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CURRENT REPORT**

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GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Georgia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

58-2567903
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

10 Glenlake Parkway, North Tower, Atlanta, Georgia
(Address of principal executive offices)

30328-3473
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 770-829-8000

NONE
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

The information set forth under Item 5.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K relating to an agreement between Jeffrey S. Sloan and Global Payments Inc. (the "Company") and James G. Kelly and the Company is hereby incorporated in this Item 1.01 by reference.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On March 30, 2010, the Company announced certain executive changes. Jeffrey S. Sloan (42) has been appointed as President of the Company as of June 1, 2010. In this capacity, Mr. Sloan will be responsible for the Company's lines of business in North America and all worldwide business development activities. He will report to Paul R. Garcia, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Since 2004, Mr. Sloan served as Managing Director, Partner and Global Head of the Financial Technology Group at Goldman, Sachs & Company.

On March 30, 2010, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Sloan, having an effective date of June 1, 2010 and an initial term of three years. Under this agreement, Mr. Sloan is entitled to a base annual salary, subject to yearly review, plus an annual at-risk incentive bonus opportunity, which is determined annually based on a range of specific objectives reflecting his area and scope of responsibility. Mr. Sloan is also entitled to participate in all incentive, savings and welfare benefit plans generally made available to executive officers of the Company. In addition, he will receive an allowance for moving and related expenses on August 15, 2010.

Mr. Sloan's agreement may be terminated by the Company at any time for "cause" (as defined therein) or for no reason, or by Mr. Sloan with or without "good reason" (as defined therein). The agreement will also be terminated upon Mr. Sloan's death, disability or retirement. Depending on the reason for the termination and when it occurs, Mr. Sloan will be entitled to certain severance benefits.

Mr. Sloan has agreed in his employment agreement not to disclose confidential information or compete with the Company, and not to solicit the Company's customers or recruit its employees, during his employment and for a period of 24 months following the termination of his employment.

On March 30, 2010, the Company entered into a new employment agreement with James G. Kelly, the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer, having an effective date of March 30, 2010 and an initial term of three years. On June 1, 2010, Mr. Kelly will assume the role of Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Under this new employment agreement, Mr. Kelly is entitled to a base annual salary, subject to yearly review, plus an annual at-risk incentive bonus opportunity, which is determined annually based on a range of specific objectives reflecting his area and scope of responsibility. Mr. Kelly is also entitled to participate in all incentive, savings and welfare benefit plans generally made available to executive officers of the Company.

Mr. Kelly's agreement will be terminated upon his death, disability or retirement and may be terminated at any time by the Company with or without "cause" (as defined therein), or by Mr. Kelly for any reason. After March 30, 2011, Mr. Kelly may also resign for "good reason" (as defined therein). Depending on the reason for the termination and when it occurs, Mr. Kelly will be entitled to certain severance benefits. For a limited period of time (as set forth in the agreement) Mr. Kelly has the right to terminate for no reason and will be entitled to certain severance benefits.

Mr. Kelly has agreed in his employment agreement not to disclose confidential information or compete with the Company, and not to solicit the Company's customers or recruit its employees or sales agents, during his employment and for a period of 24 months following the termination of his employment. However, for the period from March 30, 2010 to April 30, 2011 the non-competition covenant is tolled for Mr. Kelly.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.1	Employment Agreement between Jeffrey S. Sloan and the Company dated as of March 30, 2010
10.2	Employment Agreement between James G. Kelly and the Company dated as of March 30, 2010
99.1	Press Release dated March 30, 2010

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Global Payments Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: April 1, 2010

By: /s/ David E. Mangum
David E. Mangum
Chief Financial Officer

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

JEFFREY SLOAN

AND

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

Dated as of March 30, 2010

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this 30th day of March 2010 by and between Global Payments Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), and Jeffrey Sloan ("Executive").

BACKGROUND

Executive shall serve as the President of the Company. Executive and the Company desire to memorialize the terms of such employment in this Agreement. In addition, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Committee"), has determined that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to assure that the Company will have the continued dedication of Executive, notwithstanding the possibility, threat or occurrence of a Change in Control (as defined in § 6). As it is desired and anticipated that Executive will continue to be employed and provide services for the Company's successor for some period of time following a Change in Control, one purpose of this Agreement is to provide Executive with compensation and benefits arrangements which ensure that the compensation and benefits expectations of Executive will be satisfied and which are competitive with those of other corporations. Therefore, in order to accomplish these objectives, the Committee has caused the Company to enter into this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes any prior agreement or other communication (oral or written) regarding Executive's employment.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth in this Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company and Executive agree as follows:

§ 1. Effective Date. This Agreement is effective as of June 1, 2010, the day Executive's employment with the Company shall commence (the "Effective Date").

§ 2. Employment. Executive is hereby employed as the President of the Company. In such capacity, Executive shall be responsible for the Company's corporate strategy and mergers and acquisitions and for the Company's lines of business in North America, and he shall have such other duties and responsibilities commensurate with such position as shall be assigned to him by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (the "Chief Executive Officer"), and Executive shall report directly and exclusively to the Chief Executive Officer.

§ 3. Employment Period. Subject to § 7, Executive's initial Employment Period shall be the period which starts on the Effective Date and then continues without interruption for the (3) consecutive year period which ends on May 31, 2013; provided, Executive's initial Employment Period shall automatically be

extended for one additional year on June 1, 2012 and on each subsequent anniversary of such date unless either the Company or Executive provides notice (in accordance with § 17(f)) before such anniversary date that there will be no such extension. Executive's initial Employment Period and any subsequent extension of the initial Employment Period shall be referred to collectively as Executive's "Employment Period". A failure to extend Executive's Employment Period shall not be treated for any reason whatsoever as a termination of Executive's employment under § 7 unless the Company provides notice that there will be no such extension following a Change in Control and Executive's Employment Period would as a result of such notice end before the second anniversary of the date of such Change in Control, in which case Executive shall have the right to resign effective at any time during the 90-day period which starts on the date of such notice, and the date his resignation is effective shall be treated as a termination for Good Reason pursuant to § 7(c) of this Agreement and he shall receive all benefits called for under § 8(b) of this Agreement.

§ 4. Extent of Service. During the Employment Period, Executive shall render his services to the Company (or to any successor, including a successor following a Change in Control) in conformity with professional standards, in a prudent and workmanlike manner and in a manner consistent with the obligations imposed on officers of corporations under applicable law. Executive shall promote the interests of the Company and its subsidiaries in carrying out Executive's duties and shall not deliberately take any action which could, or fail to take any action which failure could, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect upon the business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective affiliates. Executive agrees to devote his business time, attention, skill and efforts exclusively to the faithful performance of his duties hereunder (both before and after a Change in Control); provided, however, that it shall not be a violation of this Agreement for Executive to (i) devote reasonable periods of time to charitable and community activities and, with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer, industry or professional activities; (ii) manage or participate in personal business interests and investments, so long as such activities do not, in the judgment of the Chief Executive Officer, materially interfere with the performance of Executive's responsibilities under this Agreement and comply with all Company policies and codes and all of Executive covenants and agreements; and/or (iii) subject to the approval of the Committee, serve as a director, trustee, or member of a committee of any organization involving no conflict of interest with the interests of the Company so long as such activities do not, in the judgment of the Chief Executive Officer, materially interfere with the performance of Executive's responsibilities under this Agreement and comply with all Company policies and codes and all of Executive's covenants and agreements.

§ 5. Compensation and Benefits.

(a) Base Salary. During the Employment Period, the Company will pay to Executive a base salary in the amount of U.S. \$600,000 per year (“Base Salary”), less normal withholdings, payable in equal bi-weekly or other installments as provided under the Company’s standard payroll practices in effect for senior executives from time to time. Executive’s Base Salary will be reviewed at least annually and, subject to approval of the Committee, the Company may increase Executive’s Base Salary from time to time. The periodic review of Executive’s salary by the Committee will consider, among other things, Executive’s own performance and the Company’s performance.

(b) Incentive and Savings Plans. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be entitled to participate in all incentive, retirement and savings plans, practices, policies and programs applicable generally to employees of the Company at the senior executive level, excluding the Chief Executive Officer. Certain executive programs will be made available on a selective basis at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) or the Committee. Without limiting the foregoing, the following shall apply:

(i) Annual Bonus. Executive will have an annual bonus opportunity for each fiscal year of the Company based on the achievement of financial and performance objectives set by the Committee (“Bonus Opportunity”). The annual Bonus Opportunity and specific performance and financial objectives will be set forth in Executive’s individual performance and incentive plan for each fiscal year. Executive’s annual Bonus Opportunity at target levels for any year shall not be less than 85% of his then current Base Salary for such year. Executive must be an active employee on the date the annual bonuses are paid on a Company wide basis in order to be eligible to receive any bonus payment (except as otherwise expressly provided in § 8) unless Executive’s employment terminates following a failure to extend his Employment Period in accordance with § 3, his employment terminates at or after the end of the applicable fiscal year and he satisfies all or substantially all of the performance requirements for a bonus for such fiscal year, in which event he shall be eligible for a bonus as determined by the Committee, and such bonus, if any, shall be paid no later than 2 1/2 months after the end of such fiscal year.

(ii) Equity Awards. Executive will be eligible to participate in the Company’s Second Amended and Restated 2005 Incentive Equity Plan (the “2005 Plan”) and any successor to such plan in accordance with the terms and conditions of the 2005 Plan and any successor to such plan. Further, the Company within the 30-day period which starts on the Effective Date shall grant Executive a Non-Statutory Option under the 2005 Plan to purchase 25,000 shares of the Company’s no par value common stock (“Company Common Stock”) and make a restricted stock grant under the 2005 Plan for

50,000 shares of Company Common Stock subject to the standard terms and conditions for such grants under the 2005 Plan except that Executive's interest in each such grant shall vest in 25% increments on each anniversary of the date the grant is made if (except as otherwise expressly provided in § 8) he is still employed by the Company on such date. Thereafter the Company may, from time to time, upon approval by the Committee, grant to Executive options to purchase shares of Company Common Stock, restricted Company Common Stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, and/or performance units and/or other Company Common Stock related grants as a long-term incentive for performance.

(c) Welfare Benefit Plans. During the Employment Period, Executive and Executive's family shall be eligible for participation in, and shall be eligible to receive all benefits under, the welfare benefit plans, practices, policies and programs provided by the Company, including, without limitation, medical, prescription, dental, disability, employee life, group life, accidental death and travel accident insurance plans and programs on the same basis as similarly situated executives of the Company (collectively "Welfare Plans").

(d) Expenses. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be entitled to receive prompt reimbursement for all reasonable expenses incurred by Executive in accordance with the policies, practices and procedures of the Company; provided, however, (a) the amount of such expenses eligible for reimbursement in any calendar year shall not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement in another calendar year, (b) no such reimbursement may be exchanged or liquidated for another payment or benefit, and (c) any reimbursements of such expenses shall be made as soon as practicable under the circumstances but in any event no later than the end of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the related expenses are incurred.

