

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Amendment No. 3
to
FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
Under
The Securities Act of 1933

IDEX CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

36-3555336
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

630 Dundee Road
Northbrook, Illinois 60062
(847) 498-7070
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Explanatory Note

This Amendment No. 3 is being filed solely for the purpose of the filing an additional exhibit to the Registration Statement. This Amendment No. 3 does not contain a copy of the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement, which is unchanged from Amendment No. 2 filed on April 16, 2002.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the estimated expenses in connection with the distribution of the securities covered by this Registration Statement. IDEX has agreed to pay all fees and expenses incident to this registration of this offering, other than sales commissions, discounts and applicable taxes.

SEC registration fee	\$ 20,314
Legal fees and expenses	250,000
Accounting fees and expenses	80,000
EDGAR formatting and related expenses	80,000
Listing application fees and expenses	6,000
Miscellaneous expenses	63,686
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Total	\$ 500,000
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Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

As permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that a director of the Company will not be personally liable to the Company or its shareholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for breach of the duty of loyalty to the Company or its shareholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (governing distributions to shareholders), or (iv) for any transaction for which a director derives an improper personal benefit. In addition, Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law and Article III, Section 13 of the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws, under certain circumstances, provide for the indemnification of the Company's officers, directors, employees and agents against liabilities which they may incur in such capacities. A summary of the circumstances in which such indemnification is provided is contained herein, but that description is qualified in its entirety by reference to Article III, Section 13 of the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws.

In general, any officer, director, employee or agent will be indemnified against expenses, including attorney's fees, fines, settlements or judgments, which were actually and reasonably incurred, in connection with a legal proceeding, other than one brought by or on behalf of the Company, to which he or she was a party as a result of such relationship, if he or she acted in good faith, and in the manner he or she believed to be in or not opposed to the Company's best interest and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. If the action is brought by or on behalf of the Company, the person to be indemnified must have acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the Company's best interest, but no indemnification will be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Company unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery of Delaware, or the court in which such action was brought, determines upon application that, despite adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expense which such Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Any indemnification under the previous paragraphs (unless ordered by a court) will be made by the Company only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper under the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of

conduct set forth above. Such determination will be made (i) by the Company's Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested directors who were not parties to such actions, (ii) by a committee of the Company's Board of Directors who were not parties to such action, where the committee is designated by majority vote of such directors even though less than a full quorum of the full Board of Directors, (iii) by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (iv) by the shareholders. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company is successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in the previous paragraph, he or she will be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.

Expenses incurred by an officer or director in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Company in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company as authorized by the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws. Such expenses incurred by other employees and agents may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the Company's Board of Directors deems appropriate.

The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, Section 13 of the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws is not deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any by-law, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. If a claim for indemnification or payment of expenses under Section 13 of the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws is not paid in full within ninety (90) days after a written claim therefore has been received by the Company, the claimant may file suit to recover the unpaid amount of such claim and, if successful in whole or in part, shall be entitled to be paid the expense of prosecuting such claim. In any such action, the Company has the burden of proving that the claimant was not entitled to the requested indemnification or payment of expenses under applicable law.

The Company's Board of Directors may authorize, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability under the provisions of Section 13 of the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws. The Company's Board of Directors may authorize the Company to enter into a contract with any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise providing for indemnification rights equivalent to or, if the Company's Board of Directors so determines, greater than those provided for in Section 13 of the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws.

The Company has also purchased insurance for its directors and officers for certain losses arising from claims or charges made against them in their capacities as directors and officers of the Company.

The Company has entered into contracts with each of its officers and directors requiring the Company to indemnify such persons and advance litigation expenses to such persons to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. The contracts also require the Company to (i) indemnify such officers and directors upon receipt of an opinion of counsel in certain cases, (ii) pay indemnity demands pending a determination of entitlement thereunder, and (iii) demonstrate, in any action brought thereunder, that such officer or director was not entitled to indemnification under applicable law.

The registration rights agreement between the Company and the selling shareholder relating to the common stock requires the Company, on the one hand, and the selling shareholder, on the other hand, under certain circumstances, to indemnify each other and their respective officers and directors against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, incurred in connection with the registration of such securities.

Item 16. Exhibits.

The following documents are filed as exhibits to this Registration Statement, including those exhibits incorporated herein by reference to a prior filing of IDEX Corporation under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act as indicated in parenthesis:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
**2.1	Form of Purchase Agreement among IDEX, the selling shareholders and the underwriters.
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of IDEX Corporation (formerly HI, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 3.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of IDEX et al., Registration N. 33-21205, as filed on April 21, 1988).
3.1(a)	Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of IDEX Corporation (formerly HI, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 3.1(a) to the Quarterly Report of IDEX on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1996, Commission File No. 1-10235).
3.2	Amended and Restated By-Laws of IDEX Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit to Exhibit 3.2 to Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of IDEX, et al., Registration No. 33-21205, as filed on July 17, 1989).
3.2(a)	Amended and Restated Article III, Section 13 of the Amended and Restated By-Laws of IDEX Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2(a) to Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of IDEX, et al., Registration No. 33-21205, as filed on February 12, 1990).
4.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of IDEX Corporation (filed as Exhibits 3.1 through 3.2(a)).
4.2	Specimen of Certificate of Common Stock of IDEX Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 4.3 to the Registration Statement on Form S-2 of IDEX, et al., Registration No. 33-42208, as filed on September 16, 1991).
*5.1	Opinion of Latham & Watkins as to the validity of the common stock.
10.1	Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 22, 1988, among IDEX, KKR Associates and IDEX Associates, relating to the Common Stock (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 10.8 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of IDEX Corporation, et al, Registration No. 33-21205, as filed on April 21, 1988).
10.2	Form of Shareholder Purchase and Sale Agreement of IDEX Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 10.24 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of IDEX, et al., Registration No. 33-28317, as filed on June 1, 1989).
*23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors.
*23.2	Consent of Latham & Watkins (included in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1).
*24.1	Powers of Attorney (included on the signature page of the initial Registration Statement).

* Previously filed.

** Filed herewith.

Item 17. Undertakings

(a) The registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of IDEX Corporation's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(b) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions set forth in Item 15 or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by a registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit, or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer, or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless, in the opinion of its counsel, the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit the question of whether such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act to a court of appropriate jurisdiction and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The registrant hereby further undertakes that:

(1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) (1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, IDEX certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Northbrook, State of Illinois, on April 29, 2002.

IDEX CORPORATION

/S/ WAYNE P. SAYATOVIC

By: _____
 Wayne P. Sayatovic
 Senior Vice President – Finance
 and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
* _____		
Dennis K. Williams	Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director	April 29, 2002
* _____		
Wayne P. Sayatovic	Senior Vice President—Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	April 29, 2002
* _____		
Bradley J. Bell	Director	April 29, 2002
* _____		
Gregory B. Kenny	Director	April 29, 2002
* _____		
William H. Luers	Director	April 29, 2002
* _____		
Paul E. Raether	Director	April 29, 2002
* _____		
Neil A. Springer	Director	April 29, 2002
* _____		
Michael T. Tokarz	Director	April 29, 2002

/S/ WAYNE P. SAYATOVIC

*By: _____
 Wayne P. Sayatovic
 (Attorney in Fact)

EXHIBIT INDEX TO REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-3

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* Previously filed.

