

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor 1 Cobalt GOM LLC

Debtor 2 _____
(Spouse, if filing)

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of Texas

Case number 17-36712

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Proof of Claim

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. Who is the current creditor?	D. Jeff van Steenbergem Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)	
	Other names the creditor used with the debtor _____	
2. Has this claim been acquired from someone else?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. From whom? _____	
3. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent? Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)	Where should notices to the creditor be sent? Baker Botts, Attn: Omar Alaniz Name 2001 Ross Avenue, Ste. 700 Number Street Dallas TX 75201 City State ZIP Code Contact phone <u>214.953.6500</u> Contact email <u>omar.alaniz@bakerbotts.com</u>	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different) D. Jeff van Steenbergem c/o Baker Botts, Attn: Omar Alaniz Name 2001 Ross Avenue, Ste. 700 Number Street Dallas TX 75201 City State ZIP Code Contact phone <u>214.953.6500</u> Contact email <u>omar.alaniz@bakerbotts.com</u>
Uniform claim identifier for electronic payments in chapter 13 (if you use one): _____		
4. Does this claim amend one already filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) _____ Filed on _____ MM / DD / YYYY	
5. Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Who made the earlier filing? _____	



Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed

6. Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor? No
 Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: _____

7. How much is the claim? \$ _____ Unliquidated. Does this amount include interest or other charges?
 No
 Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).

8. What is the basis of the claim? Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.
 Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).
 Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.
See Attachment A

9. Is all or part of the claim secured? No
 Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.

Nature of property:

- Real estate. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, file a *Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment* (Official Form 410-A) with this *Proof of Claim*.
- Motor vehicle
- Other. Describe: _____

Basis for perfection: _____

Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)

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Value of property: \$ _____

Amount of the claim that is secured: \$ _____

Amount of the claim that is unsecured: \$ _____ (The sum of the secured and unsecured amounts should match the amount in line 7.)

Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: \$ _____

Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed) _____ %

- Fixed
- Variable

10. Is this claim based on a lease? No
 Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition. \$ _____

11. Is this claim subject to a right of setoff? No
 Yes. Identify the property: _____

12. Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?

A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

- No
- Yes. Check one:
- Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B). \$ _____
 - Up to \$2,850* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). \$ _____
 - Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$12,850*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). \$ _____
 - Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). \$ _____
 - Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(k)(5). \$ _____
 - Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(2) that applies. \$ See Attachment A

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after the date of adjustment.

Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorize courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

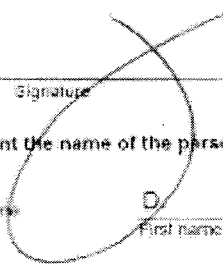
- I am the creditor.
- I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.
- I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.
- I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that 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.

I have examined the information in this Proof of Claim and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date 03 12 2018
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Signature 

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Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name D. Jeff van Steenberg
First name Middle name Last name

Title _____

Company _____
Identify the corporate officer or the company if this authorized agent is a service.

Address _____
Number Street

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Contact phone _____ Email jvs@navigatingenergy.com

Exhibit A

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	§	Chapter 11
	§	
COBALT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY, INC., et al.	§	Case No. 17-36709 (MI)
	§	
Debtors.¹	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	

ATTACHMENT A TO PROOF OF CLAIM

This attachment supplements the accompanying Proof of Claim (Official Form B 410) and is hereby expressly incorporated into Official Form B 410 as if set forth fully therein (collectively, the “**Proof of Claim**”). This Proof of Claim is related to the Debtors’ independent obligations to (i) indemnify the indemnitee claimant identified on Part 1.1 of the Proof of Claim (Official Form B 410) (the “**Indemnitee Claimant**”) and (ii) advance defense fees and expenses to the Indemnitee Claimant.

This Proof of Claim is filed on behalf of the Indemnitee Claimant, a current or former officer and/or director of Cobalt International Energy, Inc. (“**Cobalt**”) and other of the Debtors, as applicable. The Indemnitee Claimant is entitled to indemnification and advancement of defense fees and expenses under: (a) the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Cobalt International Energy, Inc. dated May 3, 2017, (as further, supplemented, amended, modified and restated, the “**Cobalt Charter**”); (b) that certain Director Indemnification Agreement, by and among Indemnitee Claimant, as indemnitee, and Cobalt, as indemnitor (the “**Indemnity Agreement**”); (c) that certain Registration Rights Agreement, by and among Cobalt and certain rights holders party thereto, dated as of December 15, 2009 (the “**Registration Rights**”).

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Cobalt International Energy, Inc. (1169); Cobalt International Energy GP, LLC (7374); Cobalt International Energy, L.P. (2411); Cobalt GOM LLC (7188) Cobalt GOM # 1 LLC (7262); and GOBALT GOM #2 LLC (7316). The Debtors’ service address is: 920 Memorial City Way, Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77024.

Agreement”); and (d) any of the Debtors’ other organizational documents or contractual agreements providing for similar protections (collectively with the Cobalt Charter, the Indemnity Agreement, and the Registration Rights Agreement, the “Cobalt Indemnification Documents”).

BASIS OF CLAIM

1. The Indemnitee Claimant’s Proof of Claim is based on its status as a current or former officer and/or director of the Debtors, the applicable Cobalt Indemnification Document provisions, including those summarized herein, any agreements relating to such Indemnitee Claimant’s service to the Debtors, or any other basis in contract, law, or equity for which indemnification, advancement of defense fees and expenses, or other benefits may exist.

2. The Indemnitee Claimant’s indemnification benefit includes, but is not limited to, the right to be indemnified against judgments, costs, fees, or other obligations arising from any legal proceeding or investigation, including threatened litigation, relating to, in connection with, or arising out of the Indemnitee Claimant’s service to Debtor entities. The Indemnitee Claimant seeks all rights conferred by such benefits, including, without limitation, the right to be indemnified against any judgment, costs, fees, or other obligations arising from:

- the stockholder lawsuits filed against Cobalt, certain of its officers and directors, and others, consolidated under caption *In re Cobalt International Energy, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 4:14-cv-3428, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Securities Litigation”);
- the derivative action pending against Cobalt, as a nominal defendant in Texas state court under the caption *Gaines v. Bryant, et al.*, No. 2016-28750 (Harris County [295th Dist.]) (the “Gaines Litigation”);
- the derivative action pending against Cobalt, as a nominal defendant in Texas state court under the caption *McDonaugh v. Bryant, et al.*, No. 2016-82186 (Harris County [295th Dist.]) (the “McDonaugh Litigation”);
- the derivative action pending against Cobalt, as a nominal defendant in Texas state court under the caption *Hafkey v. Bryant, et al.*, No. 2016-28750 (Harris County [295th Dist.]) (the “Hafkey Litigation,” together with the Gaines Litigation and the McDonaugh Litigation, the “Derivative Litigation”); and

- all other legal proceedings or governmental or private investigations/inquiries in which the Indemnitee Claimant is currently or may become involved after the filing of this Proof of Claim.

3. In addition, the Indemnitee Claimant is entitled to a separate, non-contingent advancement of defense fees benefit, which includes, but is not limited to, the right to obtain advancement of attorneys' fees and defense costs, or other fees, expenses, or obligations arising from any legal proceeding or investigation, including threatened litigation, relating to, in connection with, or arising out of the Indemnitee Claimant's service to Debtor entities, including, but not limited to, the Securities Litigation and the Derivative Litigation. The Indemnitee Claimant's right to the advancement of such fees is in no way dependent on any factual finding or conclusion of law issued by any court and is, instead, fully matured upon incurrence of such expense, fee, or cost, in accordance with Article 7, Section 2 of the Cobalt Charter, Article 4, Section 1 of the Indemnity Agreement, and any other provision included in any Cobalt Indemnification Document granting a right to advancement of defense fees. The Indemnitee Claimant seeks all rights conferred by the advancement of defense fees benefit, including, without limitation, the right to obtain advancement of attorneys' fees and defense costs, or other fees, expenses, or obligations arising from all legal proceedings or governmental or private investigations/inquiries in which the Indemnitee Claimant is currently or may become involved after the filing of this Proof of Claim.

DESCRIPTION OF INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

4. The Debtors have longstanding obligations to the Indemnitee Claimant to (i) indemnify the Indemnity Claimant for certain claims and (ii) to advance defense fees and expenses under various organizational and governing documents. The chart below summarizes the applicable provisions contained in the Cobalt Charter, the Indemnity Agreement, and the Registration Rights Agreement. As stated above, in addition to the provisions summarized in the

chart below, this proof of claim relates to any similar provisions in any other of the Debtors' organizational documents, contracts, or other agreements.

Debtor	Indemnification Document	Summary of Relevant Provisions
Cobalt	Cobalt Charter	<p>Article 7.1 A director of the Corporation shall not be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware as the same exists or may hereafter be amended ("Delaware Law").</p> <p>Article 7.2 (a) Each person (and the heirs, executors or administrators of such person) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to, or is otherwise involved in, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Corporation to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware Law; <i>provided</i>, that no indemnity or advance of expenses is required as to proceedings brought by such indemnified party (other than to enforce its rights under Article 7) not approved by the Board of Directors. The right to indemnification conferred in Article 7 shall also include the right to be paid by the Corporation the expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition to the fullest extent authorized by Delaware Law. . . .</p> <p>Article 7.3 The Corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person's status as such, whether</p>

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		<p>or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under Delaware Law.</p> <p>Article 7.4 Article 7 rights are not exclusive of any other right which any person may otherwise have or hereafter acquire.</p> <p>Article 7.5 No amendment, repeal or other modification to the Corporation's Charter or By laws, nor, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware Law, any modification of law, shall adversely affect any right or protection of any person granted pursuant to this Article 7 existing at, or arising out of or related to any event, act or omission that occurred prior to, the time of such amendment, repeal, adoption or modification (regardless of when any proceeding (or part thereof) relating to such event, act or omission arises or is first threatened, commenced or completed).</p>
Cobalt	Indemnity Agreement	<p>Article 3.01 (a) The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless Indemnitee Claimant, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all Expenses and Liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by or on behalf of Indemnitee Claimant in connection with any Proceeding.</p> <p>(b) To the extent that Indemnitee Claimant is a party to (or a participant in) and is successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any Proceeding or any claim, issue or matter therein, in whole or in part, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee Claimant against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or on his behalf in connection therewith. If Indemnitee Claimant is successful, on the merits or otherwise, on less than all claims, issues, or matters in any Proceeding, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee Claimant against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or on his behalf in connection with each successfully resolved claim, issue, or matter and any claim, issue or matter related to each such successfully resolved claim, issue or matter. The</p>

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		<p>termination of any Proceeding or any claim, issue, or matter in a Proceeding by dismissal, with or without prejudice, shall be deemed to be a successful result as to such Proceeding, claim, issue, or matter.</p> <p>(c) To the extent that Indemnitee Claimant is by reason of his Corporate Status, a witness in or is otherwise asked to participate in any Proceeding to which Indemnitee Claimant is not a party, he shall be indemnified against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or on his behalf in connection therewith.</p> <p>(d) If Indemnitee Claimant is entitled under any provision of this Agreement to indemnification by the Company of less than the total amount of his Expenses, the Company shall nevertheless indemnify for the portion thereof to which Indemnitee Claimant is entitled.</p> <p>Article 3.02 The Company shall not be obligated under this agreement to indemnify in connection with any claim, issue, or matter in a Proceeding by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor as to which Indemnitee Claimant shall have been finally adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be liable to the Company unless and only to the extent the court shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, Indemnitee Claimant is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.</p> <p>Article 4.01 The Company shall advance any Expenses that shall be actually and reasonably incurred by or on behalf of Indemnitee Claimant in connection with any Proceeding, on an unsecured basis and interest free, within 20 days of a written request for advancement of Expenses. Advances shall be made without regard to Indemnitee's ability to repay such amounts and without regard to Indemnitee's ultimate entitlement to indemnification</p>

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		<p>under this Agreement or otherwise. Nothing in this Section 4.01 shall require the Company to advance Expenses in any case in which indemnification would not be permitted following the entry of a final, nonappealable judgment of the type described in Section 3.02(c).</p> <p>Article 7.01 (b) The Company shall take all necessary or desirable actions to cause insurers to pay, on behalf of Indemnitee Claimant, all amounts payable as a result of Proceeding in accordance with the terms of such policies. The failure or refusal of any such insurer to pay any such amount shall not affect or impair the obligations of the Company under this Agreement.</p> <p>(d) The Company hereby acknowledges that Indemnitee Claimant has certain rights to indemnification, advancement of expenses, and/or insurance provided by the Sponsor Indemnitors. The Company hereby agrees (i) that its obligations to Indemnitee Claimant are primary and any obligation of the Sponsor Indemnitors to advance expenses or to provide indemnification for the same expenses or liabilities incurred by Indemnitee Claimant are secondary, (ii) that it shall be required to advance the full amount of Expenses incurred by Indemnitee Claimant and shall be liable for the full amount of all Expenses and Liabilities to the extent legally permitted and as required by the terms of this Agreement and the Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws (or any other agreement between the Company and indemnitee Claimant), without regard to any rights Indemnitee Claimant may have against the Sponsor Indemnitors. The Company further agrees that no advancement or payment by the Sponsor Indemnitors on behalf of Indemnitee Claimant with respect to any claim for which Indemnitee Claimant has sought indemnification from the Company shall affect the foregoing.</p>
Cobalt	Registration Rights Agreement	Article 2.9 . . . The Company will indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by law,

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		<p>each Holder, its directors, officers, fiduciaries, employees, stockholders, members or general and limited partners (and the directors, officers, fiduciaries, employees, stockholders, members or general and limited partners thereof), and each Person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or Exchange Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, actions or proceedings (whether commenced or threatened) and expenses (including reasonable fees of counsel and any amounts paid in any settlement) insofar as such Claims arise out of or are based upon certain untrue statements or alleged untrue statements of a material fact and/or any violation by the Company of any applicable law, rule, or regulation relating to action required of or inaction by the Company in connection with any such registration, and the Company will reimburse any such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such Claim as such expenses are incurred. Such indemnity and reimbursement of expenses shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of such indemnified party and shall survive the transfer of such securities by such seller.</p>

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

5. By filing this Proof of Claim, the Indemnitee Claimant admits no wrongdoing, waives nothing and expressly reserves all rights, claims, privileges, benefits, obligations, and defenses, whether at law or equity, including, without limitation, all rights, claims, benefits, and privileges under all insurance policies.

6. The Indemnitee Claimant reserves, without limitation and to the fullest extent allowed by law, the right to amend, modify, renew, extend, restate, and/or supplement, for any reason, this Proof of Claim.

7. Without prejudice to the claims filed herein, the Indemnitee Claimant also preserves and asserts any and all claims as unsecured claims to whatever extent the claims are not allowed and paid in full as a claim entitled to priority under sections 503 and 507 of the Bankruptcy Code, or under any Order of the Court.