(e) Additional Benefits. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be offered the opportunity to receive or participate in any additional benefits provided to similarly-situated executives of the Company in accordance with, and subject to the eligibility requirements of, the plans, practices, programs and policies of the Company and applicable laws and regulations. Executive also shall be entitled to up to 25 days of vacation each calendar year, pro-rated for calendar year 2010.

(f) Allowance for Moving and Related Expenses. The Company on August 15, 2010 shall pay to Executive in a lump sum \$500,000 for Executive to use as he sees fit to cover his moving and other expenses related to his employment by the Company, plus an additional amount (the lump sum plus the additional amount, collectively his "Expense Allowance") (determined using the maximum marginal federal income tax rate in effect on August 15, 2010) sufficient for Executive to net \$500,000 after paying his federal income tax liability (using such tax rate) on the Expense Allowance, all net of applicable tax

withholdings, if Executive is still employed by the Company on such date; provided, however, if Executive's employment terminates for any reason other than his resignation for Good Reason, a termination by the Company without Cause, or the death or Disability of the Executive after August 15, 2010 and before the first anniversary of the Effective Date, Executive shall no later than the end of the 30-day period which starts on the date his employment terminates pay an amount equal to his Expense Allowance to the Company.

(g) Loss on Sale of Residence

(i) General. If Executive incurs a "Loss" on the sale of his residence at 14 Birch Lane, Short Hills, New Jersey (the "Residence") in an arm's length transaction in connection with moving his family to the Atlanta metropolitan area, the Company shall reimburse him for such "Loss" as provided in § 5(g)(iii) if Executive is still employed by the Company on the effective date of a binding contract for such sale and his Residence is sold pursuant to such binding contract, or if such Residence is sold pursuant to a binding contract with an effective date after March 29, 2010 and before June 1, 2010 and Executive's employment with the Company actually commences on June 1, 2010. The "effective date" of such binding contract shall (for purposes of this § 5(g)) be the date such contract is signed or, if later, the date specified in such contract.

(ii) Definitions. For purposes of this § 5(g),

(1) The term "Loss" means the excess of Executive's "Basis" in the Residence over his "Net Proceeds" from the sale of the Residence, up to a cap of \$1,000,000.

(2) The term "Basis" means the price Executive paid for the Residence plus the cost of any improvements made to the Residence before the Effective Date plus the cost of any improvements made after the Effective Date which are approved by the Company, all as documented to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company.

(3) The term "Net Proceeds" means the net proceeds paid on the sale of the Residence to or on behalf of Executive (or Executive and his spouse) after deducting the reasonable and customary expenses incurred in connection with such sale, all as documented to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company.

(iii) Reimbursement. The reimbursement for a "Loss" shall include the amount of the "Loss" plus an additional amount (the Loss plus the additional amount, collectively, his "Loss Allowance") (determined using the maximum marginal federal income tax rate in effect on the date of the

closing of the sale) sufficient for Executive to net an amount equal to the Loss after paying his federal income tax liability (using such tax rate) on an amount equal to the Loss Allowance, and the Loss Allowance shall be paid by the Company (net of any applicable tax withholdings) pursuant to this §5(g)(iii) as soon as practicable after the date the sale closes but in no event later than the end of the 30-day period which starts on the date the sale of the Residence closes or, if the sale closes before June 1, 2010, as soon as practicable after June 1, 2010 but in no event later than June 30, 2010; provided, however, Executive shall forfeit his right his Loss Allowance if the Loss Allowance is not paid pursuant to this §5(g)(iii) before the later of (1) 2 1/2 months after the end of the calendar year that includes the effective date of the binding contract described in § 5(g)(i), or (ii) 2 1/2 months after the end of the Company's fiscal year that includes the effective date of the binding contract described in § 5(g)(i).

(iv) Pay Back. If Executive's employment terminates for any reason other than his resignation for Good Reason, a termination by the Company without Cause, or the death or Disability of the Executive before the first anniversary of the closing of the sale of the Residence, Executive shall no later than the end of the 30-day period which starts on the date his employment terminates pay an amount equal to his Loss Allowance to the Company.

§ 6. Change in Control.

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement, a "Change in Control" shall mean:

(a) The acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of § 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 35% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (a), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (i) any acquisition by a Person who is on the Effective Date the beneficial owner of 35% or more of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, (ii) any acquisition directly from the Company, (iii) any acquisition by the Company which reduces the number of Outstanding Company Voting Securities and thereby results in any person having beneficial ownership of more than 35% of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, or (iv) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company, or (v) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction which meets the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (b) of this § 6; or

(b) Consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, (i) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination (individually a "Company Owner") beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as each Company Owner's ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, and (ii) no Person (excluding any Company Owner, the Company or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such corporation resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 35% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such corporation; or

(c) A majority of the individuals who, as of the Effective Date, constitute the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Incumbent Directors") are replaced within a twelve (12) month period by directors whose appointment or election was not approved by a majority of the Incumbent Board and who were elected as a result of an election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors ("Election Contest") or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of any "person" (such term for purposes of this definition being as defined in § 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, and as used in § 13(d)(3) and 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) other than the Incumbent Board ("Proxy Contest"); provided that any person becoming a director after the Effective Date and whose election or nomination for election was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors then on the Board shall thereafter be an Incumbent Director.

(2) For purposes of this Agreement, a "§ 409A Change in Control" shall mean a "Change in Control" which also constitutes a change in ownership or effective control of the Company or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company, all within the meaning of § 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

§ 7. Termination of Employment

(a) Death, Retirement or Disability. Executive's employment and the Employment Period shall terminate automatically upon Executive's death or Retirement. For purposes of this Agreement, "Retirement" shall mean normal retirement under the Company's then-current retirement plan, or if there is no such retirement plan, "Retirement" shall mean voluntary resignation after age 65 with at least ten years of service. If the Committee determines in good faith that the Disability of Executive has occurred (pursuant to the definition of Disability set forth in this § 7(a)), the Company may give to Executive written notice of its intention to terminate Executive's employment. In such event, Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate effective on the 30th day after receipt of such written notice by Executive (the "Disability Effective Date"), provided that, within the 30 days after such receipt, Executive shall not have returned to full-time performance of Executive's duties. For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" shall mean the inability of Executive, as determined by the Committee, to substantially perform the essential functions of his regular duties and responsibilities with or without reasonable accommodation, due to a medically determinable physical or mental illness or other disability which has lasted (or can reasonably be expected to last) for a substantially continuous period of at least six consecutive months.

(b) Termination by the Company Prior to a Change in Control. Prior to a Change in Control and on or after the second anniversary of the date of a Change in Control, the Company may terminate Executive's employment with or without Cause and, in respect of such termination of employment occurring prior to a Change in Control or on or after the second anniversary of the date of a Change in Control, the following definition of "Cause" shall apply:

"Cause" shall mean a determination by the Committee that:

(i) Executive has failed to perform substantially Executive's duties and responsibilities under this Agreement (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness, and specifically excluding any failure by Executive, after reasonable efforts, to meet reasonable performance expectations), after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to Executive by the Chief Executive Officer or the Chairman of the Committee which specifically identifies the manner in which such person believes that Executive has failed to substantially perform Executive's duties and responsibilities and which has not been cured to the satisfaction of such person within ten business days of the written demand delivered to Executive; or

(ii) Executive engaged in any act of fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement or similar dishonest or wrongful act, including, without limitation, any violation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act or similar laws or legal standards, but excluding for this purpose any non-criminal violation of Sarbanes-Oxley

or similar laws or legal standards that has no adverse impact on the Company or its reputation and does not involve dishonesty or render Executive ineligible for any licensing, bonding or insurance coverage or for employment or engagement in any Company work or activity; or

(iii) Executive has engaged in the abuse of alcohol, prescription drugs or any substance which materially interferes with Executive's ability to perform Executive's duties and responsibilities under this Agreement or Executive has engaged in the use of illegal drugs; or

(iv) Executive has violated any laws, agreements or Company policies or codes prohibiting employment discrimination, harassment, conflicts of interest, retaliation, competition with the Company, solicitation of Company customers or employees on behalf of anyone other than Company, improper use or disclosure of Trade Secrets, Confidential Information or other proprietary information of the Company; or

(v) Executive has been convicted for, or entered a plea of guilty *ornolo contendere* (or any plea of similar substance or effect) to, a felony.

(c) Resignation by Executive Prior to a Change in Control. Prior to a Change in Control and on or after the second anniversary of the date of a Change in Control, Executive may resign for "Good Reason" or no reason and, in respect of any such resignation occurring prior to a Change in Control or on or after the second anniversary of the date of a Change in Control, the following definition of "Good Reason" shall apply:

"Good Reason" shall mean:

(i) without the written consent of Executive, the assignment to Executive to a position materially different from the President of a publicly traded corporation having a class of securities registered pursuant to the Exchange Act; or

(ii) without the written consent of Executive, the Company changes its reporting structure such that Executive no longer reports directly and exclusively to the Chief Executive Officer; or

(iii) without the written consent of Executive, a reduction by the Company: (a) in Executive's Base Salary as in effect on the Effective Date or as the same may be increased from time to time (unless a similar reduction is made in the salary of similarly-situated senior executives); (b) in Executive's Bonus Opportunity at target level below the minimum set forth in § 5(b)(i) (unless a similar reduction is made in the bonus opportunity of similarly-situated senior executives); or (c) in the benefits pursuant to the Welfare Plans (unless a similar reduction is made in the benefits of similarly-situated senior executives); or

(iv) any failure by the Company to comply with and satisfy § 16(c); or

(v) a requirement that Executive be based in any office or location other than in the greater metropolitan area of Atlanta, Georgia.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no event or act or omission shall constitute “Good Reason” under this § 7(c) unless (i) Executive in accordance with § 17(f) provides notice of such event or act or omission to the Committee no later than 30 days after Executive has knowledge of such event or act or omission, (ii) the Committee fails to remedy such event or act or omission within 30 days of the receipt of such notice (the “Cure Period”) and (iii) Executive resigns effective no later than 90 days after the end of the Cure Period.