** Filed herewith.

INDEX CORPORATION
(a Delaware corporation)
5,000,000 Shares of Common Stock
PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Dated: ., 2002 _____

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IDEX CORPORATION

(a Delaware corporation)

5,000,000 Shares of Common Stock
(Par Value \$.01 Per Share)

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

., 2002

MERRILL LYNCH & CO.
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated
Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation
as Representatives of the several Underwriters
c/o Merrill Lynch & Co.
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated
North Tower
World Financial Center
New York, New York 10281

Ladies and Gentlemen:

IDEX Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and the persons listed in Schedule B hereto (the "Selling Shareholders"), confirm their respective agreements with Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Merrill Lynch"), Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation and each of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (collectively, the "Underwriters", which term shall also include any underwriter substituted as hereinafter provided in Section 10 hereof), for whom Merrill Lynch and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation are acting as representatives (in such capacity, the "Representatives"), with respect to the issue and sale by the Company and the Selling Shareholders, acting severally and not jointly, and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the respective numbers of shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company ("Common Stock") set forth in said Schedule A, and with respect to the grant by KKR Associates, L.P., a Selling Shareholder ("KKR"), to the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the option described in Section 2(b) hereof to purchase all or any part of 750,000 additional shares of Common Stock to cover over-allotments, if any. The aforesaid 5,000,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Initial Securities") to be purchased by the Underwriters and all or any part of the 750,000 shares of Common Stock subject to the option described in Section 2(b) hereof (the "Option Securities") are hereinafter called, collectively, the "Securities."

The Underwriters will concurrently enter into an Agreement Among Underwriters of even date herewith providing for the coordination of certain transactions among the Underwriters under the direction of Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (in such capacity, the "Global Coordinator").

The Company and the Selling Shareholders understand that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of the Securities as soon as the Representatives deem advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered.

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-84036) covering the registration of the Securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), including the related preliminary prospectus or prospectus. Promptly after execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Company will prepare and file a prospectus in accordance with the provisions of Rule 430A ("Rule 430A") of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1933 Act (the "1933 Act Regulations") and paragraph (b) of Rule 424 ("Rule 424(b)") of the 1933 Act Regulations. The information included in any such prospectus that was omitted from such registration statement at the time it became effective but that is deemed to be part of such registration statement at the time it became effective pursuant to paragraph (b) of Rule 430A is referred to as "Rule 430A Information." Any prospectus used before such registration statement became effective and any prospectus that omitted the Rule 430A Information that was used after such effectiveness and prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, is herein called a "preliminary prospectus". Such registration statement, including the exhibits thereto, schedules thereto, if any, and the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act, at the time it became effective and including the Rule 430A Information is herein called the "Registration Statement". Any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations is herein referred to as the "Rule 462(b) Registration Statement," and after such filing the term "Registration Statement" shall include the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement. The final prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act, in the form first furnished to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering of the Securities is herein called the "Prospectus." For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include the copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system ("EDGAR").

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is "contained", "included" or "stated" in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include the filing of any document under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934 Act") which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

Section 1. Representations and Warranties.

(a) Representations and Warranties by the Company. The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof, as of the Closing Time referred to in Section 2(c) hereof, and as of each Date of Delivery (if any) referred to in Section 2(b) hereof, and agrees with each Underwriter, as follows:

(i) Compliance with Registration Requirements. The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act. Each of the Registration Statement and any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement has been issued under the 1933 Act and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, are contemplated by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information has been complied with.

At the respective times the Registration Statement, any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto became effective and at the Closing Time (and, if any Option Securities are purchased, at the Date of Delivery), the Registration Statement, the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and any amendments and supplements thereto complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and did not and will not contain 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 not misleading. Neither the Prospectus nor any amendments or supplements thereto (including any prospectus wrapper), at the time the Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto were issued and at the Closing Time (and, if any Option Securities are purchased, at the Date of Delivery), included or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus.

Each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus filed as part of the Registration Statement as originally filed or as part of any amendment thereto, or filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the 1933 Act, complied when so filed in all material respects with the 1933 Act Regulations and each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with this offering was identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(ii) Incorporated Documents. The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, when they became effective or at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission,

complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations or the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "1934 Act Regulations"), as applicable, and, when read together with the other information in the Prospectus, at the time the Registration Statement became effective, at the time the Prospectus was issued and at the Closing Time (and, if any Option Securities are purchased, at the Date of Delivery), did not and will not contain 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 not misleading.

(iii) Independent Accountants. The accountants who certified the financial statements and supporting schedules included in the Registration Statement are independent public accountants as required by the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.

(iv) Financial Statements. The financial statements included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, together with the related schedules and notes, present fairly the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries at the dates indicated and the statement of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries for the periods specified; said financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved. The supporting schedules, if any, included in the Registration Statement present fairly in accordance with GAAP the information required to be stated therein. The selected financial data and the summary financial information included in the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements included in the Registration Statement.

(v) No Material Adverse Change in Business. Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, (A) there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect"), (B) there have been no transactions entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than those in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, and (C) except for regular dividends on the Company's Common Stock in amounts per share that are consistent with past practice, there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its capital stock.

(vi) Good Standing of the Company. The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement; and the Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each other jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of

property or the conduct of business, except where the failure so to qualify or to be in good standing would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(vii) Good Standing of Subsidiaries. Each "significant subsidiary" of the Company (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X) (each a "Subsidiary" and, collectively, the "Subsidiaries") has been duly organized and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure so to qualify or to be in good standing would not result in a Material Adverse Effect; except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of each such Subsidiary has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and non-assessable and is owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity; none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of any Subsidiary was issued in violation of the preemptive or similar rights of any security holder of such Subsidiary. The only Subsidiaries of the Company are the subsidiaries listed on Schedule D hereto.

(viii) Capitalization. The authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company is as set forth in the Prospectus in the column entitled "Actual" under the caption "Capitalization" (except for subsequent issuances, if any, pursuant to this Agreement, pursuant to reservations, agreements or employee benefit plans referred to in the Prospectus or pursuant to the exercise of convertible securities or options referred to in the Prospectus or the buy back contemplated by Section 3(i)(E) hereof). The shares of issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company, including the Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Selling Shareholders, have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable; none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company, including the Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Selling Shareholders, was issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any security holder of the Company.

(ix) Authorization of Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(x) Authorization and Description of Securities. The Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Company have been duly authorized for issuance and sale to the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, and, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to this Agreement, against payment of the consideration set forth herein, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable; the Common Stock conforms to all statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus and such description conforms to the rights set forth in the instruments defining the same; no holder of the Securities will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder; and the issuance of the Securities is not subject to the preemptive or other similar rights of any security holder of the Company.

(xi) Absence of Defaults and Conflicts. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of its charter or by-laws or in default in the performance or observance of any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any subsidiary is subject (collectively, "Agreements and Instruments") except for such defaults that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect; and the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement and in the Registration Statement (including the issuance and sale of the Securities and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds") and compliance by the Company with its obligations under this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any subsidiary pursuant to, the Agreements and Instruments (except for such conflicts, breaches or defaults or liens, charges or encumbrances that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect), nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of (i) the charter or by-laws of the Company or any subsidiary or (ii) except for such violation that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect any applicable law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any subsidiary or any of their assets, properties or operations. As used herein, a "Repayment Event" means any event or condition which gives the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any subsidiary.

(xii) Absence of Labor Dispute. No labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any subsidiary exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its or any subsidiary's principal suppliers, manufacturers, customers or contractors, which, in either case, may reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xiii) Absence of Proceedings. Except as described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, now pending, or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, against or affecting the Company or any subsidiary, which is required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement (other than as disclosed therein), or which might reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, or which might reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the properties or assets thereof or the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement or the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder; the aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to

which the Company or any subsidiary is a party or of which any of their respective property or assets is the subject which are not described in the Registration Statement, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which the Company or any subsidiary is a party described in the Registration Statement or Prospectus, to the extent such information constitutes summaries of legal matters, is correct in all material respects.