8. The Indemnitee Claimant reserves all of its rights, claims, and defenses, whether under the Bankruptcy Code or other laws, including as to any claims that may be asserted against the Indemnitee Claimant by the Debtors; their bankruptcy estates; successors and assigns of the Debtors or their bankruptcy estates; any trustee, plan agent, or liquidating agent; any creditor; or any other person or entity, including, without limitation, any rights of setoff and/or recoupment.

9. By filing this Proof of Claim, the Indemnitee Claimant does not waive, and hereby preserves: (a) any obligation owed to the Indemnitee Claimant; (b) any security held by the Indemnitee Claimant or for its benefit; (c) any right or rights of action that the Indemnitee Claimant has or may have against the Debtors, their bankruptcy estates or any other person or persons, including, without limitation, insurers, guarantors, and sureties, as applicable; (d) any right to contest the validity, priority, or extent of any lien, security interest, or right purported to be equal, senior, or inferior to any potential lien, security interest, or right of the Indemnitee Claimant; and (e) any and all rights and remedies at law or in equity available to the Indemnitee Claimant against the Debtors and any of their respective affiliates or subsidiaries, or any other person or entity.

10. The filing of this Claim shall not constitute: (i) a waiver, release, or limitation of the Indemnitee Claimant's rights against any person, entity, or property; (ii) a waiver or limitation of any rights, remedies, claims, or interest of the Indemnitee Claimant, including without limitation, all rights and claims under sections 502 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, as applicable; (iii) a

consent by the Indemnitee Claimant to the jurisdiction or venue of this Court or any other court with respect to the proceedings, if any, commenced in any case against or otherwise involving the Indemnitee Claimant with respect to the subject matter of the claims set forth in this Proof of Claim, any objection, or other proceeding commenced with respect thereto or any other proceeding commenced in these cases against or otherwise involving the Indemnitee Claimant; (iv) a waiver, release, or limitation of the right of the Indemnitee Claimant to trial by jury in this Court or any other court in any proceeding as to any and all matters so triable herein, whether or not the same be designated legal or private rights or in any case, controversy, or proceeding related thereto, notwithstanding the designation or not of such matters as “core proceedings” pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and whether such jury trial right is pursuant to statute or the U.S. Constitution; (v) a consent by the Indemnitee Claimant to a jury trial in this Court or any other court in any proceeding as to any and all matters so triable herein or in any case, controversy, or proceeding related hereto, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(e) or otherwise; (vi) a waiver, release, or limitation of the Indemnitee Claimant’s right to have any and all final orders in any and all non-core matters or proceedings entered only after de novo review by a United States District Court Judge; (vii) a waiver of the right to move to withdraw the reference with respect to the subject matter of this Proof of Claim, any objection thereto or other proceeding which may be commenced in these cases against or otherwise involving the Indemnitee Claimant; (viii) a consent to the termination of any liability to Indemnitee Claimant by any particular court, including, without limitation, this Court; (ix) a consent to the final determination or adjudication of any claim or right pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(c); (x) an election of remedies; or (xi) a waiver or release of the Indemnitee Claimant’s rights against any third party.

PRIORITY OF CLAIM

11. The Claimant believes that its indemnity and advancement of defense fees claims are entitled to administrative priority and the Claimant reserves any and all right to assert the administrative status of such claims. At a minimum, the indemnity and advancement of defense fees claims are unsecured claims to the extent such claims are not entitled to administrative expense status. Accordingly, this Proof of Claim is filed as an administrative expense to the extent some or all of the amounts claimed herein are entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. §§ 503(b), 507(a), and applicable law; and as an unsecured claim for any and all amounts that are not entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. §§ 503(b), 507(a), and applicable law.

NOTICES

12. All notices and other pleadings relating to the Proof of Claim or Addendum should be sent to:

Omar J. Alaniz
BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.
2001 Ross Avenue, Suite 700
Dallas, Texas 75201
Email: omar.alaniz@bakerbotts.com

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

13. In support of the Proof of Claim as discussed herein, documents referenced herein will be made available either through providing a copy to the appropriate persons or entities, or these documents shall be made available for inspection and copying during normal business hours at a mutually convenient location. Further, the Cobalt Charter is publicly filed and available through sec.gov. Any request for such documents should be directed towards the Indemnitee Claimant's counsel as set forth in Form B 410.

Exhibit B

DIRECTOR INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Indemnification Agreement (this "**Agreement**"), dated as of November 11, 2009 between Cobalt International Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "**Company**"), and D. Jeff van Steenberg ("**Indemnitee**").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, highly competent persons have become more reluctant to serve as directors of publicly held corporations unless they are provided with adequate protection through insurance and indemnification against risks of claims and actions against them arising out of their service to and activities on behalf of the corporation.

WHEREAS, directors are increasingly being subjected to expensive and time-consuming litigation relating to, among other things, matters that traditionally would have been brought only against the corporation itself.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "**Board**") has determined that, in order to attract and retain qualified individuals, the Company will attempt to maintain on an ongoing basis, at its sole expense, liability insurance to protect persons serving the Company and its subsidiaries from certain liabilities. At the same time, the Board recognizes the limitations on the protection provided by liability insurance and the uncertainties as to the scope and level of such coverage that may be available in the future.

WHEREAS, the Company's directors have certain existing indemnification arrangements pursuant to the Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws and may be entitled to indemnification pursuant to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("**DGCL**"). At the same time, the Board recognizes the limitations on the protection provided by such indemnification and the uncertainties as to its availability in any particular situation.

WHEREAS, the Board believes that in light of the limitations and uncertainties about the protection provided by the Company's liability insurance and existing indemnification arrangements and the impact these uncertainties may have on the Company's ability to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as directors, the Company should act to assure such persons that there will be increased certainty of protection in the future.

WHEREAS, it is reasonable, prudent and necessary for the Company contractually to obligate itself to indemnify, and to advance expenses on behalf of, such persons to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law so that they will serve or continue to serve the Company free from undue concern that they will not be adequately protected.

WHEREAS, Indemnitee is concerned that the protection provided under the Company's liability insurance and existing indemnification arrangements may not be adequate and may not be willing to serve as a director of the Company without greater certainty concerning such protection, and the Company desires Indemnitee to serve in such capacity and is willing to provide such greater certainty.

WHEREAS, Indemnitee has certain rights to indemnification and/or insurance provided by the Sponsor/Indemnitors (as defined below) which Indemnitee and the Sponsor/Indemnitors intend to be secondary to the primary obligation of the Company to indemnify Indemnitee as provided herein, with the Company's acknowledgement and agreement to the foregoing being a material condition to Indemnitee's willingness to serve on the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants contained herein, the Company and Indemnitee do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

(a) As used in this Agreement:

"Change of Control" means any one of the following circumstances occurring after the date hereof: (i) there shall have occurred an event required to be reported with respect to the Company in response to Item 6(e) of Schedule 14A of Regulation 14A (or in response to any similar item on any other schedule or form) under the Exchange Act, regardless of whether the Company is then subject to such reporting requirement; (ii) any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) shall have become, without prior approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors, the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing a majority or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding voting securities (provided that for purposes of this clause (ii), the term "person" shall exclude a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company); (iii) there occurs a merger or consolidation of the Company with any other entity, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving or resulting entity) more than 51% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the surviving or resulting entity outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation and with the power to elect at least a majority of the board of directors or other governing body of such surviving or resulting entity; (iv) all or substantially all the assets of the Company are sold or otherwise disposed of in a transaction or series of related transactions;

(v) the approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation of the Company, or (vi) the Continuing Directors cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board.

"Continuing Directors" means the directors who are on the Board on the date hereof and any new directors whose election or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then still in office who were directors on the date hereof or whose election or nomination was so approved.

"Corporate Status" means the status of a person who is or was a director, officer, employee, consultant or agent of the Company or who is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, consultant or agent of any other Enterprise.

"Disinterested Director" means a director of the Company who is not and was not a party to the Proceeding in respect of which indemnification or advancement of expenses is sought by Indemnitee.

"Enterprise" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other person or enterprise.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"Expenses" means all costs and expenses (including fees and expenses of counsel, retainers, court costs, transcript costs, fees of experts, witness fees, travel expenses, duplicating costs, printing and binding costs, telephone charges, postage, delivery service fees, any federal, state, local or foreign taxes imposed on Indemnitee as a result of the actual or deemed receipt of any payments under this Agreement) incurred in connection with prosecuting, defending, preparing to prosecute or defend, investigating, being or preparing to be a witness in, or otherwise participating in, a Proceeding. Expenses shall also include expenses incurred in connection with any appeal resulting from any Proceeding (including the premium, security for and other costs relating to any cost bond, supersedeas bond or other appeal bond or its equivalent). Expenses, however, shall not include Liabilities.

"Independent Counsel" means a law firm, or a partner or member of a law firm, that is experienced in matters of corporate law and neither currently is, nor in the five years previous to its selection or appointment has been, retained to represent (i) the Company or Indemnitee in any matter material to either such party (provided that acting as an Independent Counsel under this Agreement or in a similar capacity with respect to any other indemnification arrangements between the Company and its present or former directors shall not be deemed a representation of the Company or Indemnitee) or (ii) any other party to the Proceeding giving rise to a claim for indemnification or advancement of expenses

hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Independent Counsel" shall not include any person who, under the applicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing, would have a conflict of interest in representing either the Company or Indemnitee in an action to determine Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement.

"**Liabilities**" means all judgments, fines (including any excise taxes assessed with respect to any employee benefit plan), penalties and amounts paid in settlement and other liabilities (including all interest, assessments and other charges paid or payable in connection with or in respect of any such amounts) arising out of or in connection with any Proceeding; *provided* that Liabilities shall not include any Expenses.

"**person**" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, trust or other entity or organization.

"**Proceeding**" includes any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or other proceeding (which shall include an arbitration or other alternate dispute resolution mechanism or an inquiry, investigation or administrative hearing), whether civil, criminal, administrative, legislative or investigative (formal or informal) in nature (including any and all appeals therefrom) and whether instituted by or on behalf of the Company or any other party, in any such case, in which Indemnitee was, is or may be involved as a party or otherwise by reason of any Corporate Status of Indemnitee or by reason of any action taken (or failure to act) by him or on his part while serving in any Corporate Status or any inquiry or investigation that Indemnitee in good faith believes might lead to the institution of any such action, suit or other proceeding; *provided* that Proceeding shall not include an action, suit or other proceeding contemplated by Section 8.06(b).

(b) For the purposes of this Agreement:

References to the "**Company**" shall include, in addition to the surviving or resulting corporation in any merger or consolidation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a merger or consolidation which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers, employees or agents, so that if Indemnitee is or was a director, officer, employee, consultant or agent of such constituent corporation or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee, consultant or agent of another Enterprise, then Indemnitee shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Agreement with respect to the surviving or resulting corporation as Indemnitee would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

References to "**director, officer, employee, consultant or agent**" shall include, in addition to directors, officers, employees, consultants and agents, a

trustee, general partner, manager, managing member, fiduciary or member of a committee of a board of directors.

References to "serving at the request of the Company" shall include any service as a director, officer, employee, consultant or agent of the Company or any other Enterprise which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer, employee, consultant or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner "not opposed to the best interests of the Company" as used herein.

References to "hereof", "herein" and "hereunder" and words of like import shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. References to "includes" or "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation", whether or not they are in fact followed by those words or words of like import. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, references to any statute shall be deemed to refer to such statute as amended from time to time and to any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

ARTICLE 2 SERVICES BY INDEMNITEE

Section 2.01. *Services by Indemnitee.* Indemnitee hereby agrees to serve or continue to serve as a director of the Company, for so long as Indemnitee is duly elected or appointed or until Indemnitee tenders his resignation or is removed.

ARTICLE 3 INDEMNIFICATION

Section 3.01. *General.* (a) The Company hereby agrees to and shall indemnify Indemnitee and hold Indemnitee harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all Expenses and Liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or on Indemnitee's behalf in connection with any Proceeding. The phrase "to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law" shall include:

(i) to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL as in effect on the date of this Agreement, and

(ii) to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by any amendments to or replacements of the DGCL adopted after the date of this Agreement.

(b) To the extent that Indemnitee is a party to (or a participant in) and is successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any Proceeding or any claim, issue or matter therein, in whole or in part, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or on his behalf in connection therewith. If Indemnitee is successful, on the merits or otherwise, as to one or more but less than all claims, issues or matters in any Proceeding, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or on his behalf in connection with each successfully resolved claim, issue or matter and any claim, issue or matter related to each such successfully resolved claim, issue or matter. For purposes of this Section 3.01(b) and without limitation, the termination of any Proceeding or any claim, issue or matter in a Proceeding by dismissal, with or without prejudice, shall be deemed to be a successful result as to such Proceeding, claim, issue or matter. Nothing in this Section 3.01(b) is intended to limit Indemnitee's rights provided for in Section 3.01(a).

(c) To the extent that Indemnitee is, by reason of his Corporate Status, a witness in or is otherwise asked to participate in any Proceeding to which Indemnitee is not a party, he shall be indemnified against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or on his behalf in connection therewith. Nothing in this Section 3.01(c) is intended to limit Indemnitee's rights provided for in Section 3.01(a).

(d) If Indemnitee is entitled under any provision of this Agreement to indemnification by the Company for some or a portion of Expenses, but not, however, for the total amount thereof, the Company shall nevertheless indemnify Indemnitee for the portion thereof to which Indemnitee is entitled.

Section 3.02. *Exclusions.* Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary (including Section 3.01), the Company shall not be obligated under this Agreement to indemnify in connection with:

(a) any claim made against Indemnitee for an accounting of profits made from the purchase and sale (or sale and purchase) by Indemnitee of securities of the Company pursuant to Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act or similar provisions of state statutory law or common law;

(b) except for an action, suit or other proceeding contemplated by Section 8.06(b), any action, suit or other proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by Indemnitee against the Company or its directors, officers, employees, agents or other indemnitees unless (i) the Board authorizes the action, suit or other proceeding (or part thereof), (ii) the Company provides the indemnification or advancement of Expenses, in its sole discretion, pursuant to the powers vested in

the Company under applicable law, or (iii) such indemnification or advancement of Expenses is otherwise required under the DGCL; or

(c) any claim, issue or matter in a Proceeding by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor as to which Indemnitee shall have been finally adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be liable to the Company unless and only to the extent the Delaware Chancery Court or the court in which such Proceeding was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, Indemnitee is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Delaware Chancery Court or such other court shall deem proper.

ARTICLE 4

ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES; DEFENSE OF CLAIMS

Section 4.01. *Advances.* The Company shall advance any Expenses that shall be actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or on Indemnitee's behalf in connection with any Proceeding within 20 days after receipt by the Company of a written request for advancement of Expenses, which request may be delivered to the Company at such time and from time to time as Indemnitee deems appropriate in his sole discretion (whether prior to or after final disposition of any such Proceeding). Advances shall be made without regard to Indemnitee's ability to repay such amounts and without regard to Indemnitee's ultimate entitlement to indemnification under this Agreement or otherwise. Any such advances shall be made on an unsecured basis and be interest free. Nothing in this Section 4.01 shall require the Company to advance Expenses in any case in which indemnification would not be permitted under Section 3.02(a) or (b) or following the entry of a final, nonappealable judgment of the type described in Section 3.02(c).