(d) Termination by the Company After a Change in Control. On or after a Change in Control but before the second anniversary of the date of such Change in Control, the Company may terminate Executive’s employment with or without Cause and, in respect of such termination of employment occurring on or after a Change in Control the following definition of “Cause” shall apply:

“Cause” shall mean:

(i) the willful and continued failure of Executive to perform substantially Executive’s duties and responsibilities under this Agreement (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness, and specifically excluding any failure by Executive, after reasonable efforts, to meet reasonable performance expectations), after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to Executive by the Chief Executive Officer or the Chairman of the Committee which specifically identifies the manner in which such person believes that Executive has willfully and continually failed to substantially perform Executive’s duties and responsibilities and which has not been cured to the reasonable satisfaction of such person within ten business days of the written demand delivered to Executive; or

(ii) any act of fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement or similar dishonest or wrongful act by Executive, including, without limitation, any violation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act or similar laws or legal standards, but excluding for this purpose any non-criminal violation of Sarbanes-Oxley or similar laws or legal standards that has no impact on the Company or its reputation and does not involve dishonesty or render Executive ineligible for any licensing, bonding or insurance coverage or for employment or engagement in any Company work or activity; or

(iii) Executive’s abuse of alcohol, prescription drugs or any substance which materially interferes with Executive’s ability to perform Executive’s duties and responsibilities under this Agreement or Executive’s use of illegal drugs; or

(iv) Executive's violation of any laws prohibiting employment discrimination, harassment, or retaliation or Executive's willful violation of any laws, agreements, or Company policies or codes prohibiting conflicts of interest, competition with the Company, solicitation of Company customers or employees on behalf of anyone other than Company, improper use or disclosure of Trade Secrets, Confidential Information or other proprietary information of the Company; or

(v) Executive's conviction for, or plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* (or any plea of similar substance or effect) to, a felony.

(e) Resignation by Executive After a Change in Control. On or after a Change in Control and before the second anniversary of the date of such Change in Control, Executive may resign for Good Reason or no reason and, in respect of any such resignation, the following definition of "Good Reason" shall apply:

"Good Reason" shall mean:

(i) the reason set forth in § 7(c)(i); or

(ii) without the written consent of Executive, the assignment to Executive of duties inconsistent with Executive's position (including, status, titles, and reporting requirements), authority, duties or responsibilities as contemplated by § 2, or any action by the Company that results in a diminution in such position, authority, duties or responsibilities (whether or not occurring solely as a result of the Company's ceasing to be a publicly traded entity) which, in either case, is not rescinded within ten (10) days after the Committee receives written notice from Executive that he believes that the assignment or action constitutes Good Reason and that he intends to resign if it is not rescinded; or

(iii) the reason set forth in § 7(c)(ii); or

(iv) a reduction by the Company without the written consent of Executive: (a) in Executive's Base Salary as in effect on the Effective Date or as the same may be increased from time to time; (b) in Executive's Bonus Opportunity at target level as the same may be increased from time to time; (c) in Executive's long-term incentive opportunities, as determined by a third-party compensation firm chosen by the Company using generally accepted methodologies, which may include annualizing prior long-term incentive grants over more than one year and ignoring prior special retention or sign-on grants; or (d) in the benefits pursuant to the Welfare Plans, and which reduction set forth in

(a), (b), (c) or (d) of this § 7(e)(iv) is not rescinded within ten (10) days after the Company receives written notice from Executive that he believes that the reduction constitutes Good Reason and that he intends to resign if it is not rescinded; or

(v) the reason set forth in § 7(c)(iv); or

(vi) the reason set forth in § 7(c)(v).

(f) Notice of Termination. Any termination by the Company or resignation by Executive shall be communicated by Notice of Termination to the other party hereto given in accordance with § 17(f). For purposes of this Agreement, a “Notice of Termination” means a written notice which (i) states the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, (ii) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of Executive’s employment under the provision so indicated and (iii) specifies the applicable Date of Termination. The failure by Executive or the Company to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance which contributes to a showing of Good Reason or Cause shall not waive any right of Executive or the Company, respectively, hereunder or preclude Executive or the Company, respectively, from asserting such fact or circumstance in enforcing Executive’s or the Company’s rights hereunder.

(g) Date of Termination, “Separation from Service” and Applicable Pay Date

(i) “Date of Termination” means (1) if Executive resigns for Good Reason, the date specified in the Notice of Termination, provided that (i) the Committee may specify any earlier Date of Termination and (ii) the Date of Termination specified in the notice shall not be less than 60 days after the date of delivery of the notice if the resignation is for Good Reason following a Change in Control, (2) if Executive’s employment is terminated by the Company other than by reason of Disability, the date of receipt of the Notice of Termination, or any later date specified therein, or (3) if Executive’s employment is terminated by reason of death, Disability or Retirement, the Date of Termination will be the date of death or Retirement, or the Disability Effective Date, as the case may be.

(ii) “Separation from Service” means a “separation from service” within the meaning of § 409A of the Code which occurs in connection with Executive’s termination of employment, and the Company and Executive acknowledge and agree that such a “separation from service” may come before, after or coincide with Executive’s Date of Termination.

(iii) “Applicable Pay Date” means the date that Executive has a Separation from Service (which date shall be referred to as the “Immediate Pay Date”) or, if the Company determines that making a payment or providing a

benefit to Executive on the Immediate Pay Date would require the Company to report all or any part of such payment or benefit to the Internal Revenue Service as subject to taxation under § 409A of the Code, the date that is six (6) months and one (1) day after the date Executive has a Separation from Service (which date shall be referred to as the "Delayed Pay Date").

§ 8. Obligations of the Company upon Termination.

(a) Prior to a Change in Control: Resignation by Executive for Good Reason; Termination by the Company Other Than for Cause or Disability If, prior to a Change in Control or on or after the second anniversary of the date of a Change in Control, the Company shall terminate Executive's employment other than for Cause or Disability or Executive shall resign for Good Reason, then (and with respect to the payments and benefits described in clauses (ii) through (ix) of this § 8(a), only if Executive executes (and does not revoke) a Release in substantially the form of Exhibit A hereto (the "Release") within 60 days of the Date of Termination):

(i) the Company will pay to Executive in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination the sum of (A) Executive's Base Salary (as in effect on the Date of Termination) earned through the Date of Termination to the extent not theretofore paid, (B) Executive's business expenses for which reimbursement has been requested pursuant the Company's expense reimbursement policy but which have not been reimbursed before Executive's applicable Date of Termination and (C) Executive's Annual Bonus, if any, earned for the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the Date of Termination occurs, if such bonus has been certified as payable by the Committee but has not been paid before the Date of Termination (the sum of the amounts described in clauses (A), (B) and (C) shall be referred to as the "Accrued Obligations"), and

(ii) (A) if the Applicable Pay Date is the Delayed Pay Date, the Company will pay Executive on the Delayed Pay Date a lump sum equal to the amount of the Base Salary (as in effect on the Date of Termination or, if Executive terminates employment pursuant to § 7(c)(iii) upon a reduction in Executive's Base Salary, as in effect immediately prior to such reduction in Base Salary) Executive would have earned if Executive had been continuously employed by Company from the Date of Termination until the Delayed Pay Date or (B) if the Applicable Pay Date is the Immediate Pay Date, the Company will continue to pay Executive an amount equal to his monthly Base Salary (as in effect on the Date of Termination or, if Executive terminates employment pursuant to § 7(c)(iii) upon a reduction in Executive's Base Salary, as in effect immediately prior to such reduction in Base Salary) until payments begin under § 8(a)(iii) without any duplication of payments between this § 8(a)(ii) and § 8(a)(iii); provided, however, that the Company shall have no obligation to make any such payment or payments if Executive has violated any of the Restrictive

Covenants (as defined in § 13 of this Agreement) and failed to remedy such violation to the satisfaction of the Board within 10 days of notice of such violation; and

(iii) commencing on the seven (7) month anniversary of the date Executive has a Separation from Service, the Company will continue to pay Executive an amount equal to his monthly Base Salary (as in effect on the Date of Termination or, if Executive terminates employment pursuant to § 7(c)(iii) upon a reduction in Executive's Base Salary, as in effect immediately prior to such reduction in Base Salary) for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, payable in equal monthly or more frequent installments in accordance with the Company's then standard payroll practices; provided, however that the Company's obligation to make or continue such payments shall cease if Executive is or becomes employed with a Competitor (as defined in § 13) during the eighteen (18) month period following the Date of Termination or if Executive violates any of the Restrictive Covenants (as defined in § 13) and fails to remedy such violation to the satisfaction of the Board within 10 days of notice of such violation; and

(iv) Executive will have the right to elect continuation of health care coverage under the Company's group health plan in accordance with "COBRA," and the Company shall pay (and report as taxable income to Executive) all premiums for such COBRA coverage for Executive and his covered dependents for the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Date of Termination, *provided, however*, that the obligation of the Company to pay the cost for such COBRA coverage shall terminate upon Executive's obtaining other employment if health care coverage is provided by the new employer; and

(v) the Company will pay Executive a pro-rated annual bonus for the fiscal-year in which the Date of Termination occurs equal to (i) the amount Executive would have earned, if any, under § 5(b)(i) for the year of termination based on actual financial performance for such fiscal year, times (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of full months in the fiscal year preceding the Date of Termination and the denominator of which is 12; provided that such bonus shall be paid only if the pre-established performance targets are in fact certified by the Committee to have been met, and such bonus shall be paid in a single lump sum cash payment no later than 2 1/2 months after the end of the fiscal year in which the bonus is earned; and

(vi) all grants of restricted Company Common Stock or units which represent shares of Company Common Stock ("Restricted Stock") held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will become immediately vested as of the Date of Termination; and

(vii) all of Executive's options to acquire Company Common Stock or appreciation rights with respect to shares of Company Common Stock ("Options") that would have become vested (by lapse of time) within the 24-month period immediately following the Date of Termination had Executive remained employed during such period will become immediately vested as of the Date of Termination; and

(viii) all of Executive's vested but unexercised Options as of the Date of Termination (including those with accelerated vesting pursuant to § 8(a)(vii)) shall remain exercisable through the earlier of (A) the original expiration date of the Option, (B) the 90th day following the Date of Termination, or (C) the date that is the 10th anniversary of the original date of grant of the Option; and

(ix) as for any outstanding grant of performance-based restricted stock units which represent a right to receive Company Common Stock contingent on the satisfaction of the related performance requirements and for which the Date of Termination falls during a Performance Cycle (as defined in the applicable award agreement), the Committee shall certify the results and shall deliver to Executive 50% of the number of whole number of the shares of Company Common Stock, if any, that vested based on the actual satisfaction of such performance requirements no later than 2 1/2 months after the last day of the period in which such Performance Cycle ends; and,

(x) to the extent not theretofore paid or provided, the Company will timely pay or provide to pursuant to the timing rules of the controlling terms of any plan, program, policy, practice, contract or agreement of the Company any other amounts or benefits, including but not limited to, previously earned but unpaid annual incentive awards, previously earned but unpaid long-term incentive awards, and properly documented and approved but unpaid business expenses, required to be paid or provided or which Executive is eligible to receive under any such plan, program, policy or practice or contract or agreement of the Company (such other amounts and benefits shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Other Benefits");