(xiv) Accuracy of Exhibits. There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein or to be filed as exhibits thereto which have not been so described and filed as required.

(xv) Possession of Intellectual Property. The Company and its subsidiaries own or possess, or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), trademarks, service marks, trade names or other intellectual property (collectively, "Intellectual Property") necessary to carry on the business now operated by them, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice or is otherwise aware of any infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any Intellectual Property or of any facts or circumstances which would render any Intellectual Property invalid or inadequate to protect the interest of the Company or any of its subsidiaries therein, and which infringement or conflict (if the subject of any unfavorable decision, ruling or finding) or invalidity or inadequacy, singly or in the aggregate, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xvi) Absence of Further Requirements. No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency is necessary or required for the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Securities under this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except such as have been already obtained or as may be required under the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations and foreign or state securities or blue sky laws.

(xvii) Possession of Licenses and Permits. The Company and its subsidiaries possess such permits, licenses, approvals, consents and other authorizations (collectively, "Governmental Licenses") issued by the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to conduct the business now operated by them except where the failure to possess the same would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and conditions of all such Governmental Licenses, except where the failure so to comply would not, singly or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; all of the Governmental Licenses are valid and in full force and effect, except when the invalidity of such Governmental Licenses or the failure of such Governmental Licenses to be in full force and effect would not have a Material Adverse Effect; and

neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such Governmental Licenses which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xviii) Title to Property. The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real property owned by the Company and its subsidiaries and good title to all other properties owned by them, in each case, free and clear of all mortgages, pledges, liens, security interests, claims, restrictions or encumbrances of any kind except such as (a) are described in the Prospectus or (b) do not, singly or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and all of the leases and subleases material to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, and under which the Company or any of its subsidiaries holds properties described in the Prospectus, are in full force and effect, and neither the Company nor any subsidiary has any notice of any material claim of any sort that has been asserted by anyone adverse to the rights of the Company or any subsidiary under any of the leases or subleases mentioned above, or affecting or questioning the rights of the Company or such subsidiary to the continued possession of the leased or subleased premises under any such lease or sublease.

(xix) Investment Company Act. The Company is not, and upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus will not be, an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company" as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

(xx) Environmental Laws. Except as described in the Registration Statement and except as would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, (A) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of any federal, state, local or foreign statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, policy or rule of common law or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any judicial or administrative order, consent, decree or judgment, relating to pollution or protection of human health, the environment (including, without limitation, ambient air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata) or wildlife, including, without limitation, laws and regulations relating to the release or threatened release of chemicals, pollutants, contaminants, wastes, toxic substances, hazardous substances, petroleum or petroleum products (collectively, "Hazardous Materials") or to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Materials (collectively, "Environmental Laws"), (B) the Company and its subsidiaries have all permits, authorizations and approvals required under any applicable Environmental Laws and are each in compliance with their requirements, (C) there are no pending or threatened administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, notices of noncompliance or violation, investigation or proceedings relating to any Environmental Law against the Company or any of its subsidiaries and (D) there are no events or circumstances that might reasonably be expected to form the basis of an order for clean-up or remediation, or an action, suit or proceeding by any private party or governmental body or agency, against or affecting the

Company or any of its subsidiaries relating to Hazardous Materials or any Environmental Laws.

(xxi) Registration Rights.

Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, there are no persons with registration rights or other similar rights to have any securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement.

(xxii) Insurance.

The Company and its subsidiaries carry or are entitled to the benefits of insurance, with financially sound and reputable insurers, in such amounts and covering such risks as is generally maintained by companies of established repute engaged in the same or similar business, and all such insurance is in full force and effect except where the failure for any such insurance to be in full force would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxiii) Relationships with Directors and Stockholders.

No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among any of the Company or any affiliate of the Company, on the one hand, and any director, officer or stockholder of any of them, on the other hand, which is required by the 1933 Act or by the 1933 Act Regulations to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus which is not so described or is not described as required.

(b) Representations and Warranties by the Selling Shareholders. Each Selling Shareholder, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof, as of the Closing Time, and, if such Selling Shareholder is selling Option Securities on a Date of Delivery, as of such Date of Delivery, and agrees with each Underwriter, as follows:

(i) Accurate Disclosure.

In respect of any statements in or omission from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any supplements thereto, in each case made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by each Selling Shareholder specifically for use in connection with the preparation thereof, such statements comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act and the rules thereunder, and on the date hereof, on the date of any filing of the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) and on the Closing Time (and, if any Option Securities are purchased, on any Date of Delivery) and any settlement date, such statements did not or will not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading. Such Selling Shareholder is not prompted to sell the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder by any information concerning the Company or any subsidiary of the Company which is not set forth in the Prospectus.

(ii) Authorization of Agreements.

Such Selling Shareholder has the full right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to sell, transfer and deliver the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the sale and delivery of the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated herein and compliance by such Selling Shareholder with its obligations hereunder do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any tax, lien, charge or encumbrance upon the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder pursuant to any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, or other material agreement to which such Selling Shareholder is a party or by which such Selling Shareholder may be bound (such Selling Shareholder hereby certifying that there are no such material agreements), or to which any of the property or assets of any Selling Shareholder may be subject nor will such action result in any violation of any law, administrative regulation, judgment or order of any governmental agency or body or any administrative or court decree having jurisdiction over such Selling Shareholder or any of its properties. In addition, such action will not result in any violation of the provisions of the general partnership agreement or similar organizational document of the Selling Shareholder.

(iii) Right to Transfer Securities.

The Securities to be sold by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this Agreement are certificated securities in registered form and are not held by or through any securities intermediary within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York (the "NYUCC"). The Selling Shareholder has, and, at the Closing Time will have, full right, power and authority to hold, sell, transfer and deliver the Securities to be sold by the Selling Shareholder hereunder. Upon the delivery to the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its agent of the Securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC against payment by the several Underwriters therefor, and the crediting by DTC of the Securities to the securities accounts of the several Underwriters with DTC, DTC will be a "protected purchaser" of the Securities (as defined in Section 8-303 of the NYUCC) and will acquire its interest in the Securities (including, without limitation, all rights that the Selling Shareholder had or has the power to transfer in such Securities) free of any adverse claim (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(1) of the NYUCC) assuming neither DTC nor any Underwriter has notice of any adverse claim. The Underwriters will acquire valid security entitlements (within the meaning of Section 8-501 of the NYUCC) in respect of the Securities to be purchased by them, and no action (whether framed in conversion, replevin, constructive trust, equitable lien, or other theory) based on an adverse claim to such Securities may be asserted against the Underwriters assuming they have no notice of any adverse claim.

(iv) Deposit and Delivery of the Securities.

On or prior to the date hereof, such Selling Shareholder shall have opened an account with a Merrill Lynch brokerage office and deposited certificates for the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder pursuant to this Agreement into such Merrill Lynch brokerage account, duly endorsed in blank or to DTC's designee (i.e., Cede & Co.) in accordance with Sections 8-107 and 8-304 of the NYUCC or accompanied by appropriate stock powers and written instrument(s) of transfer executed in proper form to permit the transfer on the books of the Company of the Securities; and any general partner of a Selling Shareholder, is authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement and the certificate referred to in Section 5(f) or that may be required pursuant to Sections 5(k) and 5(l) on behalf of such Selling Shareholder, to sell, assign and transfer to the Underwriters the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder, to determine the purchase price to be paid by the Underwriters to such Selling Shareholder, as provided in Section 2(b) hereof, to authorize the delivery of the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder, to accept payment therefor, and otherwise to act on behalf of such Selling Shareholder in connection with this Agreement.