Section 4.02. *Repayment of Advances or Other Expenses.* Indemnitee agrees that Indemnitee shall reimburse the Company for all amounts advanced by the Company pursuant to Section 4.01 if it is ultimately determined, by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final judgment, not subject to appeal, that Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company for such Expenses. If Indemnitee seeks a judicial adjudication or an arbitration pursuant to Section 6.01, or if the Company initiates an action, suit or other proceeding against Indemnitee to recover any amounts advanced by the Company pursuant to Section 4.01, Indemnitee shall not be required to reimburse the Company pursuant to this Section 4.02 until a final determination (as to which all rights of appeal have been exhausted or lapsed) has been made.

Section 4.03. *Defense Of Claims.* (a) If a Change of Control shall not have occurred, the Company shall be entitled to assume the defense of any Proceeding with counsel reasonably acceptable to Indemnitee upon delivery of written notice to the Indemnitee. After the Company assumes the defense, the

Company will not be liable to Indemnitee under this Agreement for any fees or expenses of counsel subsequently incurred by Indemnitee with respect to such Proceeding; *provided* that (i) Indemnitee shall have the right to employ separate counsel in respect of any Proceeding at Indemnitee's expense and (ii) if the employment of counsel by Indemnitee has been previously authorized in writing by the Company or Indemnitee shall have reasonably concluded upon the advice of counsel that (x) there is a conflict of interest between the Company and Indemnitee in the conduct of the defense of such Proceeding or (y) Indemnitee has one or more legal defenses available to him which are different from or additional to those available to the Company in such Proceeding, then, in each such case, the fees and expenses of Indemnitee's counsel shall be at the Company's expense. The Company shall not settle any Proceeding (in whole or in part) which would impose any Expense, Liability or limitation on Indemnitee without Indemnitee's prior written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. Indemnitee shall not settle any Proceeding (in whole or in part) which would impose any Expense, Liability or limitation on the Company without the Company's prior written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

(b) If a Change of Control shall have occurred, the Company shall not have the right to assume the defense of any Proceeding; *provided, however*, that the Company will be entitled to participate in any Proceeding at its own expense.

ARTICLE 5

REQUEST FOR INDEMNIFICATION AND DETERMINATION OF ENTITLEMENT

Section 5.01. *Notification; Request For Indemnification.* (a) As soon as reasonably practicable after receipt by Indemnitee of written notice that Indemnitee is a party to or a participant (as a witness or otherwise) in any Proceeding or of any other matter in respect of which Indemnitee intends to seek indemnification or advancement of Expenses hereunder, Indemnitee shall provide to the Company written notice thereof (including the nature and facts underlying such matter). The omission by Indemnitee to so notify the Company will not relieve the Company from any liability which it may have to Indemnitee under this Agreement or otherwise than under this Agreement. Any delay in so notifying the Company shall not constitute a waiver by Indemnitee of any rights under this Agreement or otherwise than under this Agreement.

(b) To obtain indemnification under this Agreement, Indemnitee shall deliver to the Company a written request for indemnification, including therewith such information as is reasonably available to Indemnitee and reasonably necessary to determine Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification hereunder. Such request(s) may be delivered at such times and from time to time as Indemnitee deems appropriate in his sole discretion. Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification shall be determined according to Section 5.02 of this Agreement and applicable law.

Section 5.02. *Determination of Entitlement.* (a) Except with respect to requests for indemnification pursuant to Sections 3.01(b) or (c), in which case payment of indemnification shall be made by the Company automatically within 10 days of receipt by the Company of a written request therefor, as soon as reasonably practicable (but in no event later than 60 days) after the later of request for indemnification pursuant to Section 5.01(b) and the final disposition of the matter that is the subject of the request for indemnification, a determination shall be made with respect to Indemnitee's entitlement thereto in the specific case. If a Change in Control shall not have occurred, such determination shall be made (i) by a majority vote of the Disinterested Directors or of a committee of Disinterested Directors designated by a majority vote of the Disinterested Directors (in either case, even though less than a quorum of the Board) or (ii) if there are no Disinterested Director or the Disinterested Directors so direct, by Independent Counsel. If a Change in Control shall have occurred, such determination shall be made by Independent Counsel. Any determination made by Independent Counsel pursuant to this Section 5.02 shall be in the form of a written opinion to the Board, a copy of which shall be delivered to Indemnitee. Indemnitee shall reasonably cooperate with the person or persons making such determination including providing to such person or persons upon reasonable advance request any documentation or information which is not privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure and which is reasonably available to Indemnitee and reasonably necessary to such determination. Any costs or expenses (including fees and expenses of counsel) incurred by Indemnitee in so cooperating with the person or persons making such determination shall be deemed "Expenses" hereunder and shall be borne by the Company (irrespective of the determination as to Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification) and the Company hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold Indemnitee harmless therefrom. Indemnification for the Expenses referred to in the immediately preceding sentence shall be made by the Company automatically within 10 days of receipt by the Company of a written request therefor.

(b) If the determination is to be made by Independent Counsel, such Independent Counsel shall be selected as provided in this Section 5.02(b). If a Change in Control shall not have occurred, the Independent Counsel shall be selected by the Board, and the Company shall give written notice to Indemnitee advising him of the identity of the Independent Counsel so selected. If a Change in Control shall have occurred, the Independent Counsel shall be selected by Indemnitee (unless Indemnitee shall request that such selection be made by the Board, in which event the preceding sentence shall apply), and Indemnitee shall give written notice to the Company advising it of the identity of the Independent Counsel so selected. In either case, the party receiving the notice may, within 10 days after receipt thereof, deliver to the other a written objection to such selection, *provided* that such objection may be asserted only on the ground that the Independent Counsel so selected does not meet the requirements of "Independent Counsel" as defined in Article I of this Agreement, and the objection shall set forth with particularity the factual basis of such assertion. Absent a proper and

timely objection, the person so selected shall act as Independent Counsel. If a proper and timely objection is made, the counsel selected may not serve as Independent Counsel unless and until such objection is withdrawn or a court of competent jurisdiction (or, at Indemnitee's option pursuant to Section 6.01, an arbitration) has determined that such objection is without merit. If, within 20 days after the later of the receipt by the Company of a request for indemnification pursuant to Section 5.01(b) and the final disposition of the matter, no Independent Counsel shall have been selected and not objected to, either the Company or Indemnitee may petition a court of competent jurisdiction (or, at Indemnitee's option pursuant to Section 6.01, an arbitration) for resolution of any objection which shall have been made to the selection of Independent Counsel and/or for the appointment of another person as Independent Counsel, and the person with respect to whom all objections are so resolved or the person so appointed shall act as Independent Counsel. The Company agrees to pay the reasonable fees and expenses of any Independent Counsel appointed pursuant to this Section and to fully indemnify such counsel against any and all Expenses, claims, liabilities and damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its engagement pursuant hereto.

(c) If it is determined that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification, payment to Indemnitee shall be made within 10 days after such determination.

Section 5.03. Presumptions and Burdens of Proof; Effect of Certain Proceedings. (a) In making any determination as to Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification hereunder, Indemnitee shall, to the fullest extent not prohibited by law, be entitled to a presumption that he is entitled to indemnification under this Agreement if Indemnitee has submitted a request for indemnification in accordance with Section 5.01(b), and the Company shall, to the fullest extent not prohibited by law, have the burdens of coming forward with evidence and of persuasion to overcome that presumption.

(b) The termination of any Proceeding or of any claim, issue or matter therein by judgment, order, settlement or conviction, or upon a plea of guilty, nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not of itself create a presumption (i) that Indemnitee did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, (ii) that with respect to any criminal Proceeding, Indemnitee had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful or (iii) that Indemnitee did not otherwise satisfy the applicable standard of conduct to be indemnified pursuant to this Agreement.

(c) For purposes of any determination of good faith, Indemnitee shall be deemed to have acted in good faith if Indemnitee's action is based (i) on the records or books of account of the Company or other Enterprise, as applicable, including financial statements, (ii) on information supplied to Indemnitee by the officers of the Company or other Enterprise, as applicable, in the course of their duties, (iii) on the advice of legal counsel for the Company or other Enterprise, as applicable, or counsel selected by any committee of the board of directors of such

entity, or (iv) on information or records given or reports made to the Company or other Enterprise, as applicable, by an independent certified public accountant or an appraiser, investment banker or other expert selected with reasonable care by such entity or the board of directors or any committee of the board of directors of such entity. The provisions of this Section 5.03(c) shall not be deemed to be exclusive or to limit in any way other circumstances in which Indemnitee may be deemed or found to have met the applicable standard of conduct to be indemnified pursuant to this Agreement.

(d) The knowledge or actions or failure to act of any other director, officer, employee, consultant or agent of the Company or other Enterprise, as applicable, shall not be imputed to Indemnitee for purposes of determining Indemnitee's right to indemnification under this Agreement.

(e) If a determination as to Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification shall not have been made pursuant to this Agreement within 60 days after the later of the request for indemnification pursuant to Section 5.01(b) and the final disposition of the matter that is the subject of the request for indemnification, the requisite determination of entitlement to indemnification shall, to the fullest extent not prohibited by law, be deemed to have been made in favor of Indemnitee, and Indemnitee shall be entitled to such indemnification, absent a misstatement by Indemnitee of a material fact or an omission by Indemnitee of a material fact necessary in order to make the information provided not misleading in connection with the request for indemnification, *provided* that such 60-day period may be extended for a reasonable time, not to exceed an additional 30 days, if the person or persons making the determination in good faith requires such additional time to obtain or evaluate any documentation or information relating thereto.

ARTICLE 6 REMEDIES OF INDEMNITEE

Section 6.01. *Adjudication or Arbitration.* (a) Indemnitee shall be entitled to an adjudication (by a court of competent jurisdiction or, at Indemnitee's option, through an arbitration conducted by a single arbitrator pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association) of any determination pursuant to Section 5.02 that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification under this Agreement. Any such adjudication shall be conducted in all respects as a *de novo* trial or arbitration on the merits, and any prior adverse determination shall not be referred to or introduced into evidence, create a presumption that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification or advancement of expenses, be a defense or otherwise adversely affect Indemnitee. In addition, neither the failure of the Company, the Disinterested Directors, a committee of the Disinterested Directors or Independent Counsel to have made a determination prior to the commencement of any such adjudication that indemnification under

this Agreement is proper in the circumstances because Indemnitee has met the applicable standard of conduct, nor an actual determination by the Company, the Disinterested Directors, a committee of the Disinterested Directors or Independent Counsel that Indemnitee has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that Indemnitee has not met the applicable standard of conduct in such adjudication. In any such judicial proceeding or arbitration, the provisions of Section 5.03 (including the presumption in favor of Indemnitee and the burdens on the Company) shall apply.

(b) Indemnitee shall also be entitled to an adjudication (by a court of competent jurisdiction or, at Indemnitee's option, through an arbitration as described above) of any other disputes under this Agreement, including any disputes arising because (i) advancement of Expenses is not timely made pursuant to Section 4.01, (ii) no determination of entitlement to indemnification shall have been made pursuant to Section 5.02 of this Agreement within the required time period, (iii) payment of indemnification is not made pursuant to Section 3.01(b) or (c) or the last two sentences of Section 5.02(a) within 10 days after receipt by the Company of written request therefor, (iv) payment of indemnification pursuant to Section 3.01(a) is not made within 10 days after a determination has been made that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification, or (v) the Company takes or threatens to take any action to declare this Agreement void or unenforceable, or institutes any litigation or other action or Proceeding designed to deny, or to recover from, the Indemnitee the benefits provided or intended to be provided to the Indemnitee hereunder.

(c) If a determination shall have been made pursuant to Section 5.02 that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification, the Company shall be bound by such determination in any judicial proceeding or arbitration commenced pursuant to this Section 6.01, absent a misstatement by Indemnitee of a material fact or an omission by Indemnitee of a material fact necessary in order to make the information provided not misleading in connection with the request for indemnification.

(d) In connection with any judicial proceeding or arbitration commenced pursuant to this Section 6.01, the Company shall not oppose Indemnitee's right to seek such adjudication, shall be precluded from asserting that the procedures and presumptions of this Agreement are not valid, binding or enforceable and shall stipulate in any such court or before any such arbitrator that the Company is bound by all of the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7 DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

Section 7.01. *D&O Liability Insurance.* (a) The Company shall obtain and maintain a policy or policies of insurance ("**D&O Liability Insurance**") with reputable insurance companies providing liability insurance for directors of the

Company in their capacities as such (and for any capacity in which any director of the Company serves any other Enterprise at the request of the Company), in respect of acts or omissions occurring while serving in such capacity, on terms with respect to coverage and amount (including with respect to the payment of expenses) no less favorable than those of such policy in effect on the date hereof; provided that such coverage and amounts are available on commercially reasonable terms.

(b) Indemnitee shall be covered by the Company's D&O Liability Insurance policies as in effect from time to time in accordance with the applicable terms to the maximum extent of the coverage available for any other director under such policy or policies. The Company shall, promptly after receiving notice of a Proceeding as to which Indemnitee is a party or a participant (as a witness or otherwise), give notice of such Proceeding to the insurers under the Company's D&O Liability Insurance policies in accordance with the procedures set forth in the respective policies. The Company shall thereafter take all necessary or desirable actions to cause such insurers to pay, on behalf of Indemnitee, all amounts payable as a result of such Proceeding in accordance with the terms of such policies. The failure or refusal of any such insurer to pay any such amount shall not affect or impair the obligations of the Company under this Agreement.

(c) Upon request by Indemnitee, the Company shall provide to Indemnitee copies of the D&O Liability Insurance policies as in effect from time to time. The Company shall promptly notify Indemnitee of any material changes in such insurance coverage.

(d) The Company hereby acknowledges that Indemnitee has certain rights to indemnification, advancement of expenses and/or insurance provided by KERN Partners Ltd. and/or certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "Sponsor Indemnitors"). The Company hereby agrees (i) that it is the indemnitor of first resort (i.e., its obligations to Indemnitee are primary and any obligation of the Sponsor Indemnitors to advance expenses or to provide indemnification for the same expenses or liabilities incurred by Indemnitee are secondary), (ii) that it shall be required to advance the full amount of Expenses incurred by Indemnitee and shall be liable for the full amount of all Expenses and Liabilities to the extent legally permitted and as required by the terms of this Agreement and the Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws (or any other agreement between the Company and Indemnitee), without regard to any rights Indemnitee may have against the Sponsor Indemnitors, and, (iii) that it irrevocably waives, relinquishes and releases the Sponsor Indemnitors from any and all claims against the Sponsor Indemnitors for contribution, subrogation or any other recovery of any kind in respect thereof. The Company further agrees that no advancement or payment by the Sponsor Indemnitors on behalf of Indemnitee with respect to any claim for which Indemnitee has sought indemnification from the Company shall affect the foregoing and the Sponsor Indemnitors shall have a right of contribution and/or be subrogated to the extent of such advancement or payment to all of the

rights of recovery of Indemnitee against the Company. The Company and Indemnitee agree that the Sponsor Indemnitors are express third party beneficiaries of the terms of this Section 7.01(d).

ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01. *Nonexclusivity of Rights.* The rights of indemnification and advancement of Expenses provided by this Agreement shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which Indemnitee may at any time be entitled to under applicable law, the Company's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, any other agreement, any vote of stockholders or resolution of directors or otherwise. No amendment, alteration or repeal of this Agreement or of any provision hereof shall limit or restrict any right of Indemnitee under this Agreement in respect of any action taken or omitted by such Indemnitee in his Corporate Status prior to such amendment, alteration or repeal. To the extent that a change in Delaware law, whether by statute or judicial decision, permits greater indemnification or advancement of Expenses than would be afforded currently under this Agreement, it is the intent of the parties hereto that Indemnitee shall be entitled under this Agreement to the greater benefits so afforded by such change. No right or remedy herein conferred is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder or otherwise shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other right or remedy.

Section 8.02. *Subrogation, etc.* (a) Except as provided in Section 7.01(d), in the event of any payment under this Agreement, the Company shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of recovery of Indemnitee (other than against the Sponsor Indemnitors), who shall execute all papers required and take all actions necessary to secure such rights, including execution of such documents as are necessary to enable the Company to bring suit to enforce such rights.

(b) Except as provided in Section 7.01(d), the Company shall not be liable under this Agreement to make any payment of amounts otherwise indemnifiable hereunder (or for which advancement is provided hereunder) if and to the extent that Indemnitee has otherwise actually received such payment under any insurance policy, contract, agreement or otherwise.

(c) Except as provided in Section 7.01(d), the Company's obligation to indemnify or advance Expenses hereunder to Indemnitee who is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, consultant or agent of any other Enterprise shall be reduced by any amount Indemnitee has actually received as indemnification or advancement of Expenses from such Enterprise.

Section 8.03. *Contribution.* To the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, if the indemnification provided for in this Agreement is unavailable to Indemnitee for any reason whatsoever, the Company, in lieu of indemnifying Indemnitee, shall contribute to the amount incurred by Indemnitee or on his behalf, whether for Liabilities and/or Expenses in connection with a Proceeding or other expenses relating to an indemnifiable event under this Agreement, in such proportion as is deemed fair and reasonable in light of all of the circumstances in order to reflect (i) the relative benefits received by the Company and Indemnitee as a result of the event(s) and/or transaction(s) giving rise to such action, suit or other proceeding, and/or (ii) the relative fault of the Company (and its directors, officers, employees and agents) and Indemnitee in connection with such event(s) and/or transaction(s).

Section 8.04. *Amendment.* This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by a written instrument executed by or on behalf of each of the parties hereto.

Section 8.05. *Waivers.* The observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively) only by a writing signed by the party against which such waiver is to be asserted. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, no delay on the part of any party hereto in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any waiver on the part of any party hereto of any right, power or privilege hereunder operate as a waiver of any other right, power or privilege hereunder nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege hereunder.

Section 8.06. *Expenses.* (a) The Company shall pay all costs and expenses (including fees and expenses of counsel) incurred by the Company and Indemnitee in connection with the preparation of this Agreement.

(b) The Company shall indemnify and hold Indemnitee harmless from any and all Expenses (including fees and expenses of counsel and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation and forwarding of statements to the Company to support an advancement of Expenses hereunder) actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or on his behalf in seeking (whether through a judicial proceeding or arbitration (including any and all appeals resulting therefrom) or otherwise) to enforce, interpret or defend any rights against the Company for indemnification or advancement of Expenses (whether under this Agreement or otherwise) or to recover under any liability insurance policy maintained by any person for the benefit of Indemnitee in connection with the performance of his duties for or on behalf of the Company. The Company shall pay (or reimburse Indemnitee for the payment of) any such Expenses within 10 days after receipt by the Company of a written request for the payment of such amounts, which request may be delivered to the Company at such time or from time to time as Indemnitee deems appropriate in his sole discretion (whether prior

to or after final disposition of any such matter). Indemnitee shall have no obligation to reimburse any amounts paid by the Company pursuant to this Section 8.06(b).

Section 8.07. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the matters covered herein and supersedes all prior oral, written or implied understandings or agreements with respect to the matters covered herein. This Section 8.07 shall not be construed to limit any other rights Indemnitee may have under the Company's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, applicable law or otherwise.

Section 8.08. *Severability.* If any provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever: (a) the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement (including each portion of any Section of this Agreement containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that is not itself invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby and shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law; (b) such provision or provisions shall be deemed reformed to the extent necessary to conform to applicable law and to give the maximum effect to the intent of the parties hereto; and (c) to the fullest extent possible, the provisions of this Agreement (including each portion of any Section of this Agreement containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that is not itself invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall be construed so as to give effect to the intent manifested thereby.

Section 8.09. *Notices.* All notices, requests and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing (including facsimile transmission or electronic mail ("e-mail") transmission so long as a confirmation of receipt of such e-mail is requested and received). All such notices, requests and other communications shall be deemed received on the date of receipt by the recipient thereof if received prior to 5:00 p.m. on a business day in the place of receipt. Otherwise, any such notice, request or communication shall be deemed to have been received on the next succeeding business day in the place of receipt. The address for notice to a party is as shown on the signature page of this Agreement, or such other address as any party shall have given by written notice to the other party as provided above.

Section 8.10. *Binding Effect.* (a) The Company expressly confirms and agrees that it has entered into this Agreement and assumed the obligations imposed on it hereby in order to induce Indemnitee to serve as a director of the Company, and the Company acknowledges that Indemnitee is relying upon this Agreement in serving as a director of the Company.

(b) This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, including any direct or indirect successor by purchase, merger,

consolidation or otherwise to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company, heirs, executors, administrators or other successors. The Company shall require and cause any successor (whether direct or indirect by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all or a substantial part of the business or assets of the Company, by written agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Indemnitee, expressly to assume and agree to perform this Agreement in the manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform if no such succession had taken place.

(c) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by this Agreement shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or is deceased and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators or other successors of the estate of such person.

Section 8.11. *Governing Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to its conflict of laws rules.

Section 8.12. *Consent To Jurisdiction.* Except with respect to any arbitration commenced by Indemnitee pursuant to Section 6.01, the Company and Indemnitee hereby irrevocably and unconditionally (i) agree that any action, suit or other proceeding arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be brought only in the Delaware Chancery Court and any court to which an appeal may be taken in such action, suit or other proceeding (the "**Delaware Court**"), and not in any other state or federal court in the United States of America or any court in any other country, (ii) consent to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Delaware Court for purposes of any action, suit or other proceeding arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, (iii) appoint, to the extent such party is not otherwise subject to service of process in the State of Delaware, The Corporation Trust Company, Wilmington, Delaware as its agent in the State of Delaware as such party's agent for acceptance of legal process in connection with any such action or proceeding against such party with the same legal force and validity as if served upon such party personally within the State of Delaware, (iv) waive any objection to the laying of venue of any such action, suit or other proceeding in the Delaware Court, and (v) waive, and agree not to plead or to make, any claim that any such action, suit or other proceeding brought in the Delaware Court has been brought in an improper or inconvenient forum.

Section 8.13. *Headings.* The Article and Section headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only, and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provisions hereof.

Section 8.14. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Only one such counterpart signed by the party against whom enforceability is sought needs to be produced to evidence the existence of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered to be effective as of the date first above written.

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Exhibit C

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

by and among

the Persons listed on Schedule A hereto under the heading GSCP,

the Persons listed on Schedule A hereto under the heading C/R,

the Persons listed on Schedule A hereto under the heading FIRST RESERVE,

the Persons listed on Schedule A hereto under the heading KERN,

the Persons listed on Schedule A hereto under the heading MANAGEMENT

and

COBALT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY, INC.

Dated as of December 15, 2009

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EXECUTION COPY

This REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT is made as of December 15, 2009, by and among Cobalt International Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Cobalt” or the “Company”), the Persons listed on Schedule A hereto under the heading GSCP (each a “GSCP Entity” and collectively, “GSCP”), the Persons listed on Schedule A hereto under the heading C/R (each a “C/R Entity” and collectively, “C/R”), the Persons listed on Schedule A hereto under the heading First Reserve (each a “First Reserve Entity” and collectively, “First Reserve”), the Persons listed on Schedule A hereto under the heading KERN (each a “KERN Entity” and collectively, “KERN”) and the Persons listed on Schedule A hereto under the heading Management (“Management”).

1. Certain Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Additional Piggyback Rights” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(c).

“Affiliate” means, with respect to any Person, any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person, where “control” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct the management and policies of a Person whether through the ownership of voting securities, contract or otherwise; provided, however, that, for purposes hereof, neither the Company nor any Person controlled by the Company shall be deemed to be an Affiliate of any Holder.

“Agreement” means this Registration Rights Agreement, as this agreement may be amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time after the date hereof.

“Assign” means to directly or indirectly sell, transfer, assign, distribute, exchange, pledge, hypothecate, mortgage, grant a security interest in, encumber or otherwise dispose of Registrable Securities, whether voluntarily or by operation of law, including by way of a merger. “Assignor,” “Assignee,” “Assigning” and “Assignment” have meanings corresponding to the foregoing.

“automatic shelf registration statement” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.4.

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

“Business Day” shall mean any day ending at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) other than a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or authorized to close in the City of New York.

“Claims” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.9(a).

“Common Equity” means the common stock of the Company and any and all securities of any kind whatsoever of the Company which may be issued after the date hereof in respect of, or in exchange for, such shares of common stock of the Company pursuant to a merger, consolidation, stock split, stock dividend or recapitalization of the Company or otherwise.

“Common Equity Equivalents” means all options, warrants and other securities convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for (at any time or upon the occurrence of any

event or contingency and without regard to any vesting or other conditions to which such securities may be subject) shares of Common Equity or other equity securities of the Company (including, without limitation, any note or debt security convertible into or exchangeable for Common Equity or other equity securities of the Company).

“Company” means Cobalt International Energy, Inc., any Subsidiary of Cobalt International Energy, Inc. and any successor to Cobalt International Energy, Inc.

“C/R” has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

“C/R Entity” has the meaning set forth in the preamble and any subsequent Holder who is Assigned all, but not less than all, of such C/R Entity’s Registrable Securities in a single transaction in accordance with Section 4.5.

“Demand Exercise Notice” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).

“Demand Registration” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).

“Demand Registration Request” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Expenses” means any and all fees and expenses incident to the Company’s performance of or compliance with Article 2, including, without limitation: (i) SEC, stock exchange or FINRA registration and filing fees and all listing fees and fees with respect to the inclusion of securities on the New York Stock Exchange or on any other securities market on which the Common Equity is listed or quoted, (ii) fees and expenses of compliance with state securities or “blue sky” laws and in connection with the preparation of a “blue sky” survey, including, without limitation, reasonable fees and expenses of outside “blue sky” counsel, (iii) printing and copying expenses, (iv) messenger and delivery expenses, (v) expenses incurred in connection with any road show, (vi) fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, (vii) with respect to each registration, the fees and disbursements of one counsel for the Participating Holder(s) (selected by the Majority Participating Holders), (viii) fees and disbursements of all independent public accountants (including the expenses of any audit and/or “cold comfort” letter and updates thereof) and fees and expenses of other Persons, including special experts, retained by the Company, (ix) fees and expenses payable to a Qualified Independent Underwriter, (x) any other fees and disbursements of underwriters, if any, customarily paid by issuers or sellers of securities and (xi) expenses for securities law liability insurance and, if any, rating agency fees.

“FINRA” means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

“First Reserve” has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

“First Reserve Entity” has the meaning set forth in the preamble and any subsequent Holder who is Assigned all, but not less than all, of such First Reserve Entity’s Registrable Securities in a single transaction in accordance with Section 4.5.

“GSCP” has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

“GSCP Entity” has the meaning set forth in the preamble and any subsequent Holder who is Assigned all, but not less than all, of such GSCP Entity’s Registrable Securities in a single transaction in accordance with Section 4.5.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the GSCP Entities, the First Reserve Entities, the C/R Entities, the KERN Entities, Management or any transferee of Registrable Securities to whom any Person who is a party to this Agreement shall Assign any rights hereunder in accordance with Section 4.5.

“Initiating Holder(s)” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).

“IPO” means the first underwritten public offering of the common stock of the Company to the general public pursuant to a registration statement filed with the SEC.

“KERN” has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

“KERN Entity” has the meaning set forth in the preamble and any subsequent Holder who is Assigned all, but not less than all, of such KERN Entity’s Registrable Securities in a single transaction in accordance with Section 4.5.

“Litigation” means any action, proceeding or investigation in any court or before any governmental authority.

“Lock-Up Agreement” means any agreement between the Company, or any of its Affiliates, and any member of Management that provides for restrictions on the transfer of Registrable Securities held by such member of Management.

“Majority Participating Holders” means Participating Holders holding more than 50% of the Registrable Securities proposed to be included in any registration or offering of Registrable Securities by such Participating Holders pursuant to Section 2.1 or Section 2.2.

“Management” has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

“Manager” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(c).

“NASD” means the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

“Participating Holders” means all Holders of Registrable Securities which are proposed to be included in any registration or offering of Registrable Securities pursuant to Section 2.1 or Section 2.2.

“Partner Distribution” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(b)(ii).

“Person” means any individual, corporation (including not-for-profit), general or limited partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, estate, trust, association, organization, governmental entity or agency or other entity of any kind or nature.

“Piggyback Shares” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(a)(iv).

“Qualified Independent Underwriter” means a “qualified independent underwriter” within the meaning of NASD Conduct Rule 2720.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) any shares of Common Equity held by the Holders at any time (including those held as a result of the conversion or exercise of Common Equity Equivalents) and (b) any shares of Common Equity issued or issuable, directly or indirectly in exchange for or with respect to the Common Equity referenced in clause (a) above by way of stock dividend, stock split or combination of shares or in connection with a reclassification, recapitalization, merger, share exchange, consolidation or other reorganization. As to any particular Registrable Securities, such securities shall cease to be Registrable Securities when (A) a registration statement with respect to the sale of such securities shall have been declared effective under the Securities Act and such securities shall have been disposed of in accordance with such registration statement, or (B) such securities shall have been sold (other than in a privately negotiated sale) in compliance with the requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, as such Rule 144 may be amended (or any successor provision thereto).

“Rule 144” and “Rule 144A” have the meaning set forth in Section 4.2.

“SEC” means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Section 2.3(a) Sale Number” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(a).

“Section 2.3(b) Sale Number” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(b).

“Section 2.3(c) Sale Number” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(c).

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Stockholders Agreement” means the Stockholders Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, 2009, by and among the Company and the other parties thereto.

“Sponsors” means the GSCP Entities, the First Reserve Entities, the C/R Entities, and the KERN Entities.