(b) After or in Connection with a Change in Control: Resignation by Executive for Good Reason; Termination by the Company Other Than for Cause or Disability. If there occurs a Change in Control and the Company shall terminate Executive's employment other than for Cause or Disability before the second anniversary of such Change in Control or Executive shall resign for Good Reason before the second anniversary of such Change in Control, then (and with respect to the payments and benefits described in clauses (ii) through (x) of this § 8(b), only if Executive executes (and does not revoke) the Release within 60 days of the Date of Termination):

(i) the Company (or its successor) shall pay to Executive the Accrued Obligations in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination;
and

(ii) the Company (or its successor) will pay Executive two (2) times the amount of Base Salary (as in effect on the Date of Termination or, if Executive terminates employment pursuant to § 7(e)(iv) as in effect immediately prior to such reduction in Base Salary), provided however, that the Company (or its successor) shall have no obligation to make any payment under this § 8(b)(ii) if Executive has violated any of the Restrictive Covenants (as defined in § 13) and failed to remedy such violation to the satisfaction of the Board within 10 days of notice of such violation. If the Change in Control is a § 409A Change in Control, the two (2) times Base Salary amount payable under this § 8(b)(ii) will be paid in a single lump sum on the Applicable Pay Date. However, if the Change in Control is not a § 409A Change in Control, the two (2) times Base Salary amount payable under this § 8(b)(ii) will be paid in three (3) parts—

(A) the first part will be paid in the amount and at the time and in form called for in § 8(a)(ii),

(B) the second part will be paid in the amount and at the time and in the form called for in § 8(a)(iii), and

(C) the balance will be paid in a single lump sum on the date that is nine (9) months and one (1) day after the date of Executive's Separation from Service which is related to such termination of employment; and

(iii) as additional severance (and not in lieu of any bonus for the fiscal year in which the Date of Termination occurs), the Company (or its successor) will pay Executive a lump sum equal to two (2) times the amount of Executive's target Bonus Opportunity (as in effect on the Date of Termination or, if Executive terminates employment pursuant to § 7(e)(iv) as in effect immediately prior to such reduction in Bonus Opportunity) on the date that is nine (9) months and one (1) day after the date of Executive's Separation from Service which is related to such termination of employment; provided however, that the Company shall have no obligation to make any payment under this § 8(b)(iii) if Executive has violated any of the Restrictive Covenants (as defined in § 13) and failed to remedy such violation to the satisfaction of the Board within 10 days of notice of such violation; and

(iv) Executive will have the right to elect continuation of health care coverage under the Company's group health plan in accordance with "COBRA," and the Company shall pay (as report as taxable income to Executive) all premiums for such COBRA coverage for Executive and his covered

dependents for the eighteen (18) month period immediately following the Date of Termination, *provided, however*, that the obligation of the Company to pay the cost for such COBRA coverage shall terminate upon Executive's obtaining other employment if such health care coverage is provided by the new employer; and

(v) Executive will be entitled to a pro-rated bonus under § 5(b)(i) for the fiscal year in which the Date of Termination occurs, the amount and timing of which shall depend upon when the Date of Termination occurs, as follows

(1) if the Date of Termination occurs before the end of the fiscal year in which the Change in Control occurred, the pro-rated bonus will equal (a) 100% of Executive's then current target Bonus Opportunity, times (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of full months in the fiscal year preceding the Date of Termination and the denominator of which is 12, and such pro-rated bonus shall be paid no later than 2 1/2 months after the end of the Company's fiscal year which includes Executive's Date of Termination; or

(2) if the Date of Termination occurs during a fiscal year that began after the Change in Control occurred, the pro-rated bonus (based on the number of full months in the fiscal year preceding the Date of Termination as described in § 8(b)(v)(1)) will be based on actual performance results as certified by the Committee at the end of the fiscal year and will be paid to Executive no later than 2 1/2 months after the end of the Company's fiscal year which includes Executive's Date of Termination; and

(vi) all grants of Restricted Stock held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will become immediately vested as of the Date of Termination; and

(vii) all of Executive's Options held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will become immediately vested and exercisable as of the Date of Termination; and

(viii) all of Executive's vested but unexercised Options as of the Date of Termination (including those with accelerated vesting pursuant to the § 8(b)(vii)) will remain exercisable through the earlier of (A) the original expiration date of the Option, or (B) the 90th day following the Date of Termination, or (C) the date that is the 10th anniversary of the original date of grant of the Option; and

(ix) as for any outstanding grant of performance-based restricted stock units for which the Date of Termination falls during a Performance Cycle (as defined in the applicable award agreement), the Company will transfer to Executive fully vested shares of Company Common Stock, the number and timing of which shall depend upon when the Date of Termination occurs, as follows:

(1) if the Date of Termination occurs before the end of the Performance Cycle in which the Change in Control occurred, Executive will be entitled at the Date of Termination to receive shares of fully vested Company Common Stock equal to the number of shares that would have been awarded assuming the performance goals had been reached at target levels, which shares will be delivered to Executive no later than 2 1/2 months after the end of the Performance Cycle which includes the Date of Termination; or

(2) if the Date of Termination occurs after the end of the Performance Cycle in which the Change in Control occurred, but prior to the transfer of Restricted Stock to Executive with respect to such Performance Cycle, Executive will be entitled at the Date of Termination to receive shares of fully vested Company Common Stock equal to the higher of (A) the number of shares that would have been awarded assuming the performance goals had been reached at target levels, or (B) the number of shares that would have been awarded based on actual performance against the performance goal as certified by the Committee, which shares will be delivered to Executive no later than 2 1/2 months after the end of the Performance Cycle which included the Date of Termination; or

(3) if the Date of Termination occurs during a Performance Cycle that began after the Change in Control occurred, Executive will be entitled to receive shares of fully vested Company Common Stock equal to the number of shares that would have been awarded based on the actual results as certified by the Committee at the end of the Performance Cycle, which shares shall be delivered to Executive no later than 2 1/2 months after the end of such Performance Cycle; and

(x) to the extent not theretofore paid or provided, the Company will timely pay or provide to Executive his Other Benefits pursuant to the timing rules of the controlling terms of any plan, program, policy, practice, contract or agreement of the Company.

(c) In Anticipation of a Change in Control: Termination by the Company Other Than for Cause or Disability or Resignation by Executive for Good Reason If Executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than for Cause (as defined in § 7(d)) or Disability (as defined in § 7(a)) or Executive resigns for Good Reason (as defined in § 7(e)) after the issuance of press release or a filing is made with the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding a transaction which could lead to a Change in Control and there is a Change in Control as a result of the consummation of such transaction no later than nine (9) months and one (1) day after the date of Executive's Separation from Service which is related to such termination of employment, then

(A) Executive will continue to be eligible to receive his benefits under § 8(a) in the amount and form and at the time provided in § 8(a), but

(B) Executive will in addition receive the benefits described in § 8(b), if greater, as if his employment had been terminated without Cause (as defined in § 7(d)) or he had resigned for Good Reason (as defined in § 7(e)) at the consummation of such Change in Control, provided Executive immediately following the Change in Control shall have timely executed and not revoked the Release described in § 8(b), and, further provided

(1) there will under no circumstances be any duplication whatsoever of any payments or benefits between this § 8(c)(B) and § 8(c)(A),

(2) the additional severance benefits provided under § 8(b)(ii)(C) and the severance benefits provided under § 8(b)(iii) will both be paid in a single lump sum on the date that is nine (9) months and one (1) day after the date of Executive's Separation from Service which is related to such termination of employment,

(3) if the Change in Control occurs before the date the pro-rated annual bonus provided under § 8(a)(v) is scheduled to be paid, then Executive will be entitled to the greater of either the pro-rated annual bonus determined and paid under § 8(a)(v) or the pro-rated bonus determined under § 8(b)(v)(1) but paid in the form and at the time called for under § 8(a)(v),

(4) any outstanding Options which failed to vest under § 8(a)(vii) will vest under § 8(b)(vii) at the Change in Control, and the date of the Change of Control will be treated under § 8(b)(viii) as Executive's Date of Termination,

(5) if the Change in Control occurs before the date that shares of Company Common Stock relating to any outstanding grant of performance-based restricted stock units under § 8(a)(ix) are scheduled to be delivered, Executive will be entitled to either the greater of the number of shares of Company Common Stock to be delivered under § 8(a)(ix) or the number to be delivered under § 8(b)(ix), which will be delivered in the form and at the time such shares of Company Common Stock are otherwise scheduled to be delivered under § 8(a)(v),

(6) any amount payable under this § 8(c) that is deferred compensation under § 409A of the Code and that cannot be paid by the latest date on which such amount could be paid without triggering taxation under § 409A of the Code shall be forfeited, and

(7) the Company's obligation to make any payments under this § 8(c) shall cease if Executive violates any of the Restrictive Covenants (as defined in § 13) and fails to remedy such violation within ten business days of notice detailing such violation to the reasonable satisfaction of the Board.

(d) Death, Disability or Retirement. Upon the Date of Termination due to Executive's death, Disability (as defined in § 7(a)), or Retirement (as defined in § 7(a)), (i) all grants of Restricted Stock held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will become immediately vested as of the Date of Termination; (ii) all Options held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will become immediately vested and exercisable as of the Date of Termination, (iii) in the case of termination on account of Retirement, the number of performance-based restricted stock units earned shall be determined at the end of the Performance Cycle (as defined in the applicable award agreement) based on the actual performance as of the end of the Performance Cycle as certified by the Committee and, upon such certification (and in no event later than 2 1/2 months after the end of the Performance Cycle), the Company shall deliver to Executive or Executive's beneficiary, as applicable, shares of fully vested Company Common Stock in an amount equal to the number of shares that would have been awarded based on the actual results; and (iv) in the case of termination on account of death or Disability only, all performance-based restricted stock units held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will vest at the target level and the Company shall deliver to Executive or Executive's beneficiary, as applicable, within 60 days after the Date of Termination, fully vested Company Common Stock equal to the number of shares that would have been awarded assuming the performance goals had been reached at target levels. All of Executive's vested but unexercised Options as of the Date of Termination (including those with accelerated vesting pursuant to the foregoing sentence) shall remain exercisable through the earliest of (A) the original expiration date of the Option, (B) the 90th day following the Date of Termination or such longer period as specified in the plan document governing the applicable award, or (C) the date that is the 10th anniversary of the original date of grant of the Option. For the period of months required by COBRA after the Date of Termination due to Executive's death, Disability (as defined in § 7(a)), or Retirement (as defined in § 7(a)), Executive or his dependents shall have the right to elect continuation of healthcare coverage under the Company's group plan (if allowed by the plan) in accordance with "COBRA" provided Executive or his dependents shall pay the entire cost of such coverage. Except as set forth in this § 8(d) and regardless of whether or not a Change in Control shall have occurred, if Executive's employment is terminated by reason of Executive's death, Disability or Retirement, this Agreement shall terminate without further obligations to Executive or his estate or legal representatives under this

Agreement, other than for payment of Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or provision of Other Benefits as provided in § 8(a)(x). Accrued Obligations shall be paid to Executive's estate or beneficiary, as applicable, in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination. With respect to the provision of Other Benefits, the term Other Benefits as used in this § 8(d) shall include, without limitation, and Executive or his estate and/or beneficiaries shall be entitled to receive, benefits under such plans, programs, practices and policies relating to death, disability or retirement benefits, if any, as are applicable to Executive on the Date of Termination.

