and factory authorized service of Cadillac motor vehicles, parts, and accessories at the Company's premises (the "Franchise Approval");
- (ix) Company shall have obtained floor plan lines of credit from General Motors Acceptance Corporation or other lender approved by Company on terms and conditions reasonably satisfactory to it in the amount of \$3,000,000 for new vehicles and \$1,000,000 for used vehicles (the "Floor Plan Financing");

- (x) Company shall have entered into a triple net lease, with rent at \$300,000 per annum, with 760 Jericho Tumpike, LLC with respect to premises located at 760 Jericho Tumpike, Woodbury, New York (the "Premises Lease");
- (xi) the execution of an operating agreement for Company in form and substance satisfactory to Investor and the Original Members (the "Operating Agreement")<sup>1</sup>;
- (xii) all consents required to be obtained in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall have been obtained; and
- (xiii) (as the Schedules hereto will not have been prepared at the time of the execution of this Agreement) Company shall be satisfied with the Schedules hereto.
- 7.2 <u>Conditions to Obligation of Investor</u>. The obligations of Investor to consummate the transactions to be performed by them in connection with the Closing is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions (provided Investor may waive any such condition if it or he executes a writing so stating at or prior to the Closing):
- (i) the representations and warranties set forth in Article III shall be true and correct in all material respects at and as of the Closing Date;
- (ii) Company shall have performed and complied with all of its covenants hereunder in all material respects through the Closing;
- (iii) there shall not be any Order in effect preventing consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;
- (iv) Company shall have delivered to Investor a certificate to the effect that each of the conditions specified in Section 7.2(i)-(iii) is satisfied in all respects;
- (v) Company shall have delivered to Investor (A) the articles of organization of Company certified by the Secretary of State of New York and a recent certificate of good standing of Company; and (B) certified copies of the resolutions evidencing the authorization of this Agreement by the Original Members;
- (vi) all actions to be taken by Company in connection with consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and all certificates, opinions, instruments, and other documents

<sup>1</sup> Investor and Company acknowledge that, among other things, the Operating Agreement will provide that (x) the Original Members will be fully indemnified by Investor with respect to 2008 model vehicles included in the Purchase Assets (with respect to all related floor plan principal and interest and losses on sales), which shall be mandatorily prepaid (taken out of floor plan) if and when Michael Caruso, a member of Investor, BMW of the Hamptons (the "2008 Vehicle Indemnity"); (y) Vincent LaRosa, a member of Investor, will receive compensation of \$500/week for acting as Sales Manager for Company; and (z) each member of Company will bear proportionate liability with respect to the Floor Plan Financing.

required to effect the transactions contemplated hereby will be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to Investor:

- (vii) the Franchise Approval shall have been obtained by Company;
- (viii) the Floor Plan Financing shall have been obtained by Company;
- (ix) Company shall have entered into the Premises Lease;
- (x) the execution of an operating agreement for Company in form and substance satisfactory to Investor and the Original Members; and
- (xi) all consents required to be obtained in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall have been obtained

## ARTICLE VIII TERMINATION

- 8.1 <u>Termination of Agreement</u>. Investor and Company may terminate this Agreement as provided below:
- (i) Investor and Company may terminate this Agreement by mutual written consent at any time prior to the Closing.
- (ii) Company may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to Investor at any time prior to the Closing: (A) in the event Investor has breached any representation, warranty, or covenant contained in this Agreement in any material respect, Company has notified Investor of the breach, and the breach has continued without cure for a period of 10 days after the notice of breach; or (B) if the Closing shall not have occurred on or before March 1, 2009, by reason of the failure of any condition precedent under Section 7.1 or 11.13 (unless the failure results primarily from Company itself breaching any representation, warranty, or covenant contained in this Agreement).
- (iii) Investor may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to Company at any time prior to the Closing: (A) in the event Company has breached any representation, warranty, or covenant contained in this Agreement in any material respect, Investor has notified Company of the breach, and the breach has continued without cure for a period of 10 days after the notice of breach; or (B) if the Closing shall not have occurred on or before March 1, 2009, by reason of the failure of any condition precedent under Section 7.2 (unless the failure results primarily from Investor breaching any representation, warranty, or covenant contained in this Agreement).
- 8.2 **Effect of Termination.** If Investor or Company terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1, all rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall terminate without any liability of any Person to any other Person (except for any liability of any Person then in breach).