(v) Absence of Manipulation.

Such Selling Shareholder has not taken, and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action which is designed to or which has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

(vi) Absence of Further Requirements.

No filing with, or consent, approval, authorization, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic or foreign, is necessary or required for the performance by such Selling Shareholder of its obligations hereunder or in connection with the sale and delivery of the Securities hereunder by such Selling Shareholder or the consummation by such Selling Shareholders of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except (i) such as may have previously been made or obtained or as may be required under the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations or under the 1934 Act, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, with respect to the Common Stock, or under state securities or blue sky laws or under foreign securities laws, (ii) which shall have been obtained or made prior to Closing Time or, if applicable, the Date of Delivery, and (iii) such as have been already obtained or as may be required under the laws and regulations of jurisdictions outside the United States in which the Securities are offered.

(vii) Restriction on Sale of Securities.

During a period of 90 days from the date of the Prospectus, such Selling Shareholder will be subject to the restrictions set forth in Exhibit C hereto and such Selling Shareholder agrees and consents to the entry of stop transfer instructions with the Company's transfer agent and registrar against the transfer of such Selling Shareholder's securities except in compliance with such restrictions.

(viii) No Association with NASD.

Neither such Selling Shareholder nor any of its affiliates directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, or has any other association with (within the meaning of Article I, Section 1(m) of the By-laws of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.), any member firm of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

(c) Officer's Certificates. Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries delivered to the Global Coordinator, the Representatives or to counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby and any certificate signed by or on behalf of the Selling Shareholders as such and delivered to the Representatives or to counsel for the Underwriters pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be deemed a representation and warranty by such Selling Shareholder to the Underwriters as to the matters covered thereby.

SECTION 2. Sale and Delivery to Underwriters; Closing.

(a) Initial Securities. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company and each Selling Shareholder, severally and not jointly, agree to sell to each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company and the Selling Shareholders, at the price per share set forth in Schedule C, the number of Initial Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter, plus any additional number of Initial Securities which such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 hereof.

(b) Option Securities. In addition, on the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, KKR hereby grants an option to the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, to purchase up to an additional 750,000 shares of Common Stock at the price per share set forth in Schedule C, less an amount per share equal to any dividends or distributions declared by the Company and payable on the Initial Securities but not payable on the Option Securities. The option hereby granted will expire 30 days after the date hereof and may be exercised in whole or in part from time to time only for the purpose of covering over-allotments which may be made in connection with the offering and distribution of the Initial Securities upon notice by the Global Coordinator to the Company and KKR setting forth the number of Option Securities as to which the several Underwriters are then exercising the option and the time and date of payment and delivery for such Option Securities. Any such time and date of delivery for the Option Securities (a "Date of Delivery") shall be determined by the Global Coordinator, but shall not be later than seven full business days after the exercise of said option, nor in any event prior to the Closing Time, as hereinafter defined. If the option is exercised as to all or any portion of the Option Securities, each of the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, will purchase that proportion of the total number of Option Securities then being purchased which the number of Initial Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of Initial Securities, subject in

each case to such adjustments as the Global Coordinator in its discretion shall make to eliminate any sales or purchases of fractional shares.

(c) Payment. Payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates for, the Initial Securities shall be made at the offices of Shearman & Sterling, 599 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Global Coordinator, the Company and the Selling Shareholders, at 9:00 A.M. (Eastern time) on the third (fourth, if the pricing occurs after 4:30 P.M. (Eastern time) on any given day) business day after the date hereof (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10), or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Global Coordinator, the Company and the Selling Shareholders (such time and date of payment and delivery being herein called "Closing Time").

In addition, in the event that any or all of the Option Securities are purchased by the Underwriters, payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates for, such Option Securities shall be made at the above-mentioned offices, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Global Coordinator, the Company and the Selling Shareholders, on each Date of Delivery as specified in the notice from the Global Coordinator to the Company and the Selling Shareholders.

Payment shall be made to the Company and the Selling Shareholders by wire transfer of immediately available funds to a bank account designated by the Company and by each Selling Shareholder against delivery through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of certificates for the Securities to be purchased by them. It is understood that each Underwriter has authorized the Representatives, for its account, to accept delivery of, receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Initial Securities and the Option Securities, if any, which it has agreed to purchase. Merrill Lynch, individually and not as representative of the Underwriters, may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment of the purchase price for the Initial Securities or the Option Securities, if any, to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds have not been received by the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, but such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from its obligations hereunder.

(d) Denominations; Registration. Certificates for the Initial Securities and the Option Securities, if any, shall be in such denominations and registered in such names as the Representatives may request in writing at least one full business day before the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be. The certificates for the Initial Securities and the Option Securities, if any, will be made available for examination and packaging by the Representatives in The City of New York not later than 10:00 A.M. (Eastern time) on the business day prior to the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be.

SECTION 3. Covenants of the Company. The Company covenants with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) Compliance with Securities Regulations and Commission Requests. The Company, subject to Section 3(b), will comply with the requirements of Rule 430A and will notify the Global Coordinator immediately, and confirm the notice in writing,

(i) when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement shall become effective, or any supplement to the Prospectus or any amended Prospectus shall have been filed, (ii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or for additional information, and (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes. The Company will promptly effect the filings necessary pursuant to Rule 424(b) and will take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain promptly whether the form of prospectus transmitted for filing under Rule 424(b) was received for filing by the Commission and, in the event that it was not, it will promptly file such prospectus. The Company will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order and, if any stop order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(b) Filing of Amendments. The Company will give the Global Coordinator notice of its intention to file or prepare any amendment to the Registration Statement (including any filing under Rule 462(b)), or any amendment, supplement or revision to either any prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time it became effective or to the Prospectus, whether pursuant to the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act or otherwise) will furnish the Global Coordinator with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Global Coordinator or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object.

(c) Delivery of Registration Statements. The Company has furnished or will deliver to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, signed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) and signed copies of all consents and certificates of experts, and will also deliver to the Representatives, without charge, a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (without exhibits) for each of the Underwriters. The copies of the Registration Statement and each amendment thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(d) Delivery of Prospectus. The Company has delivered to each Underwriter, without charge, as many copies of each preliminary prospectus as such Underwriter reasonably requested, and the Company hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the 1933 Act. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request. The Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the

electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(e) Continued Compliance with Securities Laws. The Company will comply with the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Securities as contemplated in this Agreement and in the Prospectus. If at any time when a prospectus is required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Securities, any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters or for the Company, to amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the Prospectus in order that the Prospectus will not include any untrue statements of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances existing at the time the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, or if it shall be necessary, in the opinion of such counsel, at any such time to amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, the Company will promptly, upon becoming aware of such event, condition or circumstance, prepare and file with the Commission, subject to Section 3(b), such amendment or supplement as may be necessary to correct such statement or omission or to make the Registration Statement or the Prospectus comply with such requirements, and the Company will furnish to the Underwriters such number of copies of such amendment or supplement as the Underwriters may reasonably request.

(f) Rule 158. The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the 1934 Act as are necessary in order to make generally available to its security holders as soon as practicable an earnings statement for the purposes of, and to provide the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.

(g) Use of Proceeds. The Company will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities in the manner specified in the Prospectus under "Use of Proceeds."

(h) Listing. The Company will use its best efforts to effect the listing of the Securities on the New York Stock Exchange.