(e) Cause or Voluntary Termination without Good Reason. Regardless of whether or not a Change in Control shall have occurred, if Executive's employment shall be terminated for Cause, or if Executive voluntarily resigns without Good Reason, the Company's obligations under this Agreement to Executive shall terminate, other than for payment of Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or provision of Other Benefits. Accrued Obligations shall be paid to Executive in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination. For the period required by COBRA after the Date of Termination for Cause or for the voluntary termination by Executive, Executive shall have the right to elect continuation of healthcare coverage under the Company's group plan in accordance with "COBRA" provided Executive shall pay the entire cost of such coverage.

§ 9. Non-exclusivity of Rights. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent or limit Executive's continuing or future participation in any plan, program, policy or practice provided by the Company and for which Executive may qualify, nor, subject to § 17(d), shall anything herein limit or otherwise affect such rights as Executive may have under any contract or agreement with the Company. Amounts which are vested benefits or which Executive is otherwise entitled to receive under any plan, policy, practice or program of or any contract or agreement with the Company at or subsequent to the Date of Termination shall be payable in accordance with such plan, policy, practice or program or contract or agreement except as explicitly modified by this Agreement.

§ 10. Certain Additional Payments by the Company.

(a) (i) If there is a "change in control" (within the meaning of § 280G of the Code) before the fourth anniversary of the Effective Date and it shall be determined pursuant to § 10(b) that any payment or distribution by the Company to or for the benefit of Executive (whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise, but determined without regard to any additional payments required under this § 10) (collectively the "Payments") would be subject to the excise tax imposed by § 4999 of the Code or any interest or penalties are incurred by Executive with respect to such excise tax (such excise tax, together with any such interest and penalties, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Excise Tax"), then the

Company shall (subject to § 10(a)(ii)) make a payment on Executive's behalf to the Internal Revenue Service or other applicable taxing authority (a "Gross-Up Payment") in an amount such that, if such payment had been made directly to Executive and Executive had paid all taxes (including any interest or penalties imposed with respect to such taxes), including, without limitation, any income taxes (and any interest and penalties imposed with respect thereto) and Excise Tax imposed upon the Gross-Up Payment, Executive would have retained an amount of the Gross-Up Payment equal to the Excise Tax imposed upon the Payments plus any additional Excise Tax imposed on the Gross-Up Payment. The Company's obligation to make the Gross-Up Payment under this § 10 shall not be conditioned upon Executive's termination of employment.

(ii) No Gross-Up Payment shall be made under § 10(a)(i) if a determination is made that the Payments are less than 110% of the "Safe Harbor Amount", where the Safe Harbor Amount is 2.99 times Executive's "base amount" as determined under § 280G(b)(3) of the Code. The Payments instead shall be reduced so that the present value as of the date of a Change in Control for purposes of § 280G of the Code of the portion of all Payments that constitute "parachute payments" under § 280G(2)(b) of the Code (the "Present Value") equals in the aggregate the Safe Harbor Amount. The cash Payments provided under this Agreement shall be reduced under this § 10(a)(ii) on a pro rata basis in paying the Safe Harbor Amount.

(iii) If there is a "change in control" (within the meaning of § 280G of the Code) on or after the fourth anniversary of the Effective Date and it shall be determined pursuant to § 10(b) that the receipt of all Payments would subject Executive to tax under § 4999 of the Code, a further determination shall be made pursuant to § 10(b) as to which would result in larger net payments to Executive after paying all applicable taxes, including the tax under § 4999: (A) to receive all of the Payments or (B) to receive the portion of all Payments that equals in the aggregate the Safe Harbor Amount as determined in accordance with § 10(a)(ii). If the determination is that it would result in larger net payments to Executive after paying all applicable taxes to receive all of the Payments, then all Payments shall be made to Executive in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, all subject to applicable tax withholdings. If the determination is that it would result in larger net payments to Executive after paying all applicable taxes to receive the Safe Harbor Amount, then only the Safe Harbor Amount shall be paid to Executive in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Any reduction in the cash Payments provided under this Agreement pursuant to this § 10(a)(iii) shall be made on a pro rata basis. Finally, in connection with making any determinations under this § 10(a)(iii), it is the intent of the Company and Executive that the Accounting Firm will take into account the value of any reasonable compensation for services to be rendered by Executive before or after the change in control, including any non-competition provisions that may apply to Executive, the Company will not cause the Accounting Firm not to take any such value into account and the Company will cooperate with the Accounting Firm in the valuation of any such services, including any non-competition provisions.

(b) Subject to the provisions of § 10(c), all determinations required to be made under this § 10, including (without limitation) the Safe Harbor Amount, whether and when a Gross-Up Payment is required and the amount of such Gross-Up Payment and what would result in larger net payments to Executive under § 10(a)(iii), and the assumptions to be utilized in arriving at all such determinations, shall be made by a nationally recognized certified public accounting firm reasonably acceptable to the Company as may be designated by Executive (the "Accounting Firm") which shall provide detailed supporting calculations both to the Company and Executive within 15 business days of the receipt of notice from Executive that there has been or Executive is eligible to receive a Payment which is subject to § 10(a)(i) and § 10(a)(ii) or that there has been or Executive is eligible to receive a Payment which is subject to § 10(a)(iii), or such earlier time as is requested by the Company. In the event that the Accounting Firm is serving as accountant or auditor for the individual, entity or group effecting the Change in Control, Executive shall appoint another nationally recognized accounting firm reasonably acceptable to the Company to make the determinations required hereunder (which accounting firm shall then be referred to as the Accounting Firm hereunder). All fees and expenses of the Accounting Firm shall be borne solely by the Company. Any determination by the Accounting Firm shall be binding upon the Company and Executive. As a result of the uncertainty in the application of § 4999 of the Code at the time of the initial determination by the Accounting Firm hereunder, it is possible that amounts will have been paid or distributed by the Company to or for the benefit of Executive pursuant to this Agreement which should not have been so paid or distributed by reason of § 10(a)(ii) or § 10(a)(iii) (each, an "Overpayment") or that Gross-Up Payments which will not have been made by the Company should have been made ("Underpayment"), in each case, consistent with the determinations required to be made hereunder. In the event that the Accounting Firm determines that an Overpayment has been made, any such Overpayment paid or distributed by the Company to or for the benefit of Executive shall be repaid by Executive to the Company. In the event that the Accounting Firm determines that there is an Underpayment after the Company exhausts its remedies pursuant to § 10(c), any such Underpayment shall be promptly paid by the Company to or for the benefit of Executive either as a reimbursement of an amount already paid by Executive or as a payment directly to the appropriate taxing authority.

(c) Executive shall notify the Company in writing of any claim by the Internal Revenue Service that, if successful, would require the payment by the Company of the Gross-Up Payment. Such notification shall be given as soon as practicable but no later than ten business days after Executive is informed in writing of such claim and shall apprise the Company of the nature of such claim and the date on which such claim is requested to be paid. Executive shall not

pay such claim prior to the expiration of the 30-day period following the date on which it gives such notice to the Company (or such shorter period ending on the date that any payment of taxes with respect to such claim is due). If the Company notifies Executive in writing prior to the expiration of such period that it desires to contest such claim, Executive shall:

(i) give the Company any information reasonably requested by the Company relating to such claim,

(ii) take such action in connection with contesting such claim as the Company shall reasonably request in writing from time to time, including, without limitation, accepting legal representation with respect to such claim by an attorney reasonably selected by the Company,

(iii) cooperate with the Company in good faith in order effectively to contest such claim, and

(iv) permit the Company to participate in any proceedings relating to such claim; provided, however, that the Company shall bear and pay directly all costs and expenses (including additional interest and penalties) incurred in connection with such contest and shall indemnify and hold Executive harmless, on an after-tax basis, for any Excise Tax or income tax (including interest and penalties with respect thereto) imposed as a result of such representation and payment of costs and expenses. Without limitation of the foregoing provisions of this § 10(c), the Company shall control all proceedings taken in connection with such contest and, at its sole option, may pursue or forgo any and all administrative appeals, proceedings, hearings and conferences with the taxing authority in respect of such claim and may, at its sole option, either direct Executive to pay the tax claimed and sue for a refund or contest the claim in any permissible manner, and Executive agrees to prosecute such contest to a determination before any administrative tribunal, in a court of initial jurisdiction and in one or more appellate courts, as the Company shall determine; provided, however, that if the Company directs Executive to pay such claim and sue for a refund, the Company shall pay such amount to the applicable taxing authority and shall indemnify and hold Executive harmless, on an after-tax basis, from any Excise Tax or income tax (including interest or penalties with respect thereto) imposed with respect to such payment or with respect to any imputed income with respect to such payment; and further provided that any extension of the statute of limitations relating to payment of taxes for the taxable year of Executive with respect to which such contested amount is claimed to be due is limited solely to such contested amount. Furthermore, the Company's control of the contest shall be limited to issues with respect to which a Gross-Up Payment would be payable hereunder and Executive shall be entitled to settle or contest, as the case may be, any other issue raised by the Internal Revenue Service or any other taxing authority.

(d) If, after the Company makes a Gross-Up Payment on Executive's behalf or makes a payment pursuant to § 10(c), Executive becomes entitled to receive any refund with respect to the Excise Tax to which such Gross-Up Payment relates or with respect to such claim, Executive shall (subject to the Company's complying with the requirements of § 10(c)) promptly pay to the Company the amount of such refund (together with any interest paid or credited thereon after taxes applicable thereto). If, after the receipt by Executive of a payment made by the Company pursuant to § 10(c), a determination is made that Executive shall not be entitled to any refund with respect to such claim and the Company does not notify Executive in writing of its intent to contest such denial of refund prior to the expiration of 30 days after such determination, then the amount of such payment shall offset, to the extent thereof, the amount of Gross-Up Payment required to be paid.

(e) Any Gross-Up Payment, as determined pursuant to this § 10, shall be paid by the Company on behalf of Executive to the Internal Revenue Service or other applicable taxing authority within 30 business days of the receipt of the Accounting Firm's determination that a payment is due; provided that, the Gross-Up Payment shall in all events be paid no later than the end of Executive's taxable year next following Executive's taxable year in which the Excise Tax (and any income or other related taxes or interest or penalties thereon) on a Payment are remitted to the Internal Revenue Service or any other applicable taxing authority or, in the case of amounts relating to a claim described in § 10(c) that does not result in the remittance of any federal, state, local and foreign income, excise, employment and other taxes, the calendar year in which the claim is finally settled or otherwise resolved.