## ARTICLE IX THE CLOSING

9.1 The Closing. The closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the "Closing") shall take place at the offices of Jaspan Schlesinger LLP, 300 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, New York, commencing at 10:00 a.m. local time on February 1, 2009, or, if later, the business day following the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions to the obligations of the parties to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby (other than conditions with respect to actions the respective parties will take at the Closing itself), or such other date as the parties may mutually agree in writing (the "Closing Date"). At the Closing, the parties shall establish, by written agreement, the effective date thereof.

## 9.2 Deliveries at the Closing. At the Closing:

- (i) Investor will deliver to Company the various certificates, instruments, and documents referred to in Section 7.1;
- (ii) Company will deliver to Investor the various certificates, instruments, and documents referred to in Section 7.2;
- (iii) Investor and Company will execute, acknowledge (if appropriate), and deliver to each other the Contribution Conveyance Documents and the Sale Conveyance Documents;
- (iv) Investor will deliver to Company possession of the Contributed Assets and the Purchased Assets:
- (v) Company will pay the Purchase Price to Investor by wire transfer of funds pursuant to instructions provided by Investor at least three business days prior to the Closing Date;
  - (vi) Investor and the Original Members will execute the Operating Agreement.

## ARTICLE X DEFINITIONS

- 10.1 **Definitions.** As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:
  - "Closing" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.1
  - "Closing Date" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.1
- "Contract" means any agreement, lease, license, evidence of indebtedness, mortgage, indenture, security agreement or other contract.

"Contributed Assets" means: (a) all tools, including special tools and equipment required by General Motors Corporation for the proper operation of a Cadillac dealership; (b) [computers]; (c) the customer list of Investor's Cadillac business; (d) 13 above ground lifts; (e) two compressors; (f) two New York State inspection machines; (g) two engine hoists; (h) two transmission jacks; (i) two engine stands; (j) one touch; (k) two battery charges; (l) two engine jacks; (m) one ac machine; (n) one spring compressor; (o) two floor jacks; (p) one Hunter alignment machine; (q) four tex 2s; (r) one tire monitor; (s) two clean stations; (t) five flush machines; (u) three brake lathes; (v) one portable brake lathe; (w) one tire balance machine; (x) one tire mounting machine for up to 22" wheels; (y) all telephone and fax numbers used by Investor in the conduct of its business; (z) one snow plow; and (aa) one tow truck.

"Governmental Body" means any court, tribunal, arbitrator, authority, agency, commission, official or other instrumentality of the United States, any foreign country or any domestic or foreign state, country, city or other political subdivision.

"Investor Principals" means Michael A. Caruso and Vincent LaRosa.

"Laws" means all laws, statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances and other pronouncements having the effect of law of the United States, any foreign country or any domestic or foreign state, county, city or other political subdivision or of any Governmental Body.

"Liability" means, with respect to any Person, any liability or obligation of such Person of any kind, character or description that is material to such Person, whether known or which reasonably should have been known, absolute or contingent, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, disputed or undisputed, liquidated or unliquidated, secured or unsecured, due or to become due, vested or unvested, or executory, and whether or not the same is required to be accrued on the financial statements of such Person.

"<u>Licenses</u>" means all licenses, permits, certificates of authority, authorizations, approvals, registrations, franchises and similar consents granted or issued by any Governmental Body.

"Liens" means any mortgage, pledge, assessment, security interest, lease, lien, adverse claim, levy, charge or other encumbrance of any kind, or any conditional sale Contract, title retention Contract or other Contract to give any of the foregoing.

"Operating Agreement" has the meaning given such term in Section 7.1(ix).

"Option" with respect to any Person means any security, right, subscription, warrant, option, "phantom" stock right or other Contract that gives the right to (i) purchase or otherwise receive or be issued any shares of capital stock or other equity interest of such Person or any security of any kind convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any shares of capital stock or other equity interest of such Person or (ii) receive or exercise any benefits or rights similar to any rights enjoyed by or accruing to the holder of shares of capital stock or other equity interest of such Person, including any rights to participate in the equity or income of such Person or to participate in or direct

the election of any directors, officers or managers of such Person or the manner in which any shares of capital stock or other equity interests of such Person are voted.