(i) Restriction on Sale of Securities. During a period of 90 days from the date of the Prospectus, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of the Global Coordinator, (i) directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of any share of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or file any registration statement under the 1933 Act with respect to any of the foregoing or (ii) enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such swap or transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise. The

foregoing sentence shall not apply to (A) any shares of Common Stock issued by the Company upon the exercise of an option or warrant or the conversion of a security outstanding on the date hereof and referred to in the Prospectus, (B) any shares of Common Stock issued or options to purchase Common Stock granted pursuant to existing employee benefit plans of the Company referred to in the Prospectus, (C) any shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to any non-employee director stock plan or dividend reinvestment plan, (D) the filing of any registration statement on Form S-8 referred to in the Prospectus covering shares of Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to the exercise of options under the Company's stock option plans described in the Prospectus and (E) the surrender to the Company of 30,135 shares of Common Stock by Dennis K. Williams to satisfy tax obligations arising in connection with the April 2002 vesting of his restricted stock award.

(j) Reporting Requirements. The Company, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act within the time periods required by the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations.

Section 4. Payment of Expenses. Expenses. The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of its and the Selling Shareholders' obligations under this Agreement, including (i) the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits) as originally filed and of each amendment thereto, (ii) the preparation, printing and delivery to the Underwriters of this Agreement, any Agreement among Underwriters and such other documents as may be required in connection with the offering, purchase, sale, issuance or delivery of the Securities, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates for the Securities to the Underwriters, including any stock or other transfer taxes and any stamp or other duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Securities to the Underwriters, (iv) the fees and disbursements of the Company's counsel, the Selling Shareholder's counsel, accountants and other advisors, (v) the filing fees incident to any necessary filings under state securities laws and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation, printing and delivery of the Blue Sky Survey and any supplement thereto, (vi) the printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of each preliminary prospectus and of the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, (vii) the fees and expenses of any transfer agent or registrar for the Securities, and (viii) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Securities on the New York Stock Exchange, but excluding: (A) transfer taxes relating to the Securities sold hereunder by the Selling Shareholders; and (B) the expenses of any announcement ("tombstone") published in connection with the offering of Securities made by the Underwriters.

Each Selling Shareholder will pay all applicable transfer taxes relating to the transfer to the several Underwriters of the Securities to be purchased by them from such Selling Shareholder.

(b) Termination of Agreement. If this Agreement is terminated by the Representatives in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 or Section 9(a)(i) hereof, the Company and the

Selling Shareholders shall reimburse the Underwriters for all of their out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters.

(c) Allocation of Expenses. The provisions of this Section shall not affect any agreement that the Company and the Selling Shareholders may make for the sharing of such costs and expenses, in particular the agreements set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement dated January 22, 1988 by and among the Company and the Selling Shareholders.

Section 5. Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations. The obligations of the several Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company and the Selling Shareholders contained in Section 1 hereof or in certificates of any officer of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:

(a) Effectiveness of Registration Statement. The Registration Statement, including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, has become effective and at Closing Time no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the 1933 Act or proceedings therefor initiated or threatened by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of counsel to the Underwriters. A prospectus containing the Rule 430A Information shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 424(b) (or a post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed and declared effective in accordance with the requirements of Rule 430A).

(b) Opinion of Counsel for Company. At Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Latham & Watkins, counsel for the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters to the effect set forth in Exhibit A hereto and to such further effect as counsel to the Underwriters may reasonably request.

(c) Opinion of Counsel for the Selling Shareholders. At Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Latham & Watkins, counsel for the Selling Shareholders, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto and to such further effect as counsel to the Underwriters may reasonably request.

(d) Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters. At Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Shearman & Sterling, counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters with respect to the matters set forth in clauses (i), (ii), (v), (vi) (solely as to preemptive or other similar rights arising by operation of law or under the charter or by-laws of the Company), (viii) through (x), inclusive, (xii), (xiv) (solely as to the information in the Prospectus under "Description of Capital Stock

Common Stock") and the penultimate paragraph of Exhibit A hereto. In giving such opinion such counsel may rely, as to all matters governed by the laws of jurisdictions other than the law of the State of New York and the federal law of the United States and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, upon the opinions of counsel satisfactory to the Representatives. Such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials.

(e) Company Officers' Certificate. At Closing Time, there shall not have been, since the date hereof or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and the Representatives shall have received a certificate of the President or a Vice President of the Company and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of the Company, dated as of Closing Time, to the effect that (i) there has been no such material adverse change, (ii) the representations and warranties in Section 1(a) hereof are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of Closing Time, (iii) the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to Closing Time, and (iv) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the best of such officers' knowledge, are threatened by the Commission.

(f) Certificate of Selling Shareholders. At Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received a certificate of a general partner of each of the Selling Shareholders, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect that (i) the representations and warranties of each of the Selling Shareholders contained in Section 1(b) hereof are true and correct in all respects with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of Closing Time and (ii) each of the Selling Shareholders has complied in all material respects with all agreements and conditions on its part to be performed under this Agreement at or prior to Closing Time.

(g) Accountants' Comfort Letter. At the time of the execution of this Agreement, the Representatives shall have received from Deloitte & Touche LLP a letter dated such date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.

(h) Bring-down Comfort Letter. At Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received from Deloitte & Touche LLP a letter, dated as of Closing Time, to the effect that they reaffirm the statements made in the letter furnished pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section, except that the specified date referred to shall be a date not more than three business days prior to Closing Time.

(i) Approval of Listing. At Closing Time, the Securities shall have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, subject only to official notice of issuance.

(j) Lock-up Agreements. At the date of this Agreement, the Representatives shall have received an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto signed by the persons listed on Schedule E hereto.

(k) Conditions to Purchase of Option Securities. In the event that the Underwriters exercise their option provided in Section 2(b) hereof to purchase all or any portion of the Option Securities, the representations and warranties of the Company and any Selling Shareholders contained herein and the statements in any certificates furnished by the Company or any subsidiary of the Company and any Selling Shareholders hereunder shall be true and correct as of each Date of Delivery and, at the relevant Date of Delivery, the Representatives shall have received:

(i) Company Officers' Certificate. A certificate, dated such Date of Delivery, of the President or a Vice President of the Company and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of the Company confirming that the certificate delivered at Closing Time pursuant to Section 5(e) hereof remains true and correct as of such Date of Delivery.

(ii) Certificate of Selling Shareholders. A certificate, dated such Date of Delivery, of a general partner of each Selling Shareholder confirming that the certificate delivered at Closing Time pursuant to Section 5(f) hereof remains true and correct as of such Date of Delivery.

(iii) Opinion of Counsel for Company. The favorable opinion of Latham & Watkins, counsel for the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Securities to be purchased on such Date of Delivery and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion required by Section 5(b) hereof.

(iv) Opinion of Counsel for Selling Shareholders. The favorable opinion of Latham & Watkins, counsel for the Selling Shareholders, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Securities to be purchased on such Date of Delivery and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion required by Section 5(c) hereof.

(v) Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters. The favorable opinion of Shearman & Sterling, counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Securities to be purchased on such Date of Delivery and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion required by Section 5(d) hereof.

(vi) Bring-down Comfort Letter. A letter from Deloitte & Touche LLP, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives and dated such Date of Delivery, substantially in the same form and substance as the letter furnished to

the Representatives pursuant to Section 5(h) hereof, except that the "specified date" in the letter furnished pursuant to this paragraph shall be a date not more than five days prior to such Date of Delivery.

(l) Additional Documents. At Closing Time and at each Date of Delivery, counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Company and the Selling Shareholders in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters.