§ 11. Costs of Enforcement. In no event shall Executive be obligated to seek other employment by way of mitigation of the amounts payable to Executive under any of the provisions of this Agreement and such amounts shall not be reduced whether or not Executive obtains other employment. In any action taken in good faith relating to the enforcement of this Agreement or any provision herein, including any arbitration provision in § 14, Executive shall be entitled to be paid any and all costs and expenses incurred by him in enforcing or establishing his rights thereunder, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, and whether or not incurred in trial, bankruptcy or appellate proceedings, but only if Executive is successful on at least one material issue raised in the enforcement proceeding. Any costs or expenses that otherwise meet the requirements for reimbursement under this § 11 shall be reimbursed within 120 days of submission by Executive for a request for reimbursement, but in no event later than the last day of Executive's taxable year following the taxable year in which Executive becomes entitled to such reimbursement by reason of being successful on at least one material issue (provided a request for reimbursement has been made).

§ 12. Representations and Warranties. Executive hereby represents and warrants to the Company that Executive is not a party to, or otherwise subject to, any covenant not to compete with any person or entity other than a contract with his current employer, a copy of which has been provided to the Company.

§ 13. Restrictions on Conduct of Executive.

(a) General. Executive and the Company understand and agree that the purpose of the provisions of this § 13 is to protect legitimate business interests of the Company, as more fully described below, and is not intended to eliminate Executive's post-employment competition with the Company per se, nor is it intended to impair or infringe upon Executive's right to work, earn a living, or acquire and possess property from the fruits of his labor. Executive hereby acknowledges that the post-employment restrictions set forth in this § 13 are reasonable and that they do not, and will not, unduly impair his ability to earn a living after the termination of this Agreement. Therefore, subject to the limitations of reasonableness imposed by law, Executive shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in this § 13. For the purposes of this § 13, "Company" shall be deemed to include Company and all its parents, affiliates, subsidiaries and successors.

(b) Definitions. The following terms used in this § 13 shall have the meanings assigned to them below, which definitions shall apply to both the singular and the plural forms of such terms:

"Competitive Position" means any employment with a Competitor in which Executive has duties for such Competitor that relate to Competitive Services and that are the same or similar to those services actually performed by Executive for the Company.

"Competitive Services" means the provision of products and services to facilitate or assist with the movement in electronic commerce of payment and financial information, merchant processing, credit and debit transaction processing, check guarantee and verification, electronic authorization and capture, terminal management services, purchase card services, financial electronic data interchange, cash management services, and wire transfer services.

"Competitor" means any of the following companies, all of whom engage in Competitive Services (and all of their parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates who engage in Competitive Services) and all of the successors in interest to any of the foregoing: TSYS Acquiring Solutions, Chase Paymentech Solutions, First Data Corporation, Total System Services, Inc., Fifth Third Processing Solutions, Wells Fargo Merchant Services, Heartland Payment Systems, First National Merchant Solutions, RBS Lynk, TransFirst Holdings, iPayment, BA Merchant Services, NPC, Elavon Merchant Services and Moneris Solutions.

“Confidential Information” means all information regarding the Company, its activities, business or clients that is the subject of reasonable efforts by the Company to maintain its confidentiality and that is not generally disclosed by practice or authority to persons not employed by the Company, but that does not rise to the level of a Trade Secret. “Confidential Information” shall include, but is not limited to, financial plans and data concerning the Company; management planning information; business plans; operational methods; market studies; marketing plans or strategies; product development techniques or plans; lists of current or prospective customers; details of customer contracts; current and anticipated customer requirements; past, current and planned research and development; business acquisition plans; and new personnel acquisition plans. “Confidential Information” shall not include information that has become generally available to the public by the act of one who has the right to disclose such information without violating any right or privilege of the Company. This definition shall not limit any definition of “confidential information” or any equivalent term under state or federal law.

“Determination Date” means the date of termination of Executive’s employment with the Company for any reason whatsoever or any earlier date of an alleged breach of the Restrictive Covenants by Executive.

“Person” means any individual or any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, association or other entity or enterprise.

“Principal or Representative” means a principal, owner, partner, shareholder, joint venturer, investor, member, trustee, director, officer, manager, employee, agent, representative or consultant.

“Protected Customers” means any Person to whom the Company has sold or provided its products or services during the twelve (12) months prior to the Determination Date.

“Protected Employees” means employees of the Company who were employed by the Company at any time within six (6) months prior to the Determination Date.

“Restricted Period” means the Employment Period and a period extending two (2) years from the termination of Executive’s employment with the Company.

“Restricted Territory” means the States of California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and Massachusetts.

“Restrictive Covenants” means the restrictive covenants contained in § 13(c) hereof.

“Trade Secret” means all information, without regard to form, including, but not limited to, technical or non-technical data, a formula, a pattern, a compilation, a program, a device, a method, a technique, a drawing, a process, financial data, financial plans, product plans, distribution lists or a list of actual or potential customers, advertisers or suppliers which is not commonly known by or available to the public and which information: (A) derives economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (B) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy. Without limiting the foregoing, Trade Secret means any item of Confidential Information that constitutes a “trade secret(s)” under the common law or applicable state law.

(c) Restrictive Covenants.

(i) Restriction on Disclosure and Use of Confidential Information and Trade Secrets Executive understands and agrees that the Confidential Information and Trade Secrets constitute valuable assets of the Company and its affiliated entities, and may not be converted to Executive’s own use. Accordingly, Executive hereby agrees that Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, at any time during the Employment Period or during the two (2) years immediately following the end of the Employment Period for any reason reveal, divulge, or disclose to any Person not expressly authorized by the Company any Confidential Information, and Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, at any time during the Employment Period or during the two (2) years immediately following the end of the Employment Period for any reason use or make use of any Confidential Information in connection with any business activity other than that of the Company. Throughout the term of this Agreement and at all times after the date that this Agreement terminates for any reason, Executive shall not directly or indirectly transmit or disclose any Trade Secret of the Company to any Person, and shall not make use of any such Trade Secret, directly or indirectly, for himself or for others, without the prior written consent of the Company. The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is not intended to, and does not, alter either the Company’s rights or Executive’s obligations under any state or federal statutory or common law regarding trade secrets and unfair trade practices.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, Executive shall not be restricted from disclosing or using Confidential Information that is required to be disclosed by law, court order or other legal process; provided, however, that in the event disclosure is required by law, Executive shall provide the Company with prompt notice of such requirement so that the Company may seek an appropriate protective order prior to any such required disclosure by Executive.

(ii) Non-solicitation of Protected Employees. Executive understands and agrees that the relationship between the Company and each of its Protected Employees constitutes a valuable asset of the Company and may not be converted to Executive's own use. Accordingly, Executive hereby agrees that during the Restricted Period Executive shall not directly or indirectly on Executive's own behalf or as a Principal or Representative of any Person or otherwise solicit or induce any Protected Employee with whom Executive worked or otherwise had material contact through his employment with the Company to terminate his or her employment relationship with the Company or to enter into employment with any other Person.

(iii) Restriction on Relationships with Protected Customers. Executive understands and agrees that the relationship between the Company and each of its Protected Customers constitutes a valuable asset of the Company and may not be converted to Executive's own use. Accordingly, Executive hereby agrees that, during the Restricted Period, Executive shall not, without the prior written consent of the Company, directly or indirectly, on Executive's own behalf or as a Principal or Representative of any Person, solicit, divert, take away or attempt to solicit, divert or take away a Protected Customer for the purpose of providing or selling Competitive Services; provided, however, that the prohibition of this covenant shall apply only to Protected Customers with whom Executive had Material Contact on the Company's behalf during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the termination of his employment hereunder. For purposes of this Agreement, Executive shall be deemed to have "Material Contact" with a Protected Customer if he had business dealings with the Protected Customer on the Company's behalf.

(iv) Non-competition with the Company. The parties acknowledge: (A) that Executive's services under this Agreement require special expertise and talent in the provision of Competitive Services and that Executive will have substantial contacts with customers, suppliers, advertisers and vendors of the Company; (B) that pursuant to this Agreement, Executive will be placed in a position of trust and responsibility and he will have access to a substantial amount of Confidential Information and Trade Secrets and that the Company is placing him in such position and giving him access to such information in reliance upon his agreement not to compete with the Company during the Restricted Period; (C) that due to his management duties, Executive will be the repository of a substantial portion of the goodwill of the Company and would have an unfair advantage in competing with the Company; (D) that due to Executive's special experience and talent, the loss of Executive's services to the Company under this Agreement cannot reasonably or adequately be compensated solely by damages in an action at law; (E) that Executive is capable of competing with the Company; and (F) that Executive is capable of obtaining gainful, lucrative and desirable

employment that does not violate the restrictions contained in this Agreement. In consideration of the compensation and benefits being paid and to be paid by the Company to Executive hereunder, Executive hereby agrees that, during the Restricted Period, Executive will not, without prior written consent of the Company, directly or indirectly seek or obtain a Competitive Position in the Restricted Territory; provided, however, that (1) the provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed to prohibit the ownership by Executive of any securities of the Company or its affiliated entities or not more than five percent (5%) of any class of securities of any corporation having a class of securities registered pursuant to the Exchange Act; (2) for purposes of this § 13(c)(iv) only, the Restricted Period shall be reduced to eighteen (18) months if Executive's employment is terminated by Company or Executive pursuant to § 8(a) (Prior to a Change in Control: Resignation by Executive for Good Reason; Termination by the Company Other Than for Cause or Disability); and (3) this § 13(c)(iv) shall lapse and terminate at the end of the Employment Period if the Company gives notice to Executive pursuant to § 3 that this Agreement will not be extended.

(d) Enforcement of Restrictive Covenants.

(i) Rights and Remedies Upon Breach. In the event Executive breaches, or threatens to commit a breach of, any of the provisions of the Restrictive Covenants, the Company shall have the following rights and remedies, which shall be independent of any others and severally enforceable, and shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other rights and remedies available to the Company at law or in equity:

(A) the right and remedy to enjoin, preliminarily and permanently, Executive from violating the Restrictive Covenants and to have the Restrictive Covenants specifically enforced by any court of competent jurisdiction, it being agreed that any breach or threatened breach of the Restrictive Covenants would cause irreparable injury to the Company and that money damages would not provide an adequate remedy to the Company; and

(B) the right and remedy to require Executive to account for and pay over to the Company all compensation, profits, monies, accruals, increments or other benefits derived or received by Executive as the result of any transactions constituting a breach of the Restrictive Covenants.