"Order" means any writ, judgment, decree, injunction or similar order of any Governmental Body (in each such case whether preliminary or final).

"Original Members" has the meaning given such term in Section 3.5.

"Person" means any natural person, corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, proprietorship, other business organization, trust, union, association or Governmental Body.

"Purchase Price" has the meaning given such term in Section 2.2.

"<u>Purchased Assets</u>" means all of Investor's 2008 and 2009 model new, unused, never registered, Cadillac motor vehicles with less than 50 actual miles thereon, with unreported retail delivery cards (or its equivalent) for each.

<u>"Tax Return"</u> means any return, report, claim for refund, or information return or statement relating to Taxes, including any schedule or attachment thereto.

"Taxes" means any federal, state, county, local, foreign and other tax, whether income, sales, gross receipts, excise or otherwise, including any interest, penalty, or addition thereto, whether disputed or not.

"2008 Indemnity" has the meaning given such term in the footnote to Section 7.1(ix).

## ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

delivered pursuant hereto constitute the entire agreement among the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof, and supersede all prior and contemporaneous agreements, understandings, negotiations and discussions of the parties, whether oral or written, and there are no warranties, representations or other agreements between the parties in connection with the subject matter hereof, except as specifically set forth herein or therein. No amendment, supplement, modification, waiver or termination of this Agreement will be binding unless executed in writing by the party to be bound thereby. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement will be deemed or will constitute a waiver of any other provision of this Agreement, whether or not similar, nor will such waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly provided. Wherever, in this Agreement, reference is made to the agreement, approval, consent, determination, request or election by a party or parties hereto, the same must be in writing.

- 11.2 **Expenses.** Each party will be responsible for and bear all of its or his costs and expenses, as the case may be, incurred at any time in connection with pursuing or consummating the proposed transactions.
- 11.3 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement and all rights of the parties hereunder will in all respects be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and fully to be performed in such state by residents thereof.
- Assignment. This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement and each party's respective rights hereunder may not be assigned by either party without the prior consent of the other party; provided that Investor may assign this Agreement to Investor Principals or to any entity controlled by them provided that on or before such assignment it conveys the Contributed Assets and the Purchased Assets to such Persons.
- 11.5 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, demands, claims, and other communications hereunder will be in writing. Any notice, request, demand, claim, or other communication hereunder shall be deemed duly given if (and then three (3) business days after) it is sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or if (and then one (1) business day after) it is sent by nationally recognized overnight courier, and addressed to the intended recipient as set forth below:

## If to Company:

Woodbury Cadillac, LLC 760 Jericho Turnpike Woodbury, New York 11797 Attention: Antonio Izzo

## Copy to:

Jaspan Schlesinger LLP 300 Garden City Plaza Garden City, New York 11530 Attention: David E. Paseltiner, Esq.

#### and:

Mr. Ivan Leist 3857 Kings Highway Brooklyn, New York 11234

### If to Investor:

Country Cadillac, Buick,
Pontiac and GMC Truck, LLC
305-311 West Jericho Turnpike
Huntington, New York 11743
Attention: Michael A. Caruso

### Copy to:

Raymond Peck, Esq.
35 Montauk Highway, Suite B
Southampton, New York 11968

Any Person may change the address to which notices, requests, demands, claims, and other communications hereunder are to be delivered by giving the other Person notice in the manner herein set forth.