(m) Termination of Agreement. If any condition specified in this Section shall not have been fulfilled when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement, or, in the case of any condition to the purchase of Option Securities on a Date of Delivery which is after the Closing Time, the obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase the relevant Option Securities, may be terminated by the Representatives by notice to the Company and the Selling Shareholders at any time at or prior to Closing Time or such Date of Delivery, as the case may be, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 and except that Sections 1, 6, 7 and 8 shall survive any such termination and remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Indemnification.

(a) Indemnification of Underwriters by the Company. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act as follows:

(i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included in any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, provided that (subject to

Section 6(e) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company; and

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by Merrill Lynch), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information, or any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto); and provided further that the Company will not be liable to any Underwriter with respect to any Prospectus to the extent that the Company shall sustain the burden of proving that any such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense resulted from the fact that such Underwriter, in contravention of a requirement of this Agreement or applicable law, sold Securities to a person to whom such Underwriter failed to send or give, at or prior to the Closing Date, a copy of the Final Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented if: (i) the Company has previously furnished copies thereof (sufficiently in advance of the Closing Date to allow for distribution by the Closing Date) to the Underwriter and the loss, liability, claim, damage or expense of such Underwriter resulted from an untrue statement or omission of a material fact contained in or omitted from the Preliminary Prospectus which was corrected in the Final Prospectus as, if applicable, amended or supplemented prior to the Closing Date and such Final Prospectus was required by law to be delivered at or prior to the written confirmation of sale to such person and (ii) such failure to give or send such Final Prospectus by the Closing Date to the party or parties asserting such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense would have constituted the sole defense to the claim asserted by such person.

(b) Indemnification of Underwriters by the Selling Shareholders. Each Selling Shareholder severally and not jointly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, and each of its officers who signs the Registration Statement, each Underwriter, the directors, officers, employees, employees and agents of each Underwriter and each person who controls the Company or any Underwriter within the meaning of either the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act and each other Selling Shareholder, if any, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company to each Underwriter, but only with reference to written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Selling Shareholder specifically for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity; and such indemnity will be limited to an amount equal to the aggregate gross proceeds, net of the underwriting discounts, received by such Selling Shareholder from the sale of the Securities to the Underwriters. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which any Selling Shareholder may otherwise have. Each Underwriter acknowledges that the name of each Selling Shareholder, the number of securities each Selling Shareholder is offering, the number of securities owned by each Selling

Shareholder, and the information contained in footnote (3) on page 37 of the Prospectus constitutes the only information furnished in writing by or on behalf of each of the Selling Shareholders for inclusion in any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus.

(c) Indemnification of Company, Directors, Officers and the Selling Shareholders. Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act and each Selling Shareholder and each person, if any, who controls the Selling Shareholder within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a)(1) of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information, or any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto).

(d) Actions against Parties; Notification. Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(a)(1) or (b) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by Merrill Lynch, and, in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(c) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Company. An indemnifying party may participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 6 or Section 7 hereof (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding 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 any indemnified party.

(e) Settlement without Consent if Failure to Reimburse. If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and

expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 6(a)(1)(ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.

(f) Other Agreements with Respect to Indemnification

The provisions of this Section shall not affect any agreement among the Company and the Selling Shareholders with respect to indemnification.

SECTION 7. Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in Section 6 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Selling Shareholders on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company and the Selling Shareholders on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative benefits received by the Company and the Selling Shareholders on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company and the Selling Shareholders and the total underwriting discount received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus.

The relative fault of the Company and the Selling Shareholders on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company, the Selling Shareholders or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section shall be deemed to include any legal or

other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section, each person, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Selling Shareholder within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company or such Selling Shareholder, as the case may be. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section are several in proportion to the number of Initial Securities set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule A hereto and not joint.

The liability of each Selling Shareholder under such Selling Shareholder's representations and warranties contained in Section 1(b) hereof and under the indemnity and contribution agreements contained in Sections 6 and 7 hereof shall be limited to an amount equal to the aggregate gross proceeds, net of underwriting discounts, received by such Selling Shareholder from the sale of the Securities to the Underwriters. The Company and the Selling Shareholders may agree, as among themselves and without limiting the rights of the Underwriting under this Agreement, as to the respective amounts of such liability for which they each shall be responsible.

SECTION 8. Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive Delivery. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or the Selling Shareholders submitted pursuant hereto shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or controlling person, or by or on behalf of the Company or the Selling Shareholders, and shall survive delivery of the Securities to the Underwriters.

SECTION 9. Termination of Agreement

(a) Termination; General. The Representatives may terminate this Agreement, by notice to the Company and the Selling Shareholders at any time at or prior to Closing Time (i) if there has been, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto), any material

adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or in the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Securities or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Securities, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or the New York Stock Exchange, or if trading generally on the American Stock Exchange or the New York Stock Exchange or in the Nasdaq National Market has been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by any of said exchanges or by such system or by order of the Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. or any other governmental authority, or a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States or with respect to Clearstream or Euroclear systems in Europe, or (iv) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either federal or New York authorities.

(b) Liabilities. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and provided further that Sections 1, 6, 7 and 8 shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Default by One or More of the Underwriters. If one or more of the Underwriters shall fail at Closing Time or a Date of Delivery to purchase the Securities which it or they are obligated to purchase under this Agreement (the "Defaulted Securities"), the Representatives shall have the right, within 24 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Securities in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth; if, however, the Representatives shall not have completed such arrangements within such 24-hour period, then:

(i) if the number of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the number of Securities to be purchased on such date, the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, each severally and not jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations hereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters, or

(ii) if the number of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the number of Securities to be purchased on such date, this Agreement or, with respect to any Date of Delivery which occurs after Closing Time, the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase and of KKR to sell the Option Securities to be purchased and sold on such Date of Delivery shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

(iii) No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default.

In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement or, in the case of a Date of Delivery which is after Closing Time, which does not result in a termination of the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase and KKR to sell the relevant Option Securities, as the case may be, either the Representatives, the Company or any Selling Shareholder shall have the right to postpone Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the Registration Statement or Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements. As used herein, the term "Underwriter" includes any person substituted for an Underwriter under this Section.

SECTION 11. Default by One or More of the Selling Shareholders or the Company. (a) If a Selling Shareholder shall fail at Closing Time or at a Date of Delivery to sell and deliver the Securities which such Selling Shareholder is obligated to sell hereunder, and the remaining Selling Shareholders or the Company do not exercise the right hereby granted to increase, pro rata or otherwise, the number of Securities to be sold by them hereunder to the total number to be sold by all Selling Shareholders as set forth in Schedule B hereto, then the Underwriters may, at the option of the Representatives, by notice from the Representatives to the Company and the non-defaulting Selling Shareholders, either (a) terminate this Agreement without any liability on the part of any non-defaulting party except that the provisions of Sections 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8 shall remain in full force and effect or (b) elect to purchase the Securities which the non-defaulting Selling Shareholders or the Company have agreed to sell hereunder. No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any Selling Shareholder so defaulting from liability in respect of such default.

In the event of a default by any Selling Shareholder as referred to in this Section, each of the Representatives, the Company and the non-defaulting Selling Shareholders shall have the right to postpone Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required change in the Registration Statement or Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements.

(b) If the Company shall fail at Closing Time or at a Date of Delivery to sell the number of Securities that it is obligated to sell hereunder, then this Agreement shall terminate without any liability on the part of any non-defaulting party; provided, however, that the provisions of Sections 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8 shall remain in full force and effect. No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve the Company from liability in respect of such default.