(ii) Severability of Covenants. Executive acknowledges and agrees that the Restrictive Covenants are reasonable and valid in time and scope and in all other respects. The covenants set forth in this Agreement shall be considered and construed as separate and independent covenants. Should any part or provision of any covenant be held invalid, void or unenforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, voidness or unenforceability shall not render invalid, void or unenforceable any other part or provision of this Agreement. If any portion of the foregoing provisions is found to be invalid or

unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction because its duration, the territory, the definition of activities or the definition of information covered is considered to be invalid or unreasonable in scope, the invalid or unreasonable term shall be redefined, or a new enforceable term provided, such that the intent of the Company and Executive in agreeing to the provisions of this Agreement will not be impaired and the provision in question shall be enforceable to the fullest extent of the applicable laws. This § 13 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, provided, however, that the non-competition covenants set forth in § 13(c)(iv) shall not survive and shall terminate at the end of the Employment Period if the Company gives notice to the Executive pursuant to § 3 that this Agreement will not be extended.

§ 14. Arbitration. Any claim or dispute arising under this Agreement (other than under § 13) shall be subject to arbitration, and prior to commencing any court action, the parties agree that they shall arbitrate all such controversies. The arbitration shall be conducted in Atlanta, Georgia, in accordance with the Employment Dispute Rules of the American Arbitration Association and the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §1, *et. seq.* The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized to award both liquidated and actual damages, in addition to injunctive relief, but no punitive damages. The arbitrator(s) shall also award attorney's fees and costs, without regard to any restriction on the amount of such award under Georgia or other applicable law, as required under § 11. Such an award shall be binding and conclusive upon the parties hereto, subject to 9 U.S.C. §10. Each party shall have the right to have the award made the judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Initials of parties as to this § 14:

Company: _____

Executive: _____

§ 15. Rabbi Trust. In order to ensure the payment of the severance benefit provided for in § 8(b)(ii) and (iii) of this Agreement, immediately following the commencement of any action by a third party with the aim of effecting a Change in Control, or the publicly-announced threat by a third party to commence any such action, the Company shall fully fund through the Global Payments Inc. Benefit Security Trust, or similar "rabbi trust" the amount of the severance payment that would have been paid to Executive under § 8(b)(ii) and (iii) if the Date of Termination had occurred on the date of commencement, or publicly-announced threat of commencement, of such action by the third party; *provided, however*, that the trust shall not be funded if the funding thereof would result in taxable income to Executive by reason of § 409A(b) of the Code *and provided, further*, in no event shall any trust assets at any time be located or transferred outside of the United States, within the meaning of § 409A(b) of the Code. Amounts shall be paid to Executive from such trust as provided under this Agreement and the trust. The right of Executive to receive payments under this Agreement shall be an unsecured claim against the general assets of the

Company and Executive shall have no rights in or against any specific assets of the Company. Finally, nothing in this § 15 shall relieve the Company of any liabilities under this Agreement to the extent such liabilities are not satisfied by a trust described in this § 15.

§ 16. Assignment and Successors.

(a) This Agreement is personal to Executive and without the prior written consent of the Company shall not be assignable by Executive otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Executive's legal representatives.

(b) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company and its successors and assigns.

(c) The Company will require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company to assume expressly and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. As used in this Agreement, "Company" shall mean the Company as hereinbefore defined and any successor to its business and/or assets as aforesaid which assumes and agrees to perform this Agreement by operation of law, or otherwise.

§ 17. Miscellaneous.

(a) Waiver. Failure of either party to insist, in one or more instances, on performance by the other in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any right granted in this Agreement or of the future performance of any such term or condition or of any other term or condition of this Agreement, unless such waiver is contained in a writing signed by the party making the waiver.

(b) Severability. If any provision or covenant, or any part thereof, of this Agreement should be held by any court to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, either in whole or in part, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions or covenants, or any part thereof, of this Agreement, all of which shall remain in full force and effect.

(c) Other Agents. Nothing in this Agreement is to be interpreted as limiting the Company from employing other personnel on such terms and conditions as may be satisfactory to it.

(d) Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Company and Executive with respect to the subject matter hereof and, from and after the Effective Date, this Agreement shall supersede any other agreement (oral or written) between the Company and Executive with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(e) Governing Law. Except to the extent preempted by federal law, and without regard to conflict of laws principles, the laws of the State of Georgia shall govern this Agreement in all respects, whether as to its validity, construction, capacity, performance or otherwise.

(f) Notices. All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered or three days after mailing if mailed, first class, certified mail, postage prepaid:

To Company: Global Payments Inc.
 10 Glenlake Parkway- North Tower
 Atlanta, Georgia 30328
 Office of the Corporate Secretary

To Executive: Jeffrey Sloan
 At his current address or last known address

Any party may change the address to which notices, requests, demands and other communications shall be delivered or mailed by giving notice thereof to the other party in the same manner provided herein.

(g) Indemnification. The Company shall indemnify Executive to the maximum extent permitted under the Company's bylaws. Subject to reasonable availability of such insurance coverage and subject to applicable laws and regulations, a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy (or policies) shall be maintained, during the Employment Period and for six (6) years thereafter, providing coverage that is no less favorable to Executive than the coverage provided to any other present officer or director of the Company and, following a Change in Control, the coverage shall be no less favorable to Executive than the coverage provided as of the date of the Change in Control.

(h) Amendments and Modifications. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a writing signed by the Company and Executive, which makes specific reference to this Agreement.

(i) § 409A.

(i) The Company and Executive intend no payments to be made and no benefits to be provided under this Agreement will be subject to

taxation under § 409A of the Code and that the terms of this Agreement will be interpreted in good faith in a manner which is intended to minimize the risk that Executive will be subject to tax under § 409A of the Code with respect to any such payments or benefits, and the Company and Executive agree to cooperate fully and in good faith with one another to seek to minimize such risk.

(ii) Items eligible for expense reimbursement under the terms of this Agreement shall be reimbursed in a manner intended to qualify for an exemption under § 409A of the Code, which shall include implementing the following limitations with respect to reimbursements: (i) the amount of such expenses eligible for reimbursement in any calendar year shall not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement in another calendar year, (ii) no such reimbursement may be exchanged or liquidated for another payment or benefit, (iii) any reimbursements of such expenses shall be made as soon as practicable under the circumstances but in any event no later than the end of the calendar year following the calendar in which the related expenses were incurred and (iv) the Company's obligation to make reimbursements or to provide in-kind benefits that constitute deferred compensation under § 409A of the Code shall not extend beyond Executive's lifetime or, if later, the end of the 20 year period which starts on the Effective Date.

(iii) The Company and Executive intend that each installment of payments and benefits provided under this Agreement shall be treated as a separate identified payment for purposes of § 409A of the Code and that neither the Company nor Executive shall have the right to accelerate or defer the delivery of any such payments or benefits if a determination is made in good faith that any such acceleration or deferral would present a risk that Executive would be subject to any tax under § 409A of the Code; provided, however, if the Applicable Pay Date is the Delayed Pay Date and Executive dies before such Delayed Pay Date, then any payments or benefits due on the Delayed Pay Date will be made before the end of the 30 day period which starts on Executive's date of death or on the Delayed Pay Date, whichever comes first.

(iv) Executive acknowledges and agrees that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a guarantee or indemnity by the Company for the tax consequences to the payments and benefits called for under this Agreement, including any tax consequences under § 409A of the Code, and Executive agrees that Executive shall be responsible for paying all taxes due with respect to such payments made and benefits provided to Executive.

(j) References. All references to sections (§) in this Agreement shall be to sections (§) of this Agreement except as expressly set forth in this Agreement.

(k) Accounting Discrepancies. Executive shall be subject to any policy adopted by the Company after the Effective Date which is applicable to

senior executives of the Company generally and which requires restitution by such an executive with respect to any payment made or benefit provided to, or on behalf of, such an executive, the calculation of which is based in whole or in part on accounting discrepancies or erroneous financial information.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company and Executive hereto have duly executed and delivered this Employment Agreement as of the date first above written.

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

By: /s/ Paul R. Garcia
Name: Paul R. Garcia
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EXECUTIVE:

/s/ Jeffrey Sloan
Jeffrey Sloan

EXHIBIT A
Form of Release

This Release is granted effective as of the 30 day of March 30, 2010, by Jeffrey Sloan ("Executive") in favor of Global Payments Inc. (the "Company"). This is the Release referred to that certain Employment Agreement effective as of June 1, 2010 by and between the Company and Executive (the "Employment Agreement"). Executive gives this Release in consideration of the Company's promises and covenants as recited in the Employment Agreement, with respect to which this Release is an integral part.

1. Release of the Company. Executive, for himself, his successors, assigns, attorneys, and all those entitled to assert his rights, now and forever hereby releases and discharges the Company and its respective officers, directors, stockholders, trustees, employees, agents, parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, estates, successors, assigns and attorneys ("the Released Parties"), from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, sums of money due, suits, debts, liens, covenants, contracts, obligations, costs, expenses, damages, judgments, agreements, promises, demands, claims for attorney's fees and costs, or liabilities whatsoever, in law or in equity, which Executive ever had or now has against the Released Parties, including, without limitation, any claims arising by reason of or in any way connected with any employment relationship which existed between the Company or any of its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, or predecessors, and Executive. It is understood and agreed that this Release is intended to cover all actions, causes of action, claims or demands for any damage, loss or injury, whether known or unknown, of any nature whatsoever, including those which may be traced either directly or indirectly to the aforesaid employment relationship, or the termination of that relationship, that Executive has, had or purports to have, from the beginning of time to the date of this Release, and including but not limited to claims for employment discrimination under federal or state law, except as provided in Paragraph 2; claims arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 621, et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e), et seq., or the Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.; claims for statutory or common law wrongful discharge, claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.; claims for attorney's fees, expenses and costs; claims for defamation; claims for emotional distress; claims for wages or vacation pay; claims for benefits, including any claims arising under the Executive Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. § 1001, et seq.; and claims under any other applicable federal, state or local laws or legal concepts; provided, however, that nothing herein shall release the Company of (i) obligations to Executive to make termination payments or related Gross-Up payments under § 8 or § 10 of the Employment Agreement, (ii) any indemnification obligations to Executive under the Company's bylaws, certificate of incorporation, Delaware law or otherwise; (iii) obligations with respect to insurance coverage under any directors' and officers' liability insurance policies; (iv) any rights that Executive may have as a stockholder of the Company; or (v) vested interests in any pension plan or other benefit or deferred compensation plan.

2. Release of Claims Under Age Discrimination in Employment Act Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Executive agrees that by executing this Release, he has released and waived any and all claims he has or may have as of the date of this Release for age discrimination under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 621, et seq. Executive acknowledges and agrees Executive has been, and hereby is, advised by Company to consult with an attorney prior to executing this Release. Executive further acknowledges and agrees that Company has offered Executive the opportunity, before executing this Release, to consider this Release for a period of twenty-one (21) calendar days; and that the consideration he receives for this Release is in addition to amounts to which he was already entitled. It is further understood that this Release is not effective until seven (7) calendar days after the execution of this Release and that Executive may revoke this Release within seven (7) calendar days from the date of execution hereof.