- 11.6 <u>Counterparts; Headings</u>. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Agreement. The Article and Section headings herein are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 11.7 <u>Interpretation</u>. Unless the context requires otherwise, all words used herein in the singular number will extend to and include the plural, all words in the plural number will extend to and include the singular and all words in any gender will extend to and include all genders.
- 11.8 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision, clause or part hereof, or the application thereof under certain circumstances is held invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder hereof and the application of such provision, clause or part under other circumstances will not be affected thereby and will be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.
- 11.9 Specific Performance. The parties agree that this Agreement is subject in all respects to an award of specific performance and that the award of monetary damages in connection with a breach or default hereunder is not an adequate remedy for the damage or harm suffered by the non-defaulting party. Any court may award specific performance of the terms, conditions, provisions and agreements contained in this Agreement, and the parties hereby declare, agree and stipulate that specific performance of the agreements and obligations of the parties set forth herein is an appropriate and suitable remedy in the event of a breach of the agreements of the parties set forth herein
- In connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the parties agree to execute and deliver such further instruments, and to take such further actions, as may be reasonably necessary or proper to effectuate and carry out the transactions contemplated in this Agreement, provided that nothing in this Section 11.10 shall require either party to execute an Operating Agreement containing terms unacceptable to such party (provided that each party acknowledges that the terms set forth in the footnote to Section 7.1(ix) are acceptable to such party).
- 11.11 <u>Interpretation</u>. This Agreement has been negotiated at arm's length and between persons sophisticated and knowledgeable in the matters dealt with in this Agreement. Each party has been represented by experienced and knowledgeable legal counsel. Accordingly, any rule of law or legal decision that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this Agreement against the party that has drafted it is not applicable and is waived. The provisions of this Agreement will be interpreted in a reasonable manner to implement the purposes of the parties and this Agreement.
- 11.12 **Guaranty**. By their signatures at the foot hereof, Investor Principals hereby jointly and severally personally guarantee all of Investor's payment and performance obligations hereunder

and join in the making of all representations and warranties made by Investor herein. This guaranty is a guaranty of payment and not of collection only, and Investor Principals waive all suretyship defenses in respect of this guaranty.

11.13 <u>Due Diligence</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Company's obligations to consummate the transactions hereunder are expressly contingent upon Company and its representatives conducting a satisfactory due diligence investigation, in its sole discretion, of whatever kind or nature of the subject business as it deems necessary or appropriate, within 30 days from the date hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their mines as of the day and year first above written.

COUNTRY CABILLAC, BUICK, PONTIAC AND GMC TRUCK, LLC

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Title: Member

WOODBURY CADILLAC, LLC

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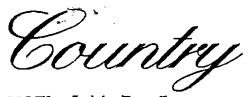
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March 10, 2009

Woodbury Cadillac, LLC 760 Jericho Turnpike Woodbury, New York 11797 Attn: Antonio Izzo

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Dear Tony, Ivan and David:

As we have discussed, I regret having to formally notify you that COUNTRY CADILLAC, BUICK, PONTIAC AND GMC TRUCK, LLC ("Country") will be unable to close on, and complete the performance and conditions assumed by it pursuant to, that Contribution and Asset Purchase Agreement signed on December 11, 2008, with respect to the assignment or other indirect transfer to Woodbury Cadillac, LLC ("Woodbury") of the same or similar rights now held by Country under a Dealer Sales and Service Agreement between itself and the Cadillac Division of the General Motors Corporation.

Contrary to all of our expectations, we have been informed by such Cadillac Division that they will not approve such effective transfer of rights, and will instead terminate our own Cadillac franchise rights effective March 16, 2009. Our efforts to cause a reconsideration and reversal of these decisions have not been successful.

Needless to say, we deeply regret this outcome, and being deprived of the privilege and pleasure of the proposed association between our respective entities.

With all best wishes, I remain sincerely,

Michael A. Caruso, Member

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	Chapter 11
In re:	Case No. 09-50026 (REG) (Jointly Administered)
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.	AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE
Debtors.	
STATE OF NEW YORK )	
) ss: COUNTY OF NASSAU )	

**REUEL COLES**, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Deponent is not a party to the action is over 18 years of age and is employed by Jaspan Schlesinger LLP.

On February 23, 2012, deponent served the LIMITED OPPOSITION BY WOODBURY CADILALC LLC TO GUC TRUST'S 268<sup>TH</sup> OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS AND MOTION REQUESTING ENFORCEMENT OF BAR DATE ORDERS upon the attorneys listed below, at the addresses listed below, said addresses being designated for that purpose, via first class mail, by depositing a true copy of same, enclosed in a properly addressed wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of United States Postal Service within the State of New York:

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Sworn to before me this 23rd day of Febraury, 2012.

/s/ Kareem M. Abbott Notary Public Kareem M. Abbott Notary Public, State of New York No. 01AB6231418 Qualified in Nassau County Commission Expires November 29, 2014