“Subsidiary” means any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company on the date hereof and any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company organized or acquired after the date hereof, including Cobalt International Energy, L.P.

“Valid Business Reason” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a)(v).

“WKSI” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.4.

2. Registration Rights.

2.1. Demand Registrations.

(a) If the Company shall receive from any of C/R, GSCP, First Reserve, or KERN, at any time after six (6) months after the closing of the IPO, a written request that the Company file

a registration statement with respect to Registrable Securities (a "Demand Registration Request," and the registration so requested is referred to herein as a "Demand Registration," and the sender(s) of such request or any similar request pursuant to this Agreement shall be known as the "Initiating Holder(s)"), then the Company shall, within five (5) days of the receipt thereof, give written notice (the "Demand Exercise Notice") of such request to all Holders, and subject to the limitations of this Section 2.1, use its reasonable best efforts to effect, as soon as practicable, the registration under the 1933 Act (including, without limitation, by means of a shelf registration pursuant to Rule 415 thereunder if so requested and if the Company is then eligible to use such a registration) of all Registrable Securities that the Holders request to be registered. The Company shall not be obligated to take any action to effect any Demand Registration:

(i) after it has effected a total of twelve (12) Demand Registrations pursuant to this Section 2.1, and such registrations have been declared or ordered effective. None of C/R acting individually, GSCP acting individually, First Reserve acting individually or KERN acting individually may make more than three (3) Demand Registration Requests, which registrations have been declared or ordered effective;

(ii) within three (3) months after a Demand Registration pursuant to this Section 2.1 that has been declared or ordered effective;

(iii) during the period starting with the date fifteen (15) days prior to its good faith estimate of the date of filing of, and ending on a date ninety (90) days after the effective date of, a Company initiated registration (other than a registration relating solely to the sale of securities to employees of the Company pursuant to a stock option, stock purchase or similar plan or to a Commission Rule 145 transaction), provided that the Company is actively employing in good faith all reasonable efforts to cause such registration statement to become effective;

(iv) where the anticipated offering price, net of any underwriting discounts or commissions, is equal to or less than \$25,000,000;

(v) if the Company shall furnish to such Holders a certificate signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company stating that in the good faith judgment of the Board, any registration of Registrable Securities should not be made or continued (or sales under a shelf registration statement should be suspended) because (i) such registration (or continued sales under a shelf registration statement) would materially interfere with a material financing, acquisition, corporate reorganization or merger or other material transaction or event involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries or (ii) the Company is in possession of material non-public information, the disclosure of which has been determined by the Board to not be in the Company's best interests (in either case, a "Valid Business Reason"), then (x) the Company may postpone filing a registration statement relating to a Demand Registration Request or suspend sales under an existing shelf registration statement until five (5) Business Days after such Valid Business Reason no longer exists, but in no event for more than sixty (60) days after the date the Board determines a Valid Business Reason exists and (y) in case a registration statement has been filed relating to a Demand Registration Request, if the Valid Business Reason has not resulted from actions taken by the Company, the Company may cause such registration statement to be withdrawn and its effectiveness terminated or may postpone amending or supplementing such registration statement until five (5) Business Days after such Valid Business Reason no

longer exists, but in no event for more than sixty (60) days after the date the Board determines a Valid Business Reason exists; and the Company shall give written notice to the Participating Holders of its determination to postpone or withdraw a registration statement or suspend sales under a shelf registration statement and of the fact that the Valid Business Reason for such postponement, withdrawal or suspension no longer exists, in each case, promptly after the occurrence thereof; provided, however, that the Company shall not defer its obligation in this manner more than once in any twelve (12) month period; or

(vi) in any particular jurisdiction in which the Company would be required to qualify to do business or to execute a general consent to service of process in effecting such registration, qualification or compliance.

If the Company shall give any notice of postponement, withdrawal or suspension of any registration statement pursuant to clause 2.1(a)(v), the Company shall not, during the period of postponement, withdrawal or suspension, register any Common Equity, other than pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-4 or S-8 (or an equivalent registration form then in effect). Each Holder of Registrable Securities agrees that, upon receipt of any notice from the Company that the Company has determined to withdraw any registration statement pursuant to clause (iii) above, such Holder will discontinue its disposition of Registrable Securities pursuant to such registration statement and, if so directed by the Company, will deliver to the Company (at the Company's expense) all copies, other than permanent file copies, then in such Holder's possession of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities that was in effect at the time of receipt of such notice. If the Company shall have withdrawn or prematurely terminated a registration statement filed pursuant to a Demand Registration (whether pursuant to clause 2.1(a)(v) or as a result of any stop order, injunction or other order or requirement of the SEC or any other governmental agency or court), the Company shall not be considered to have effected an effective registration for the purposes of this Agreement until the Company shall have filed a new registration statement covering the Registrable Securities covered by the withdrawn registration statement and such registration statement shall have been declared effective and shall not have been withdrawn. If the Company shall give any notice of withdrawal or postponement of a registration statement, the Company shall, not later than five (5) Business Days after the Valid Business Reason that caused such withdrawal or postponement no longer exists (but in no event later than sixty (60) days after the date of the postponement or withdrawal), use its reasonable best efforts to effect the registration under the Securities Act of the Registrable Securities covered by the withdrawn or postponed registration statement in accordance with Section 2.1 (unless the Initiating Holders shall have withdrawn such request, in which case the Company shall not be considered to have effected an effective registration for the purposes of this Agreement), and such registration shall not be withdrawn or postponed pursuant to clause 2.1(a)(v).

(b)

(i) The Company, subject to Sections 2.3 and 2.6, shall include in a Demand Registration (x) the Registrable Securities of the Initiating Holders and (y) the Registrable Securities of any other Holder of Registrable Securities, which shall have made a written request to the Company for inclusion in such registration pursuant to Section 2.2 (which request shall specify the maximum number of Registrable Securities intended to be disposed of by such

Participating Holder) within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the Demand Exercise Notice (or fifteen (15) days if, at the request of the Initiating Holders, the Company states in such written notice or gives telephonic notice to all Holders, with written confirmation to follow promptly thereafter, that such registration will be on a Form S-3).

(ii) The Company shall, as expeditiously as possible, but subject to the limitations set forth in this Section 2.1, use its reasonable best efforts to (x) effect such registration under the Securities Act (including, without limitation, by means of a shelf registration pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act if so requested and if the Company is then eligible to use such a registration) of the Registrable Securities which the Company has been so requested to register, for distribution in accordance with such intended method of distribution, including a distribution to, and resale by, the members or partners of a Holder (a "Partner Distribution") and (y) if requested by the Majority Participating Holders, obtain acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement relating to such registration.

(iii) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall, at the request of any Holder seeking to effect a Partner Distribution, file any prospectus supplement or post-effective amendments and otherwise take any action necessary to include therein all disclosure and language deemed necessary or advisable by such Holder if such disclosure or language was not included in the initial registration statement, or revise such disclosure or language if deemed necessary or advisable by such Holder, including filing a prospectus supplement naming the Holders, partners, members and shareholders to the extent required by law, to effect such Partner Distribution.

(c) In connection with any Demand Registration, the Majority Participating Holders shall have the right to designate the lead managing underwriter (any lead managing underwriter for the purposes of this Agreement, the "Manager") in connection with such registration and each other managing underwriter for such registration, in each case subject to consent of the Company, not be unreasonably withheld.

(d) If so requested by the Initiating Holder(s), the Company (together with all Holders proposing to distribute their securities through such underwriting) shall enter into an underwriting agreement in customary form with the underwriter or underwriters selected for such underwriting by the Company in its sole discretion.

(e) Any Holder that intends to sell Registrable Securities by means of a shelf registration pursuant to Rule 415 thereunder, shall give the Company 2 (two) days notice of any such sale.

2.2. Piggyback Registrations.

(a) If, at any time or from time to time the Company will register or commence an offering of any of its securities for its own account or otherwise (other than pursuant to registrations on Form S-4 or Form S-8 or any similar successor forms thereto) (including but not limited to the registrations or offerings pursuant to Section 2.1), the Company will:

(i) promptly give to each Holder written notice thereof (in any event within five (5) Business Days); and

(ii) include in such registration and in any underwriting involved therein (if any), all the Registrable Securities specified in a written request or requests, made within twenty (20) days after mailing or personal delivery of such written notice from the Company, by any of the Holders, except as set forth in Sections 2.2(b) and 2.2(f), with the securities which the Company at the time proposes to register or sell to permit the sale or other disposition by the Holders (in accordance with the intended method of distribution thereof) of the Registrable Securities to be so registered or sold, including, if necessary, by filing with the SEC a post-effective amendment or a supplement to the registration statement filed by the Company or the prospectus related thereto. There is no limitation on the number of such piggyback registrations pursuant to the preceding sentence which the Company is obligated to effect. No registration of Registrable Securities effected under this Section 2.2(a) shall relieve the Company of its obligations to effect Demand Registrations under Section 2.1 hereof.

(b) If the registration in this Section 2.2 involves an underwritten offering, the right of any Holder to include its Registrable Securities in a registration or offering pursuant to this Section 2.2 shall be conditioned upon such Holder's participation in the underwriting and the inclusion of such Holder's Registrable Securities in the underwriting to the extent provided herein. All Holders proposing to distribute their Registrable Securities through such underwriting shall (together with the Company) enter into an underwriting agreement in customary form with the underwriter or underwriters selected for such underwriting by the Company.

(c) The Company, subject to Sections 2.3 and 2.6, may elect to include in any registration statement and offering pursuant to demand registration rights by any Person, (i) authorized but unissued shares of Common Equity or shares of Common Equity held by the Company as treasury shares and (ii) any other shares of Common Equity which are requested to be included in such registration pursuant to the exercise of piggyback registration rights granted by the Company after the date hereof and which are not inconsistent with the rights granted in, or otherwise conflict with the terms of, this Agreement ("Additional Piggyback Rights"); provided, however, that such inclusion shall be permitted only to the extent that it is pursuant to, and subject to, the terms of the underwriting agreement or arrangements, if any, entered into by the Initiating Holders.

(d) If, at any time after giving written notice of its intention to register or sell any equity securities and prior to the effective date of the registration statement filed in connection with such registration or sale of such equity securities, the Company shall determine for any reason not to register or sell or to delay registration or sale of such equity securities, the Company may, at its election, give written notice of such determination to all Holders of record of Registrable Securities and (i) in the case of a determination not to register or sell, shall be relieved of its obligation to register or sell any Registrable Securities in connection with such abandoned registration or sale, without prejudice, however, to the rights of Holders under Section 2.1, and (ii) in the case of a determination to delay such registration or sale of its equity securities, shall be permitted to delay the registration or sale of such Registrable Securities for the same period as the delay in registering such other equity securities.

(e) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall, at the request of any Holder (including to effect a Partner Distribution), file any prospectus

supplement or post-effective amendments and otherwise take any action necessary to include therein all disclosure and language deemed necessary or advisable by such Holder if such disclosure or language was not included in the initial registration statement, or revise such disclosure or language if deemed necessary or advisable by such Holder including filing a prospectus supplement naming the Holders, partners, members and shareholders to the extent required by law.

(f) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the rights of each member of Management set forth in this Agreement are subject to any Lock-Up Agreement that such member of Management has entered into with the Company.

2.3. Allocation of Securities Included in Registration Statement or Offering.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in connection with an underwritten offering initiated by Demand Registration Request, if the Manager advises the Initiating Holders in writing that marketing factors require a limitation of the number of shares to be underwritten (such number, the "Section 2.3(a) Sale Number") within a price range acceptable to the Majority Participating Holders, the Initiating Holders shall so advise all Holders of Registrable Securities that would otherwise be underwritten pursuant hereto, and the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to include in such registration or offering, as applicable, the number of shares of Registrable Securities in the registration and underwriting as follows:

(i) first, all Registrable Securities requested to be included in such registration or offering by the Holders thereof (including pursuant to the exercise of piggyback rights pursuant to Section 2.2); provided, however, that if such number of Registrable Securities exceeds the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number, the number of such Registrable Securities (not to exceed the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number) to be included in such registration shall be allocated among all such Holders requesting inclusion thereof in proportion, as nearly as practicable, to the respective amounts of Registrable Securities held by such Holders at the time of filing of the registration statement or the time of the offering, as applicable;

(ii) second, if by the withdrawal of Registrable Securities by a Participating Holder, a greater number of Registrable Securities held by other Holders, may be included in such registration or offering (up to the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number), then the Company shall offer to all Holders who have included Registrable Securities in the registration or offering the right to include additional Registrable Securities in the same proportions as set forth in 2.3(a)(i).

(iii) third, to the extent that the number of Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clause (i) and (ii) of this Section 2.3(a) is less than the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number, and if the underwriter so agrees, any securities that the Company proposes to register or sell, up to the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number; and

(iv) fourth, to the extent that the number of securities to be included pursuant to clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of this Section 2.3(a) is less than the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number, the remaining securities to be included in such registration or offering shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among all Persons requesting that securities be included in such registration or offering

pursuant to the exercise of Additional Piggyback Rights (“Piggyback Shares”), based on the aggregate number of Piggyback Shares then owned by each Person requesting inclusion in relation to the aggregate number of Piggyback Shares owned by all Persons requesting inclusion, up to the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section 2.3(a) to the contrary, no employee shareholder of the Company, other than a member of Management, will be entitled to include Registrable Securities in a registration requested pursuant to Section 2.1 to the extent the Manager of such offering shall determine in good faith that the participation of such employee shareholder would adversely affect the marketability of the securities being sold by the Initiating Holder(s) in such registration.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in a registration involving an underwritten offering on behalf of the Company, which was initiated by the Company, if the Manager determines that marketing factors require a limitation of the number of shares to be underwritten (such number, the “Section 2.3(b) Sale Number”) the Company shall so advise all Holders whose securities would otherwise be registered and underwritten pursuant hereto, and the number of shares of Registrable Securities that may be included in the registration and underwriting shall be allocated as follows:

(i) first, all equity securities that the Company proposes to register for its own account;

(ii) second, to the extent that the number of securities to be included pursuant to clause (i) of this Section 2.3(b) is less than the Section 2.3(b) Sale Number, among all Holders in proportion, as nearly as practicable, to the respective amounts of Registrable Securities requested for inclusion in such registration by Holders pursuant to Section 2.2 up to the Section 2.3(b) Sale Number; and;

(iii) third, to the extent that the number of securities to be included pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) of this Section 2.3(b) is less than the Section 2.3(b) Sale Number, the remaining securities to be included in such registration shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among all Persons requesting that securities be included in such registration pursuant to the exercise of Additional Piggyback Rights, based on the aggregate number of Piggyback Shares then owned by each Person requesting inclusion in relation to the aggregate number of Piggyback Shares owned by all Persons requesting inclusion, up to the Section 2.3(b) Sale Number.