SECTION 12. Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be directed to the Representatives at North Tower, World Financial Center, New York, New York 10281, attention of Equity Capital Markets; notices to the Selling Shareholders shall be directed to it at 9 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10018, attention of Paul E. Raether; and notices to the Company shall be directed to it at 630 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062-2745 attention of Wayne P. Sayatovic and Frank J. Notaro.

SECTION 13. Parties. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Underwriters, the Company, the Selling Shareholders and their respective successors.

Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the Underwriters, the Company, the Selling Shareholders and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers and directors referred to in Sections 6 and 7 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Underwriters, the Company, the Selling Shareholders and their respective successors, and said controlling persons and officers and directors and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

SECTION 14. GOVERNING LAW AND TIME. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME.

SECTION 15. Effect of Headings. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company and the Selling Shareholders a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement between the Underwriters, the Selling Shareholders and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

IDEX CORPORATION

By: _____

Name:
Title:

IDEX ASSOCIATES, L.P.

By: KKR Associates, L.P.
Its General Partner

By: _____

Paul E. Raether, General Partner

and

KKR ASSOCIATES, L.P.

By: _____

Paul E. Raether, General Partner

[ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED,
as of the date first above written:

MERRILL LYNCH & CO.
MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON CORPORATION

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

For themselves and as Representative of the other Underwriters named in Schedule
A hereto.

SCHEDULE A

Name of Underwriter -----	Number of Initial Securities -----
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	
Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation	
Robert W. Baird & Co.	
Banc of America Securities.	
Bear Stearns & Co.	
Total	----- 5,000,000 =====

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SCHEDULE C

IDEX CORPORATION

5,000,000 Shares of Common Stock
(Par Value \$.01 Per Share)

1. The initial public offering price per share for the Securities, determined as provided in said Section 2, shall be \$..

2. The purchase price per share for the Securities to be paid by the several Underwriters shall be \$., being an amount equal to the initial public offering price set forth above less \$. per share; provided that the purchase price per share for any Option Securities purchased upon the exercise of the over-allotment option described in Section 2(b) shall be reduced by an amount per share equal to any dividends or distributions declared by the Company and payable on the Initial Securities but not payable on the Option Securities.

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SCHEDULE D

List of subsidiaries

Domestic Subsidiaries:

Band-IT-IDEX, Inc.
Fluid Management, Inc.
Gast Manufacturing, Inc.
Hale Products, Inc.
Liquid Controls, Inc.
Pulsafeeder, Inc.
Viking Pump, Inc.
Warren Rupp, Inc.

Foreign Subsidiary:

Fluid Management Europe B.V.

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SCHEDULE E

List of persons and entities subject to lock-up

Selling Shareholders:

IDEX Associates, L.P.
KKR Associates, L.P.

Management:

Bell, Bradley J.
Derck, Jerry N.
Kaplan, Harley B.
Kenny, Gregory B.
Kooman, Clinton L.
Lennox, Douglas C.
Leurs, William H.
McMurray, John L.
Metcalf, Dennis L.
Notaro, Frank J.
Raether, Paul E.
Sayatovic, Wayne P.
Springer, Neil A.
Tokarz, Michael T.
Usher, Rodney L.
Williams, Dennis K.
Windmuller, David T.

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Exhibit A

FORM OF OPINION OF COMPANY'S COUNSEL

(i) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.

(ii) The Company has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under the Purchase Agreement.

(iii) Based solely on certification from public officials, we confirm that the Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in the states of [states where the Company conducts business.]

(iv) The authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company is as set forth in the Prospectus in the column entitled "Actual" under the caption "Capitalization" (except for subsequent issuances, if any, pursuant to the Purchase Agreement or pursuant to reservations, agreements or employee benefit plans referred to in the Prospectus or pursuant to the exercise of convertible securities or options referred to in the Prospectus or the buy back contemplated by Section 3(i)(E) of the Purchase Agreement); the shares of issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company, including the Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Selling Shareholders, have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable; and, to our knowledge, none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company was issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any security holder of the Company.

(v) The Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Company have been duly authorized for issuance and sale to the Underwriters pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, and, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, against payment of the consideration set forth in the Purchase Agreement, will be validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable under the Delaware General Corporation Law; and no holder of the Securities is or will be subject to personal liability for the debts and obligations of the Company as a result of its status as a shareholder except as any shareholder may be liable by reason of its own conduct or acts.

(vi) The issuance and sale of the Securities by the Company and the sale of the Securities by the Selling Shareholders is not subject to the preemptive or other similar rights of any security holder of the Company arising under the Delaware General Corporation Law, any federal or New York law, statute, rule or regulation or the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of the Company or, to our knowledge, under any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party.

(vii) Each Subsidiary has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus. Based solely on certificates from public officials, we confirm that

each of the Subsidiaries is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdictions set forth opposite its name on Schedule I of this opinion. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of each Subsidiary has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and non-assessable and, to the best of our knowledge, is owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity. As used in this paragraph (vii), the term "Subsidiary" shall mean all domestic subsidiaries listed on Schedule D of this Purchase Agreement.

(viii) The Purchase Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(ix) The Registration Statement, including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, has been declared effective under the 1933 Act; any required filing of the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) has been made in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b); and, to our knowledge, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement has been issued under the 1933 Act and, to our knowledge, no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or threatened by the Commission.

(x) The Registration Statement, including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, the Rule 430A Information, the Prospectus, excluding the documents incorporated by reference therein, and each amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, excluding the documents incorporated by reference therein, as of their respective effective or issue dates (other than the financial statements and supporting schedules and notes included therein or omitted therefrom and other financial data included therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we need express no opinion) complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations. In passing upon compliance as to form, such counsel may assume that the statements made and incorporated by reference therein are true, correct and complete.

(xi) The documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus (other than the financial statements and supporting schedules and notes included therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we need express no opinion), when they were filed with the Commission, complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder. In passing upon compliance as to form, such counsel may assume that the statements made and incorporated by reference therein are true, correct and complete.

(xii) The form of certificate used to evidence the Common Stock complies in all material respects with all applicable statutory requirements of the Delaware General Corporation Law, with any applicable requirements of the charter and by-laws of the Company and the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange.

(xiii) To our knowledge, and except as disclosed in the Prospectus, there is not pending or threatened any action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, to which the Company or any subsidiary is a party, or to which the property of the Company or any subsidiary is subject,

before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, which is required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus.

(xiv) The information in the Prospectus under "Description of Capital Stock - - Common Stock," "Description of Capital Stock - - Preferred Stock," the first paragraph of "Ownership of Common Stock by Selling Shareholders, Management and Principal Shareholder," "Shares Eligible for Future Sale," and the second and third paragraph under "Underwriting - - General", "Underwriting - - Over-allotment Option" and "Underwriting - - No Sales of Similar Securities," and in the Registration Statement under Item 15, to the extent that such information constitutes summaries of legal matters under federal or New York law or the Delaware General Corporation Law, agreements described therein or the Company's certificate of incorporation or by laws, have been reviewed by us and are accurate in all material respects.

(xv) To the best of our knowledge, there are no statutes or regulations that are required to be described in the Prospectus that are not described as required.

(xvi) All descriptions in the Registration Statement of contracts and other documents to which the Company or its subsidiaries are a party are accurate in all material respects; to the best of our knowledge, there are no franchises, contracts, indentures, mortgages, loan agreements, notes, leases or other instruments required to be described or referred to in the Registration Statement or to be filed as exhibits thereto other than those described or referred to therein or filed or incorporated by reference as exhibits thereto, and the descriptions thereof or references thereto are correct in all material respects.