(c) If any registration pursuant to Section 2.2 involves an underwritten offering that was initially requested by any Person(s) other than a Holder to whom the Company has granted registration rights which are not inconsistent with the rights granted in, or otherwise conflict with the terms of, this Agreement and the Manager (as selected by the Company or such other Person) shall advise the Company that, in its view, the number of securities requested to be included in such registration exceeds the number (the “Section 2.3(c) Sale Number”) that can be sold in an orderly manner in such registration within a price range acceptable to the Company, the Company shall include shares in such registration as follows:

(i) first, the shares requested to be included in such registration shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among such Person(s) requesting the registration and all Holders requesting that Registrable Securities be included in such registration pursuant to the exercise of piggyback rights pursuant to Section 2.2, based on the aggregate number of securities or Registrable Securities, as applicable, then owned by each of the foregoing requesting inclusion in relation to the aggregate number of securities or Registrable Securities, as applicable, owned by all such Holders and Persons requesting inclusion, up to the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number;

(ii) second, to the extent that the number of securities to be included pursuant to clause (i) of this Section 2.3(c) is less than the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number, the remaining shares to be included in such registration shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among all Persons requesting that securities be included in such registration pursuant to the exercise of Additional Piggyback Rights, based on the aggregate number of Piggyback Shares then owned by each Person requesting inclusion in relation to the aggregate number of Piggyback Shares owned by all Persons requesting inclusion, up to the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number; and

(iii) third, to the extent that the number of securities to be included pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) of this Section 2.3(c) is less than the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number, the remaining shares to be included in such registration shall be allocated to shares the Company proposes to register for its own account, up to the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number.

(d) If any Holder of Registrable Securities disapproves of the terms of the underwriting, or if, as a result of the proration provisions set forth in clauses (a), (b) or (c) of this Section 2.3, any Holder shall not be entitled to include all Registrable Securities in a registration or offering that such Holder has requested be included, such Holder may elect to withdraw such Holder's request to include Registrable Securities in such registration or offering or may reduce the number requested to be included; provided, however, that (x) such request must be made in writing, to the Company, Manager and, if applicable, the Initiating Holder(s), prior to the execution of the underwriting agreement with respect to such registration and (y) such withdrawal or reduction shall be irrevocable and, after making such withdrawal or reduction, such Holder shall no longer have any right to include such withdrawn Registrable Securities in the registration as to which such withdrawal or reduction was made to the extent of the Registrable Securities so withdrawn or reduced.

2.4. Registration Procedures. If and whenever the Company is required by the provisions of this Agreement to use its reasonable best efforts to effect or cause the registration of any Registrable Securities under the Securities Act as provided in this Agreement, the Company shall, as expeditiously as possible (but, in any event, within sixty (60) days after a Demand Registration Request in the case of Section 2.4(a) below), in connection with the Registration of the Registrable Securities and, where applicable, a takedown off of a shelf registration statement:

(a) prepare and file with the SEC a registration statement on an appropriate registration form of the SEC for the disposition of such Registrable Securities in accordance with the intended method of disposition thereof (including, without limitation, a Partner Distribution), which registration form (i) shall be selected by the Company and (ii) shall, in the case of a shelf registration, be available for the sale of the Registrable Securities by the selling Holders thereof

and such registration statement shall comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the applicable registration form and include all financial statements required by the SEC to be filed therewith, and the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause such registration statement to become effective and remain continuously effective from the date such registration statement is declared effective until the earliest to occur (i) the first date as of which all of the Registrable Securities included in the registration statement have been sold or (ii) a period of ninety (90) days in the case of an underwritten offering effected pursuant to a registration statement other than a shelf registration statement and a period of three years in the case of a shelf registration statement (provided, however, that before filing a registration statement or prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, or comparable statements under securities or state "blue sky" laws of any jurisdiction, or any free writing prospectus related thereto, the Company will furnish to one counsel for the Holders participating in the planned offering (selected by the Majority Participating Holders) and to one counsel for the Manager, if any, copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (including all exhibits thereto), which documents will be subject to the reasonable review and reasonable comment of such counsel (provided that the Company shall be under no obligation to make any changes suggested by the Holders), and the Company shall not file any registration statement or amendment thereto, any prospectus or supplement thereto or any free writing prospectus related thereto to which the Majority Participating Holders or the underwriters, if any, shall reasonably object);

(b) prepare and file with the SEC such amendments and supplements to such registration statement and the prospectus used in connection therewith as may be necessary to keep such registration statement continuously effective for the period set forth in Section 2.4(a) and to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act with respect to the sale or other disposition of all Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement in accordance with the intended methods of disposition by the seller or sellers thereof set forth in such registration statement (and, in connection with any shelf registration statement, file one or more prospectus supplements covering Registrable Securities upon the request of one or more Holders wishing to offer or sell Registrable Securities whether in an underwritten offering or otherwise);

(c) in the event of any underwritten public offering, enter into and perform its obligations under an underwriting agreement, in usual and customary form, with the Manager of such offering;

(d) furnish, without charge, to each Participating Holder and each underwriter, if any, of the securities covered by such registration statement such number of copies of such registration statement, each amendment and supplement thereto (in each case including all exhibits), the prospectus included in such registration statement (including each preliminary prospectus and any summary prospectus), any other prospectus filed under Rule 424 under the Securities Act and each free writing prospectus utilized in connection therewith, in each case, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and other documents, as such seller and underwriter may reasonably request in order to facilitate the public sale or other disposition of the Registrable Securities owned by such seller (the Company hereby consenting to the use in accordance with all applicable law of each such registration statement (or amendment or post-effective amendment thereto) and each such prospectus (or preliminary prospectus or supplement thereto) or free writing prospectus by each such Participating Holder and the underwriters, if any,

in connection with the offering and sale of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement or prospectus);

(e) use its reasonable best efforts to register or qualify the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement under such other securities or state “blue sky” laws of such jurisdictions as any sellers of Registrable Securities or any managing underwriter, if any, shall reasonably request in writing, and do any and all other acts and things which may be reasonably necessary or advisable to enable such sellers or underwriter, if any, to consummate the disposition of the Registrable Securities in such jurisdictions (including keeping such registration or qualification in effect for so long as such registration statement remains in effect), except that in no event shall the Company be required to qualify to do business as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction where it would not, but for the requirements of this paragraph (e), be required to be so qualified, to subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction or to consent to general service of process in any such jurisdiction;

(f) promptly notify each Participating Holder and each managing underwriter, if any: (i) when the registration statement, any pre-effective amendment, the prospectus or any prospectus supplement related thereto, any post-effective amendment to the registration statement or any free writing prospectus has been filed and, with respect to the registration statement or any post-effective amendment, when the same has become effective; (ii) of any request by the SEC or state securities authority for amendments or supplements to the registration statement or the prospectus related thereto or for additional information; (iii) of the issuance by the SEC of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose; (iv) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of any Registrable Securities for sale under the securities or state “blue sky” laws of any jurisdiction or the initiation of any proceeding for such purpose; (v) of the existence of any fact of which the Company becomes aware which results in the registration statement or any amendment thereto, the prospectus related thereto or any supplement thereto, any document incorporated therein by reference, any free writing prospectus or the information conveyed to any purchaser at the time of sale to such purchaser containing an untrue statement of a material fact or omitting to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make any statement therein not misleading; and (vi) if at any time the representations and warranties contemplated by any underwriting agreement, securities sale agreement, or other similar agreement, relating to the offering shall cease to be true and correct in all material respects; and, if the notification relates to an event described in clause (v), the Company shall promptly prepare and furnish to each such seller and each underwriter, if any, a reasonable number of copies of a prospectus supplemented or amended so that, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers of such Registrable Securities, such prospectus shall not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading;

(g) comply (and continue to comply) with all applicable rules and regulations of the SEC (including, without limitation, maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f)) in accordance with the Exchange Act), and make generally available to its security holders, as soon as reasonably practicable after the effective date of the

registration statement (and in any event within forty-five (45) days, or ninety (90) days if it is a fiscal year, after the end of such twelve (12) month period described hereafter), an earnings statement (which need not be audited) covering the period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months beginning with the first day of the Company's first calendar quarter after the effective date of the registration statement, which earnings statement shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 thereunder;

(h) (i) (A) cause all such Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement to be listed on the principal securities exchange on which similar securities issued by the Company are then listed (if any), if the listing of such Registrable Securities is then permitted under the rules of such exchange, or (B) if no similar securities are then so listed, to cause all such Registrable Securities to be listed on a national securities exchange and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, take all actions that may be required by the Company as the issuer of such Registrable Securities in order to facilitate the managing underwriter's arranging for the registration of at least two market makers as such with respect to such shares with FINRA, and (ii) comply (and continue to comply) with the requirements of any self-regulatory organization applicable to the Company, including without limitation all corporate governance requirements;

(i) provide and cause to be maintained a transfer agent and registrar for all such Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement not later than the effective date of such registration statement;

(j) enter into such customary agreements (including, if applicable, an underwriting agreement) and take such other actions as the Majority Participating Holders or the underwriters shall reasonably request in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of such Registrable Securities (it being understood that the Holders of the Registrable Securities which are to be distributed by any underwriters shall be parties to any such underwriting agreement and may, at their option, require that the Company make to and for the benefit of such Holders the representations, warranties and covenants of the Company which are being made to and for the benefit of such underwriters);

(k) use its reasonable best efforts (i) to obtain an opinion from the Company's counsel and a "cold comfort" letter and updates thereof from the Company's independent public accountants who have certified the Company's financial statements included or incorporated by reference in such registration statement, in each case, in customary form and covering such matters as are customarily covered by such opinions and "cold comfort" letters (including, in the case of such "cold comfort" letter, events subsequent to the date of such financial statements) delivered to underwriters in underwritten public offerings, which opinion and letter shall be dated the dates such opinions and "cold comfort" letters are customarily dated and otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the underwriters, if any, and to the Majority Participating Holders, and (ii) furnish to each Holder participating in the offering and to each underwriter, if any, a copy of such opinion and letter addressed to such underwriter;

(l) deliver promptly to counsel for each Participating Holder and to each managing underwriter, if any, copies of all correspondence between the SEC and the Company, its counsel or auditors and all memoranda relating to discussions with the SEC or its staff with respect to the

registration statement, and, upon receipt of such confidentiality agreements as the Company may reasonably request, make reasonably available for inspection by counsel for each Participating Holder, by counsel for any underwriter, participating in any disposition to be effected pursuant to such registration statement and by any accountant or other agent retained by any Participating Holder or any such underwriter, all pertinent financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Company, and cause all of the Company's officers, directors and employees to supply all information reasonably requested by any such counsel for a Participating Holder, counsel for an underwriter, accountant or agent in connection with such registration statement;

(m) use its reasonable best efforts to obtain the prompt withdrawal of any order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement, or the prompt lifting of any suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction;

(n) provide a CUSIP number for all Registrable Securities, not later than the effective date of the registration statement;

(o) use its best efforts to make available its employees and personnel for participation in "road shows" and other marketing efforts and otherwise provide reasonable assistance to the underwriters (taking into account the needs of the Company's businesses and the requirements of the marketing process) in marketing the Registrable Securities in any underwritten offering;

(p) prior to the filing of any document which is to be incorporated by reference into the registration statement or the prospectus (after the initial filing of such registration statement), and prior to the filing of any free writing prospectus, provide copies of such document to counsel for each Participating Holder and to each managing underwriter, if any, and make the Company's representatives reasonably available for discussion of such document and make such changes in such document concerning the Participating Holders prior to the filing thereof as counsel for the Participating Holders or underwriters may reasonably request;

(q) furnish to counsel for each Participating Holder and to each managing underwriter, without charge, at least one signed copy of the registration statement and any post-effective amendments or supplements thereto, including financial statements and schedules, all documents incorporated therein by reference, the prospectus contained in such registration statement (including each preliminary prospectus and any summary prospectus), any other prospectus filed under Rule 424 under the Securities Act and all exhibits (including those incorporated by reference) and any free writing prospectus utilized in connection therewith;

(r) cooperate with the Participating Holders and the managing underwriter, if any, to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates not bearing any restrictive legends representing the Registrable Securities to be sold, and cause such Registrable Securities to be issued in such denominations and registered in such names in accordance with the underwriting agreement at least three (3) Business Days prior to any sale of Registrable Securities to the underwriters or, if not an underwritten offering, in accordance with the instructions of the Participating Holders at least three (3) Business Days prior to any sale of Registrable Securities and instruct any transfer agent and registrar of Registrable Securities to release any stop transfer orders in respect thereof;

(s) cooperate with any due diligence investigation by any Manager, underwriter or Participating Holder and make available such documents and records of the Company and its Subsidiaries that they reasonably request (which, in the case of the Participating Holder, may be subject to the execution by the Participating Holder of a customary confidentiality agreement in a form which is reasonably satisfactory to the Company);

(t) take no direct or indirect action prohibited by Regulation M under the Exchange Act; provided, however, that to the extent that any prohibition is applicable to the Company, the Company will take such action as is necessary and feasible to make any such prohibition inapplicable;

(u) use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Registrable Securities covered by the applicable registration statement to be registered with or approved by such other governmental agencies or authorities as may be necessary to enable the Participating Holders or the underwriters, if any, to consummate the disposition of such Registrable Securities;

(v) take all such other commercially reasonable actions as are necessary or advisable in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of such Registrable Securities;

(w) take all reasonable action to ensure that any free writing prospectus utilized in connection with any registration covered by Section 2.1 or 2.2 complies in all material respects with the Securities Act, is filed in accordance with the Securities Act to the extent required thereby, is retained in accordance with the Securities Act to the extent required thereby and, when taken together with the related prospectus, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and

(x) in connection with any underwritten offering, if at any time the information conveyed to a purchaser at the time of sale includes any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, promptly file with the SEC such amendments or supplements to such information as may be necessary so that the statements as so amended or supplemented will not, in light of the circumstances, be misleading.

To the extent the Company is a well-known seasoned issuer (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) (a "WKSI") at the time any Demand Registration Request is submitted to the Company, and such Demand Registration Request requests that the Company file an automatic shelf registration statement (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) (an "automatic shelf registration statement") on Form S-3, the Company shall file an automatic shelf registration statement which covers those Registrable Securities which are requested to be registered. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to remain a WKSI (and not become an ineligible issuer (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act)) during the period during which the Registrable Securities remain Registrable Securities. If the Company does not pay the filing fee covering the Registrable Securities at the time the automatic shelf registration statement is filed, the Company agrees to pay such fee at such time or times as the Registrable Securities are to be sold. If the automatic shelf registration statement has been outstanding for at least three years, at the end of the third year the Company shall refile a new automatic shelf

registration statement covering the Registrable Securities. If at any time when the Company is required to re-evaluate its WKSJ status the Company determines that it is not a WKSJ, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to refile the shelf registration statement on Form S-3 and, if such form is not available, Form S-1 and keep such registration statement effective during the period during which such registration statement is required to be kept effective.

If the Company files any shelf registration statement for the benefit of the holders of any of its securities other than the Holders, the Company agrees that it shall include in such registration statement such disclosures as may be required by Rule 430B under the Securities Act (referring to the unnamed selling security holders in a generic manner by identifying the initial offering of the securities to the Holders) in order to ensure that the Holders may be added to such shelf registration statement at a later time through the filing of a prospectus supplement rather than a post-effective amendment.

It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to Sections 2.1, 2.2, or 2.4 that each Participating Holder shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them, and the intended method of disposition of such securities as the Company may from time to time reasonably request provided that such information is necessary for the Company to consummate such registration and shall be used only in connection with such registration.

If any such registration statement or comparable statement under state "blue sky" laws refers to any Holder by name or otherwise as the Holder of any securities of the Company, then such Holder shall have the right to require (i) the insertion therein of language, in form and substance satisfactory to such Holder and the Company, to the effect that the holding by such Holder of such securities is not to be construed as a recommendation by such Holder of the investment quality of the Company's securities covered thereby and that such holding does not imply that such Holder will assist in meeting any future financial requirements of the Company, or (ii) in the event that such reference to such Holder by name or otherwise is not in the judgment of the Company, as advised by counsel, required by the Securities Act or any similar federal statute or any state "blue sky" or securities law then in force, the deletion of the reference to such Holder.

2.5. Registration Expenses. All Expenses incurred in connection with any registration, filing, qualification or compliance pursuant to Article 2 shall be borne by the Company, whether or not a registration statement becomes effective. All underwriting discounts and all selling commissions relating to securities registered by the Holders shall be borne by the holders of such securities pro rata in accordance with the number of shares sold in the offering by such Participating Holder.

2.6. Certain Limitations on Registration Rights. In the case of any registration under Section 2.1 pursuant to an underwritten offering, or, in the case of a registration under Section 2.2, all securities to be included in such registration shall be subject to the underwriting agreement and no Person may participate in such registration or offering unless such Person (i) agrees to sell such Person's securities on the basis provided therein and completes and executes all reasonable questionnaires, and other documents (including custody agreements and powers of attorney) which must be executed in connection therewith; provided, however, that all such

documents shall be consistent with the provisions hereof and (ii) provides such other information to the Company or the underwriter as may be necessary to register such Person's securities.

2.7. Limitations on Sale or Distribution of Other Securities.

(a) Each Holder agrees, (i) to the extent requested in writing by a managing underwriter, if any, of any registration effected pursuant to Section 2.1, not to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of, including any sale pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, any Common Equity, or any other equity security of the Company or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any equity security of the Company (other than as part of such underwritten public offering) during the time period reasonably requested by the managing underwriter, not to exceed ninety (90) days (and the Company hereby also so agrees (except that the Company may effect any sale or distribution of any such securities pursuant to a registration on Form S-4 (if reasonably acceptable to such managing underwriter) or Form S-8, or any successor or similar form which is (x) then in effect or (y) shall become effective upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of any then outstanding Common Equity Equivalent), to use its reasonable best efforts to cause each holder of any equity security or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any equity security of the Company purchased from the Company at any time other than in a public offering so to agree), and (ii) to the extent requested in writing by a managing underwriter of any underwritten public offering effected by the Company for its own account, not to sell any Common Equity (other than as part of such underwritten public offering) during the time period reasonably requested by the managing underwriter, which period shall not exceed ninety (90) days.

(b) The Company hereby agrees that, if it shall previously have received a request for registration pursuant to Section 2.1 or 2.2, and if such previous registration shall not have been withdrawn or abandoned, the Company shall not sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, any Common Equity, or any other equity security of the Company or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any equity security of the Company (other than as part of such underwritten public offering, a registration on Form S-4 or Form S-8 or any successor or similar form which is (x) then in effect or (y) shall become effective upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of any then outstanding Common Equity Equivalent), until a period of ninety (90) days shall have elapsed from the effective date of such previous registration; and the Company shall (i) so provide in any registration rights agreements hereafter entered into with respect to any of its securities and (ii) use its reasonable best efforts to cause each holder of any equity security or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any equity security of the Company purchased from the Company at any time other than in a public offering to so agree.

2.8. No Required Sale. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to create an independent obligation on the part of any Holder to sell any Registrable Securities pursuant to any effective registration statement.

2.9. Indemnification.

(a) In the event of any registration and/or offering of any securities of the Company under the Securities Act pursuant to this Article 2, the Company will, and hereby agrees to, and hereby does, indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by law, each Holder, its

directors, officers, fiduciaries, employees, stockholders, members or general and limited partners (and the directors, officers, fiduciaries, employees, stockholders, members or general and limited partners thereof), any underwriter (as defined in the Securities Act) for such Holder and each Person, if any, who controls such Holder or underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act or Exchange Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, actions or proceedings (whether commenced or threatened) and expenses (including reasonable fees of counsel and any amounts paid in any settlement effected with the Company's consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to which each such indemnified party may become subject under the Securities Act or otherwise in respect thereof (collectively, "Claims"), insofar as such Claims arise out of or are based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any registration statement under which such securities were registered under the Securities Act or the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary or final prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, together with the documents incorporated by reference therein, or any free writing prospectus utilized in connection therewith, or the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or (iii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact in the information conveyed by the Company to any purchaser at the time of the sale to such purchaser, or the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or (iv) any violation by the Company of any federal, state or common law rule or regulation applicable to the Company and relating to action required of or inaction by the Company in connection with any such registration, and the Company will reimburse any such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such Claim as such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that the Company shall not be liable to any such indemnified party in any such case to the extent such Claim arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission of a material fact made in such registration statement or amendment thereof or supplement thereto or in any such prospectus or any preliminary or final prospectus or free writing prospectus in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such indemnified party specifically for use therein. Such indemnity and reimbursement of expenses shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of such indemnified party and shall survive the transfer of such securities by such seller.

(b) Each Participating Holder shall, severally and not jointly, indemnify and hold harmless (in the same manner and to the same extent as set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section 2.9) to the extent permitted by law the Company, its officers and directors, each Person controlling the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, each underwriter (within the meaning of the 1933 Act) of the Company's securities covered by such a registration statement, any Person who controls such underwriter, and any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and each of its directors, officers, partners or agents or any Person who controls such Holder with respect to any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact in, or omission or alleged omission of any material fact from, such registration statement, any preliminary or final prospectus contained therein, or any amendment or

supplement thereto, or any free writing prospectus utilized in connection therewith, if such statement or alleged statement or omission or alleged omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company or its representatives by or on behalf of such Participating Holder, specifically for use therein and reimburse such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending any such Claim as such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that the aggregate amount which any such Participating Holder shall be required to pay pursuant to this Section 2.9(b) and Sections 2.9(c) and (e) shall in no case be greater than the amount of the net proceeds actually received by such Participating Holder upon the sale of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the registration statement giving rise to such Claim. The Company and each Participating Holder hereby acknowledge and agree that, unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing by such Participating Holders to the contrary, for all purposes of this Agreement, the only information furnished or to be furnished to the Company for use in any such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus or amendment or supplement thereto or any free writing prospectus are statements specifically relating to (a) the beneficial ownership of shares of Common Equity by such Participating Holder and its Affiliates and (b) the name and address of such Participating Holder. Such indemnity and reimbursement of expenses shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of such indemnified party and shall survive the transfer of such securities by such Holder.

(c) Indemnification similar to that specified in the preceding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section 2.9 (with appropriate modifications) shall be given by the Company and each Participating Holder with respect to any required registration or other qualification of securities under any applicable securities and state "blue sky" laws.

(d) Any Person entitled to indemnification under this Agreement shall notify promptly the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement of any action or proceeding with respect to which a claim for indemnification may be made pursuant to this Section 2.9, but the failure of any indemnified party to provide such notice shall not relieve the indemnifying party of its obligations under the preceding paragraphs of this Section 2.9, except to the extent the indemnifying party is materially and actually prejudiced thereby and shall not relieve the indemnifying party from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under this Article 2. In case any action or proceeding is brought against an indemnified party, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to (x) participate in such action or proceeding and (y), unless, in the reasonable opinion of outside counsel to the indemnified party, a conflict of interest between such indemnified and indemnifying parties may exist in respect of such claim, assume the defense thereof jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party. The indemnifying party shall promptly notify the indemnified party of its decision to assume the defense of such action or proceeding. If, and after, the indemnified party has received such notice from the indemnifying party, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense of such action or proceeding other than reasonable costs of investigation; provided, however, that (i) if the indemnifying party fails to take reasonable steps necessary to defend diligently the action or proceeding within twenty (20) days after receiving notice from such indemnified party that the indemnified party believes it has failed to do so; or (ii) if such indemnified party who is a defendant in any action or proceeding which is also brought against the indemnifying party

reasonably shall have concluded that there may be one or more legal or equitable defenses available to such indemnified party which are not available to the indemnifying party or which may conflict with those available to another indemnified party with respect to such Claim; or (iii) if representation of both parties by the same counsel is otherwise inappropriate under applicable standards of professional conduct, then, in any such case, the indemnified party shall have the right to assume or continue its own defense as set forth above (but with no more than one firm of counsel for all indemnified parties in each jurisdiction, except to the extent any indemnified party or parties reasonably shall have made a conclusion described in clause (ii) or (iii) above) and the indemnifying party shall be liable for any expenses therefor. No indemnifying party shall, without the written consent of the indemnified party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened action or claim in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified party is an actual or potential party to such action or claim), unless such settlement or compromise (i) includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on any claims that are the subject matter of such action or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to, or an admission of, fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of an indemnified party. The indemnity obligations contained in Sections 2.9(a) and 2.9(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the indemnified party which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(e) If for any reason the foregoing indemnity is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party under Sections 2.9(a), (b) or (c), then each applicable indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable to such indemnified party as a result of any Claim in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party, on the one hand, and the indemnified party, on the other hand, with respect to such Claim as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault shall be determined by a court of law by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such untrue statement or omission. If, however, the allocation provided in the second preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative faults but also the relative benefits of the indemnifying party and the indemnified party as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The parties hereto agree that it would not be just and equitable if any contribution pursuant to this Section 2.9(e) were to be determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in the preceding sentences of this Section 2.9(e). The amount paid or payable in respect of any Claim shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such Claim. No Person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. Notwithstanding anything in this Section 2.9(e) to the contrary, no indemnifying party (other than the Company) shall be required pursuant to this Section 2.9(e) to contribute any amount greater than the amount of the net proceeds actually received by such indemnifying party upon the sale of the Registrable Securities

pursuant to the registration statement giving rise to such Claim, less the amount of any indemnification payment made by such indemnifying party pursuant to Sections 2.9(b) and (c).

(f) The indemnity and contribution agreements contained herein shall be in addition to any other rights to indemnification or contribution which any indemnified party may have pursuant to law or contract and shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made or omitted by or on behalf of any indemnified party and shall survive the transfer of the Registrable Securities by any such party and the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement. In the event one or more Holders effect a Partner Distribution pursuant to a registration statement in which the name of partners, members or shareholders who receive a distribution are named in a prospectus supplement or registration statement, the partners, members or shareholders so named shall be entitled to indemnification and contribution by the Company to the same extent as a Holder hereunder.

(g) The indemnification and contribution required by this Section 2.9 shall be made by periodic payments of the amount thereof during the course of the investigation or defense, as and when bills are received or expense, loss, damage or liability is incurred; provided, however, that the recipient thereof hereby undertakes to repay such payments if and to the extent it shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that such recipient is not entitled to such payment hereunder.

3. Underwritten Offerings.

3.1. Requested Underwritten Offerings. If the Initiating Holders request an underwritten offering pursuant to a registration under Section 2.1 (pursuant to a request for a registration statement to be filed in connection with a specific underwritten offering or a request for a shelf takedown in the form of an underwritten offering), the Company shall enter into a customary underwriting agreement with the underwriters. Such underwriting agreement shall (i) be satisfactory in form and substance to the Majority Participating Holders, (ii) contain terms not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement and (iii) contain such representations and warranties by, and such other agreements on the part of, the Company and such other terms as are generally prevailing in agreements of that type, including, without limitation, indemnities and contribution agreements on substantially the same terms as those contained herein. Any Participating Holder shall be a party to such underwriting agreement and may, at its option, require that any or all of the representations and warranties by, and the other agreements on the part of, the Company to and for the benefit of such underwriters shall also be made to and for the benefit of such Participating Holder and that any or all of the conditions precedent to the obligations of such underwriters under such underwriting agreement be conditions precedent to the obligations of such Participating Holder; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to make any representations or warranties with respect to written information specifically provided by a Participating Holder for inclusion in the registration statement. Each such Participating Holder shall not be required to make any representations or warranties to or agreements with the Company or the underwriters other than representations, warranties or agreements regarding such Participating Holder, its ownership of and title to the Registrable Securities, any written information specifically provided by such Participating Holder for inclusion in the registration statement and its intended method of distribution; and any liability of such Participating Holder to any underwriter or other Person under such underwriting agreement

shall be limited to the amount of the net proceeds received by such Holder upon the sale of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the registration statement and shall be limited to liability for written information specifically provided by such Participating Holder.

3.2. Piggyback Underwritten Offerings. In the case of a registration pursuant to Section 2.2 which involves an underwritten offering, the Company shall enter into an underwriting agreement in connection therewith and all of the Participating Holders' Registrable Securities to be included in such registration shall be subject to such underwriting agreement. Any Participating Holder may, at its option, require that any or all of the representations and warranties by, and the other agreements on the part of, the Company to and for the benefit of such underwriters shall also be made to and for the benefit of such Participating Holder and that any or all of the conditions precedent to the obligations of such underwriters under such underwriting agreement be conditions precedent to the obligations of such Participating Holder; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to make any representations or warranties with respect to written information specifically provided by a Participating Holder for inclusion in the registration statement. Each such Participating Holder shall not be required to make any representations or warranties to or agreements with the Company or the underwriters other than representations, warranties or agreements regarding such Participating Holder, its ownership of and title to the Registrable Securities, any written information specifically provided by such Participating Holder for inclusion in the registration statement and its intended method of distribution; and any liability of such Participating Holder to any underwriter or other Person under such underwriting agreement shall be limited to the amount of the net proceeds received by such Participating Holder upon the sale of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the registration statement and shall be limited to liability for written information specifically provided by such Participating Holder.

4. General.

4.1. Adjustments Affecting Registrable Securities. The Company agrees that it shall not effect or permit to occur any combination or subdivision of shares of Common Equity which would adversely affect the ability of any Holder of any Registrable Securities to include such Registrable Securities in any registration or offering contemplated by this Agreement or the marketability of such Registrable Securities in any such registration or offering. The Company agrees that it will take all reasonable steps necessary to effect a subdivision of shares of Common Equity if in the reasonable judgment of (a) the Majority Participating Holders or (b) the managing underwriter for the offering in respect of such Demand Registration Request, such subdivision would enhance the marketability of the Registrable Securities. Each Holder agrees to vote all of its shares of capital stock in a manner, and to take all other actions necessary, to permit the Company to carry out the intent of the preceding sentence including, without limitation, voting in favor of an amendment to the Company's organizational documents in order to increase the number of authorized shares of capital stock of the Company. In any event, the provisions of this Agreement shall apply, to the full extent set forth herein with respect to the Registrable Securities, to any and all shares of capital stock of the Company or any successor or assign of the Company (whether by merger, share exchange, consolidation, sale of assets or otherwise) which may be issued in respect of, in exchange for or in substitution of, Registrable Securities and shall be appropriately adjusted for any stock dividends, splits, reverse splits, combinations, recapitalizations and the like occurring after the date hereof.