(xvii) No person (other than the Selling Shareholders as described in the Registration Statement and Prospectus) has the right to require the Company to include any securities for registration pursuant to the Registration Statement, which has not been waived, as a result of the registration rights described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, which the Company has certified to us are the only agreements that contain provisions relating to registration rights with respect to the Company's securities.

(xviii) No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any federal court of the United States or New York courts or governmental authority or agency, or under the Delaware General Corporate Law, (other than under the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations, which have been obtained, or as may be required under the securities or blue sky laws of the various states, as to which we need express no opinion) is necessary or required in connection with the due authorization, execution and delivery of the Purchase Agreement or for the offering, issuance, sale or delivery of the Securities by the Company pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

(xix) The execution, delivery and performance of the Purchase Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated in the Purchase Agreement and in the Registration Statement (including the issuance and sale of the Securities, and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in the Prospectus under the caption "Use Of Proceeds") and compliance by the Company with its obligations under the Purchase Agreement do not on the date hereof (A) whether with or without the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event (as defined in

Section 1(a)(xi) of the Purchase Agreement) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any subsidiary pursuant to, any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any subsidiary is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any subsidiary is subject, and which is listed as Exhibit 4 or Exhibit 10 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, (except for such conflicts, breaches or defaults or liens, charges or encumbrances that would not have a Material Adverse Effect); (B) violate any of the provisions of the charter or by-laws of the Company; (C) violate any applicable federal or New York law, statute, rule, regulation, or any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law applicable to the Company; or (D) violate any judgment, order, writ or decree, of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any subsidiary or any of their respective properties, assets or operations directed to the Company and identified to us by an officer of the Company. The Company has certified to us that the only agreements that are material to the Company are listed as Exhibit 4 or Exhibit 10 to the Company's Annual Report on 10-K.

(xx) The Company is not, and upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus will not be, an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company," as such terms are defined in the 1940 Act.

We have participated in conferences with officers and other representatives of the Company, representatives of the independent public accountants for the Company and your representatives, at which the contents of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and any supplements or amendments thereto, and related matters were discussed, and, although we are not passing upon, and do not assume any responsibility for, the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus and have not made any independent check or verification thereof, during the course of such participation, no facts came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto, including the Rule 430A Information, (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial data included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we need make no statement), at the time such Registration Statement or any such amendment became effective, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial data included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we need make no statement), at the time the Prospectus was issued, at the time any such amended or supplemented prospectus was issued or at the Closing Time, included or includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

In rendering such opinion, such counsel may rely as to matters of fact (but not as to legal conclusions), to the extent they deem proper, on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and public officials. Such opinion shall not state that it is to be governed or qualified by, or that it is otherwise subject to, any treatise, written policy or other document relating to

legal opinions, including, without limitation, the Legal Opinion Accord of the ABA Section of Business Law (1991).

Schedule I

Significant Subsidiaries	State of Incorporation	State(s) qualified to do Business ----- (other than state of incorporation)
Band-It-IDEX, Inc.	Delaware	Colorado, Pennsylvania
Fluid Management, Inc.	Delaware	Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, Texas, Washington
GAST Manufacturing, Inc.	Michigan	Illinois
Hale Products, Inc.	Pennsylvania	North Carolina, Tennessee
Liquid Controls, Inc.	Delaware	Illinois
Pulsafeeder, Inc.	Delaware	California, Florida, New York
Viking Pump, Inc.	Delaware	Iowa
Warren Rupp, Inc.	Delaware	Ohio

Exhibit B

FORM OF OPINION OF COUNSEL FOR THE SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

(i) The Purchase Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by or on behalf of each Selling Shareholder.

(ii) No filing with, or consent, approval, authorization, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic or foreign, (other than the issuance of the order of the Commission declaring the Registration Statement effective and such authorizations, approvals or consents as may be necessary under state or foreign securities laws, as to which we need express no opinion) is necessary or required to be obtained by the Selling Shareholders for the performance by each Selling Shareholder of its obligations under the Purchase Agreement, or in connection with the offer, sale or delivery of the Securities, including the Option Securities, if any, to be sold by the Selling Shareholders.

(iii) The execution, delivery and performance by the Selling Shareholders of the Purchase Agreement, the sale and delivery by the Selling Shareholders of the Securities and the sale and delivery by KKR of the Option Securities and the consummation of the transactions by the Selling Shareholders contemplated in the Purchase Agreement and in the Registration Statement and compliance by the Selling Shareholders with their obligations under the Purchase Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Selling Shareholders and, to the best of our knowledge, such execution, delivery and performance on or prior to the date hereof, such sale and delivery of the Securities and Option Securities, and such consummation and compliance on or prior to the date hereof, (A) do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under or result in the creation or imposition of any tax, lien, charge or encumbrance upon the Securities or any property or assets of the Selling Shareholders pursuant to, any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, or other material agreement identified to us and to which any Selling Shareholder is a party or by which it may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of any Selling Shareholder may be subject (the Selling Shareholder having certified to us that there are no such material agreements), nor (B) will such action result in any violation of any law, administrative regulation, judgment or order of any governmental agency or body or any administrative or court decree having jurisdiction over such Selling Shareholder or any of its properties. In addition, such action will not result in any violation of the provisions of the general partnership agreement or similar organizational document of the Selling Shareholder.

(iv) Each Selling Shareholder has full right, power and authority to hold, sell, transfer and deliver the Securities to be sold by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. Upon the delivery to DTC or its agent of the Securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, and the crediting by DTC of the Securities to the securities accounts of the several Underwriters with DTC, DTC will be a "protected purchaser" of the Securities (as defined in Section 8-303 of the NYUCC) and will acquire its interest in the Securities (including, without limitation, all rights that the Selling Shareholder had or has the

power to transfer in such Securities) free of any adverse claim (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(1) of the NYUCC) (assuming neither DTC nor any Underwriter has notice of any adverse claim) and the Underwriters will acquire valid security entitlements (within the meaning of Section 8-501 of the NYUCC) in respect of the Securities to be purchased by them, and no action (whether framed in conversion, replevin, constructive trust, equitable lien, or other theory) based on an adverse claim to such Securities may be asserted against the Underwriters (assuming that the Underwriters have no notice of any adverse claim).

In rendering such opinion, such counsel may rely as to matters of fact (but not as to legal conclusions), to the extent they deem proper on certificates of the Selling Shareholders and of responsible officers of the Company and public officials. Such counsel may also rely on opinions of other counsel, to the extent they deem proper, as to matters governed by the laws of a jurisdiction in which such counsel are not admitted to practice law.

Merrill Lynch & Co.
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated,
Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation
Robert W. Baird & Co.
Banc of America Securities LLC
Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc.
as Representatives of the several
Underwriters to be named in the
within-mentioned Purchase Agreement
c/o Merrill Lynch & Co.
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated
North Tower
World Financial Center
New York, New York 10281

Re: Proposed Public Offering by IDEX Corporation

Dear Sirs:

The undersigned, a stockholder [and an officer and/or director] of IDEX Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), understands that Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Merrill Lynch") and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation propose to enter into a Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with the Company and the Selling Shareholders providing for the public offering of shares (the "Securities") of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"). In recognition of the benefit that such an offering will confer upon the undersigned as a stockholder [and an officer and/or director of the Company,] and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agrees with each underwriter to be named in the Purchase Agreement that, during a period of 90 days from the date of the Purchase Agreement, the undersigned will not, without the prior written consent of Merrill Lynch, directly or indirectly, (i) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of or transfer any shares of the Company's Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Common

Stock, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by the undersigned or with respect to which the undersigned has or hereafter acquires the power of disposition, or file any registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to any of the foregoing or (ii) enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

Signature:

Print Name:

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