4.2. Rule 144 and Rule 144A. If the Company shall have filed a registration statement pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Exchange Act or a registration statement pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act in respect of the Common Equity or Common Equity Equivalents, the Company covenants that (i) so long as it remains subject to the reporting provisions of the Exchange Act, it will timely file the reports required to be filed by it under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act (including, but not limited to, the reports under Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act referred to in subparagraph (c)(1) of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended (“Rule 144”)) or, if the Company is not required to file such reports, it will, upon the request of any Holder, make publicly available other information so long as necessary to permit sales by such Holder under Rule 144, Rule 144A under the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended (“Rule 144A”), or any similar rules or regulations hereafter adopted by the SEC, and (ii) it will take such further action as any Holder may reasonably request, all to the extent required from time to time to enable such Holder to sell Registrable Securities without registration under the Securities Act within the limitation of the exemptions provided by (A) Rule 144, (B) Rule 144A or (C) any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the SEC. Upon the request of any Holder of Registrable Securities, the Company will deliver to such Holder a written statement by the Company that it has complied with the reporting requirements of Rule 144, the Securities Act and the Exchange Act (at any time after it has become subject to such reporting requirements), or that it qualifies as a registrant whose securities may be resold pursuant to Form S-3 (at any time after it so qualifies), a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company and such other reports and documents so filed by the Company and such other information as may be reasonably requested in availing any Holder of any rule or regulation of the SEC which permits the selling of any such securities without registration or pursuant to such form.

4.3. Amendments and Waivers. Any provision of this Agreement may be amended and the observance thereof may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively) only with the written consent of the Company and the Sponsors holding a majority of the Registrable Securities then held by all Sponsors; provided that any amendment or waiver that results in a non-pro rata material adverse effect on the rights of Management vis-à-vis the rights of the Sponsors under this Agreement will require the written consent of Management holding a majority of the Registrable Securities then held by all Management. Any amendment or waiver effected in accordance with this Section 4.3 shall be binding upon each Holder and the Company. Any waiver of any breach or default by any other party of any of the terms of this Agreement effected in accordance with this Section 4.3 shall not operate as a waiver of any other breach or default, whether similar to or different from the breach or default waived. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be implied from any course of dealing between the parties hereto or from any failure by any party to assert its or his or her rights hereunder on any occasion or series of occasions.

4.4. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, all notices, consents, approvals, reports, designations, requests, waivers, elections and other communications authorized or required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given, made or delivered (and shall be deemed to have been duly given, made or delivered upon receipt) by personal hand-delivery, by facsimile transmission, by electronic mail, by mailing the same in a sealed envelope, registered first-class mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or by air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery, addressed to the Company at the address set forth below

or to the applicable Holder at the address indicated on Schedule A hereto (or at such other address for a Holder as shall be specified by like notice):

(i) If to the Company, to:

Cobalt International Energy, Inc.
Two Post Oak Central
1980 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 1200
Houston, TX 77056
Attention: Joseph H. Bryant
Facsimile No.: (713) 579-9184
E-mail: joe.bryant@cobaltintl.com

with copies to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
450 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10017
Attention: Christopher Mayer
Richard D. Truesdell, Jr.
Facsimile No.: (212) 701-5338
(212) 701-5674
E-mail: chris.mayer@davispolk.com
richard.truesdell@davispolk.com

4.5. Successors and Assigns. A Holder may Assign his rights in this Agreement without the Company's consent to an Assignee of Registrable Securities which (i) is with respect to any Holder, the spouse, parent, sibling, child, step-child or grandchild of such Holder, or the spouse thereof and any trust, limited liability company, limited partnership, private foundation or other estate planning vehicle for such Holder or for the benefit of any of the foregoing or other persons pursuant to the laws of descent and distribution, or (ii) is a legatee, executor or other fiduciary pursuant to a last will and testament of the Holder or pursuant to the terms of any trust which take effect upon the death of the Holder. Furthermore, any Holder may Assign its rights in this Agreement without the Company's prior written consent to any party; provided that such Assignment occurs in connection with the transfer of all, but not less than all, of such Holder's Registrable Securities in a single transaction (to the extent such transfer is otherwise permissible). Any Assignment shall be conditioned upon prior written notice to the Company or identifying the name and address of such Assignee and any other material information as to the identity of such Assignee as may be reasonably requested, and Schedule A hereto shall be updated to reflect such Assignment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 4.5, any Holder may elect to transfer all or a portion of its Registrable Securities to any third party (to the extent such transfer is otherwise permissible) without Assigning its rights hereunder with respect thereto, provided that in any such event all rights under this Agreement with respect to the Registrable Securities so transferred shall cease and terminate. This Agreement may not be Assigned by the Company, without the prior written consent of the Sponsors holding a majority of the Registrable Securities held by all Sponsors.

4.6. Limitations on Subsequent Registration Rights. From and after the effective date of the first registration statement filed by the Company for the offering of its securities to the general public, the Company may, without the prior written consent of the Holders, enter into any agreement with any holder or prospective holder of any securities of the Company which provides such holder or prospective holder of securities of the Company comparable, but not more favorable or conflicting, information and registration rights granted to the Holders hereby.

4.7. Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Affiliates. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement, none of the provisions of this Agreement shall in any way limit Goldman, Sachs & Co. or any of its Affiliates (other than any GSCP Entity as expressly set forth in this Agreement) from engaging in any brokerage, investment advisory, financial advisory, anti-raid advisory, principaling, merger advisory, financing, asset management, trading, market making, arbitrage, investment activity and other similar activities conducted in the ordinary course of their business.

4.8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, the Stockholders Agreement and the other agreements referenced herein and therein constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersede any prior agreement or understanding among them with respect to the matters referred to herein.

4.9. Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial; Jurisdiction.

(a) Governing Law. This Agreement is governed by and will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, excluding any conflict-of-laws rule or principle (whether of New York or any other jurisdiction) that might refer the governance or the construction of this Agreement to the law of another jurisdiction.

(b) Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVE ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE ACTIONS OF THE PARTIES HERETO IN THE NEGOTIATION, ADMINISTRATION, PERFORMANCE AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. The Company or any Holder may file an original counterpart or a copy of this Section 4.9(b) with any court as written evidence of the consent of any of the parties hereto to the waiver of their rights to trial by jury.

(c) Jurisdiction. Each of the parties hereto (i) consents to submit itself to the personal jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York located in the county and city of New York in the event any dispute arises out of this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (ii) agrees that it will not attempt to deny or defeat such personal jurisdiction by motion or other request for leave from such court, (iii) agrees that it will not bring any action relating to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in any court other than the courts of the State of New York located in the county and city of New York and (iv) to the fullest extent permitted by law, consents to service being made through the notice procedures set forth in Section 4.4. Each party hereto hereby agrees that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, service of any process, summons, notice or document by U.S. registered mail to the respective addresses set forth in Section 4.4 shall be effective service of process for any suit or proceeding in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby

4.10. Interpretation; Construction.

(a) The table of contents and headings herein are for convenience of reference only, do not constitute part of this Agreement and shall not be deemed to limit or otherwise affect any of the provisions hereof. Where a reference in this Agreement is made to a Section, such reference shall be to a Section of this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. Whenever the words "include," "includes" or "including" are used in this Agreement, they shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation."

(b) The parties have participated jointly in negotiating and drafting this Agreement. In the event that an ambiguity or a question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement.

4.11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of separate counterparts each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

4.12. Severability. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, such provision shall be construed by limiting it so as to be valid, legal and enforceable to the maximum extent provided by law and the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

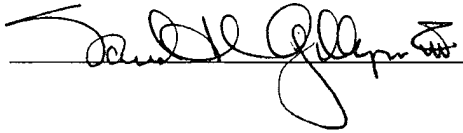
4.13. Specific Performance. It is hereby agreed and acknowledged that it will be impossible to measure the money damages that would be suffered if the parties fail to comply with any of the obligations imposed on them by this Agreement and that, in the event of any such failure, an aggrieved party will be irreparably damaged and will not have an adequate remedy at law. Each party hereto shall, therefore, be entitled (in addition to any other remedy to which such party may be entitled at law or in equity) to injunctive relief, including specific performance, to enforce such obligations, without the posting of any bond, and if any action should be brought in equity to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement, none of the parties hereto shall raise the defense that there is an adequate remedy at law.

4.14. Further Assurances. Each party hereto shall do and perform or cause to be done and performed all such further acts and things and shall execute and deliver all such other agreements, certificates, instruments, and documents as any other party hereto reasonably may request in order to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

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COMPANY

COBALT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY, INC.


By:  _____

SPONSORS:

**C/R COBALT INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP,
L.P.**

By: CARLYLE/RIVERSTONE
ENERGY PARTNERS II, L.P.,
its general partner


By: C/R ENERGY GP II, LLC,
its general partner

By: 
Name: Pierre F. Lapeyre, Jr.
Title: Authorized Person

C/R ENERGY COINVESTMENT II, L.P.

By: CARLYLE/RIVERSTONE
ENERGY PARTNERS II, L.P.,
its general partner


By: C/R ENERGY GP II, LLC,
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**RIVERSTONE ENERGY COINVESTMENT
III, L.P.**

By: RIVERSTONE COINVESTMENT GP,
LLC

By: RIVERSTONE HOLDINGS, LLC

By: 
Name: Pierre F. Lapeyre, Jr.
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**CARLYLE ENERGY COINVESTMENT
III, L.P.**

By: CARLYLE ENERGY COINVESTMENT
III GP, L.L.C.,
its general partner


By: TCG HOLDINGS, L.L.C.
its sole member

By: _____
Name:
Title:

**C/R ENERGY III COBALT
PARTNERSHIP, L.P.**

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PARTNERS III, L.P.,
its general partner


By: C/R ENERGY GP III, LLC,
its general partner

By: 
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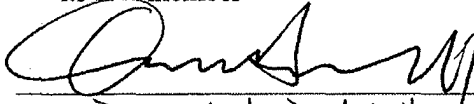
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By: 
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Title: Managing Director

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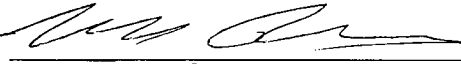
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GSCP V COBALT HOLDINGS, LLC

By: GS CAPITAL PARTNERS V FUND, L.P.,
its sole member

By: GSCP V ADVISORS, L.L.C.,
its general partner

By: 


Name: Ken Pentreath
Title: Managing Director

**GSCP V OFFSHORE COBALT
HOLDINGS, LLC**

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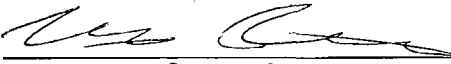
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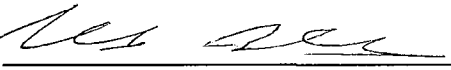
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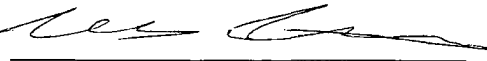
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Title: Managing Director

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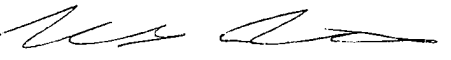
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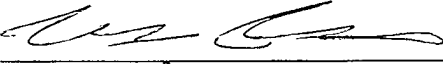
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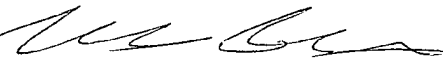
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By: 
Name: Ken Pontrelli
Title: Managing Director

GSCP VI GMBH COBALT HOLDINGS, LLC

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its sole member

By: GSCP VI GmbH Cobalt Holdings,
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**KERN COBALT CO-INVEST PARTNERS AP
LP**

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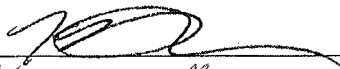
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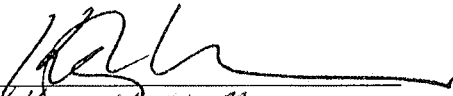
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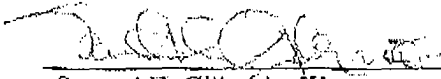
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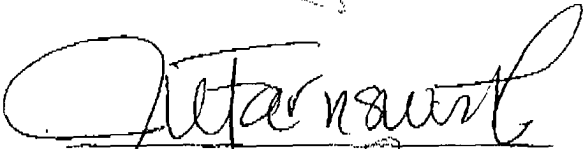
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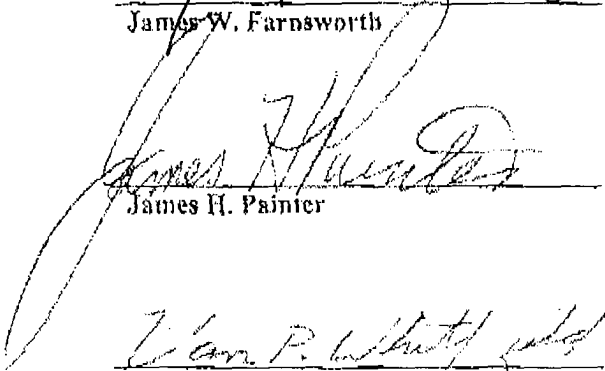
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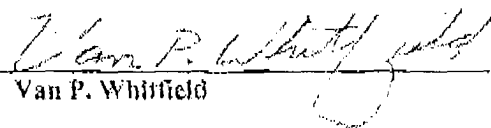
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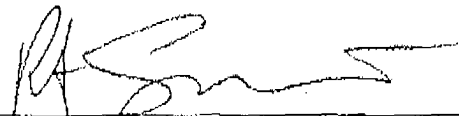
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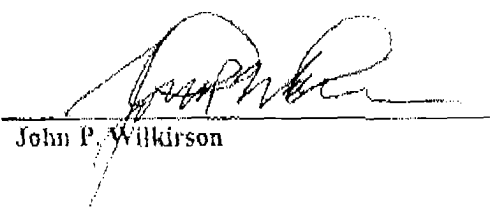
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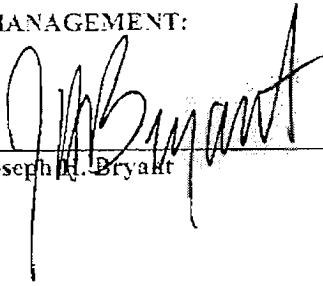


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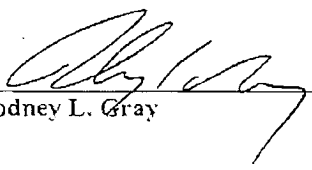
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Riverstone Energy Coinvestment III, L.P.	c/o Riverstone Holdings LLC 712 Fifth Avenue, 51 st Floor New York, NY 10019 Attn: Greg Beard
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