3. Non-Admission. It is understood and agreed by Executive that the payment made to him is not to be construed as an admission of any liability whatsoever on the part of the Company or any of the other Released Parties, by whom liability is expressly denied.

4. Non-Disparagement. Executive agrees that he or she will not in any way disparage Company, its affiliated and related companies, or their current and former employees, officers, directors, agents and representatives, or make or solicit any comments, statements, or the like to the media or to others that may be considered to be derogatory or detrimental to the good name or business reputation of any of the aforementioned parties or entities. This paragraph shall not limit the rights of Executive to provide testimony pursuant to a valid subpoena or in a judicial or administrative proceeding in which Executive is required to testify or otherwise as required by law or legal process.

5. Acknowledgement and Revocation Period. Executive agrees that he has carefully read this Release and is signing it voluntarily. Executive acknowledges that he has had twenty one (21) days from receipt of this Release to review it prior to signing or that, if Executive is signing this Release prior to the expiration of such 21-day period, Executive is waiving his right to review the Release for such full 21-day period prior to signing it. Executive has the right to revoke this release within seven (7) days following the date of its execution by him. In order to revoke this Release, Executive must deliver notice of the revocation in writing to Company's General Counsel before the expiration of the seven (7) day period. However, if Executive revokes this Release within such seven (7) day period, no severance benefit will be payable to him under the Employment Agreement and he shall return to the Company any such payment received prior to that date.

6. No Revocation After Seven Days. Executive acknowledges and agrees that this Release may not be revoked at any time after the expiration of the seven (7) day revocation period and that he/she will not institute any suit, action, or proceeding, whether at law or equity, challenging the enforceability of this Release. Executive further acknowledges and agrees that, with the exception of an action to challenge the waiver of claims under the ADEA, Executive shall not ever attempt to challenge the terms of this Release, attempt to obtain an order declaring this Release to be null and void, or institute litigation against the Company or any other Releasee based upon a claim that is covered by the terms of the release contained herein, without first repaying all monies paid to him/her under § 8 of the Employment Agreement. Furthermore, with the exception of an action to challenge his waiver of claims under the ADEA, if Executive does not prevail in an action to challenge this Release, to obtain an order declaring this Release to be null and void, or in any action against the Company or any other Releasee based upon a claim that is covered by the release set forth herein, Executive shall pay to the Company and/or the appropriate Releasee all their costs and attorneys' fees incurred in their defense of Executive's action.

7. Governing Law and Severability. This Release and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. If any provision hereof is unenforceable or is held to be unenforceable, such provision shall be fully severable, and this document and its terms shall be construed and enforced as if such unenforceable provision had never comprised a part hereof, the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and the court or tribunal construing the provisions shall add as a part hereof a provision as similar in terms and effect to such unenforceable provision as may be enforceable, in lieu of the unenforceable provision.

EXECUTIVE HAS CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT CONSTITUTES A GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMPANY UNDER THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT. EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE HAS HAD A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY OR OTHER ADVISOR OF HIS CHOOSING CONCERNING HIS EXECUTION OF THIS RELEASE AND THAT HE IS SIGNING THIS RELEASE VOLUNTARILY AND WITH THE FULL INTENT OF RELEASING THE COMPANY FROM ALL SUCH CLAIMS.

/s/ Jeffrey Sloan

Jeffrey Sloan

Date: March 30, 2010

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
JAMES G. KELLY
AND
GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

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THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this 30th day of March, 2010 by and between Global Payments Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), and James G. Kelly ("Executive"), to be effective as of the Effective Date, as defined in Section 1.

BACKGROUND

As of the Effective Date of this Agreement, Executive shall serve as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company and, as of June 1, 2010, as the Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Executive and the Company desire to memorialize the terms of such employment in this Agreement. In addition, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), has determined that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to assure that the Company will have the continued dedication of Executive, notwithstanding the possibility, threat or occurrence of a Change in Control (as defined below) of the Company. As it is desired and anticipated that Executive will continue to be employed and provide services for the Company's successor for some period of time following a Change in Control, one purpose of this Agreement is to provide Executive with compensation and benefits arrangements which ensure that the compensation and benefits expectations of Executive will be satisfied and which are competitive with those of other corporations. Therefore, in order to accomplish these objectives, the Board has caused the Company to enter into this Agreement. The terms of this Agreement replace Executive's previous Employment Agreement dated June 2, 2006, as amended, and any terms that might have been contained in any prior agreement or other communication regarding Executive's employment.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Effective Date. The effective date of this Agreement (the "Effective Date") is March 30, 2010.
2. Employment. As of the Effective Date, Executive is hereby employed as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company and, as of June 1, 2010, as the Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. In each such capacity, Executive shall have the duties and responsibilities as shall be assigned to him by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (in his sole discretion) from time to time.
3. Employment Period. Subject to Section 7, Executive's initial Employment Period shall be the three (3) consecutive year period which begins on the Effective Date; provided, Executive's initial Employment Period shall automatically be extended for one additional year on the second anniversary of the Effective Date and again on each

subsequent anniversary of such date unless either the Company or Executive provides notice (in accordance with Section 17(f)) before such anniversary date that there will be no such extension. Executive's initial Employment Period and any subsequent extension of the initial Employment Period shall be referred to collectively as Executive's "Employment Period". A failure to extend Executive's Employment Period shall not be treated for any reason whatsoever as a termination of Executive's employment under Section 7.

4. Extent of Service. During the Employment Period, Executive shall render his services to the Company (or to its successor following a Change in Control) in conformity with professional standards, in a prudent and workmanlike manner and in a manner consistent with the obligations imposed on officers of corporations under applicable law. Executive shall promote the interests of the Company and its subsidiaries in carrying out Executive's duties and shall not deliberately take any action which could, or fail to take any action which failure could, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect upon the business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective affiliates. Executive agrees to devote his business time, attention, skill and efforts exclusively to the faithful performance of his duties hereunder (both before and after a Change in Control); provided, however, that it shall not be a violation of this Agreement for Executive to (i) devote reasonable periods of time to charitable and community activities and, with the approval of the Company, industry or professional activities, and/or (ii) manage or participate in personal business interests and investments, so long as such activities do not materially interfere with the performance of Executive's responsibilities under this Agreement and comply with all Company policies and codes and/or (iii) seek a Competitive Position in the Restricted Territory in accordance with the provisions of the last sentence of Section 13(c)(iv).

5. Compensation and Benefits.

(a) Base Salary. Thereafter, during the Employment Period, the Company will pay to Executive a base salary in the amount of U.S. \$600,000 per year ("Base Salary"), less normal withholdings, payable in equal bi-weekly or other installments as are customary under the Company's payroll practices from time to time. Executive's Base Salary will be reviewed periodically and, subject to approval of the Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Committee"), the Company may increase (but not decrease) Executive's Base Salary from time to time. The periodic review of Executive's salary by the Committee will consider, among other things, Executive's own performance and the Company's performance.

(b) Incentive and Savings Plans. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be entitled to participate in incentive and savings plans, practices, policies and programs applicable generally to employees of the Company. Certain executive programs will be made available on a selective basis at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, Chairman, or the Committee. Without limiting the foregoing, the following shall apply:

(i) Annual Bonus. Executive will have an annual bonus opportunity based on achievement of agreed-upon financial and performance objectives ("Bonus Opportunity"). The annual Bonus Opportunity and specific performance and financial objectives will be set forth in Executive's individual performance and incentive plan for each fiscal year. Executive's annual Bonus Opportunity shall not be less than 85% of his then current Base Salary. If Executive's annual Bonus Opportunity is increased from 85% to some higher percentage of his then current salary, then Executive's annual Bonus Opportunity thereafter shall not be less than such then current percentage. Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, Executive must be an active employee on the date the annual bonuses are paid on a Company wide basis in order to be eligible to receive any bonus payment.

(ii) Incentive Awards. From time to time, upon approval by the Committee, the Company may grant to Executive stock options, shares of restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance units, and/or other stock related grants as a long-term incentive for performance. For greater certainty, any incentive awards are granted solely in the discretion of the Company and the Committee and the Executive shall have no right to receive any such incentive awards.

(c) Welfare Benefit Plans. During the Employment Period, Executive and Executive's family shall be eligible for participation in, and shall receive all benefits under, the welfare benefit plans, practices, policies and programs provided by the Company (including, without limitation, medical, prescription, dental, disability, employee life, group life, accidental death and travel accident insurance plans and programs) ("Welfare Plans").

(d) Expenses. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be entitled to receive prompt reimbursement for all reasonable expenses incurred by Executive in accordance with the policies, practices and procedures of the Company.

(e) Additional Benefits. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be entitled to receive or participate in any additional benefits in accordance with the plans, practices, programs, eligibility requirements, and policies of the Company.

6. Change in Control. For the purposes of this Agreement, a "Change in Control" shall mean:

(a) The acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 35% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (a), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a

Change in Control: (i) any acquisition by a Person who is on the Effective Date the beneficial owner of 35% or more of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, (ii) any acquisition directly from the Company, (iii) any acquisition by the Company which reduces the number of Outstanding Company Voting Securities and thereby results in any person having beneficial ownership of more than 35% of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, (iv) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company, or (v) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction which complies with clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (b) of this Section 6; or

(b) Consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, (i) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, and (ii) no Person (excluding the Company or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such corporation resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 35% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such corporation.

7. Termination of Employment

(a) Death, Retirement or Disability. Executive's employment and the Employment Period shall terminate automatically upon Executive's death or Retirement. For purposes of this Agreement, "Retirement" shall mean normal retirement as defined in the Company's then-current retirement plan, or if there is no such retirement plan, "Retirement" shall mean voluntary termination after age 65 with ten years of service. If the Company determines in good faith that the Disability of Executive has occurred (pursuant to the definition of Disability set forth below), the Company may give to Executive written notice of its intention to terminate Executive's employment. In such event, Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate effective on the 30th day after receipt of such written notice by Executive (the "Disability Effective Date"), provided that, within the 30 days after such receipt, Executive shall not have returned to full-time performance of Executive's duties. For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" shall mean the inability of Executive, as determined by the Committee, to

substantially perform the essential functions of his regular duties and responsibilities with or without a reasonable accommodation due to a medically determinable physical or mental illness which has lasted (or can reasonably be expected to last) for a substantially continuous period of at least six consecutive months.

(b) Termination by the Company. The Company may terminate Executive's employment with or without Cause. For purposes of this Agreement "Cause" shall mean (in the reasonable determination of the Company):

(i) the failure of Executive to perform substantially Executive's duties with the Company (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness, and specifically excluding any failure by Executive to meet performance expectations), after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to Executive by the Chief Executive Officer, the Chairman, or the Committee which specifically identifies the manner in which such Committee or officer believes that Executive has not substantially performed Executive's duties and which has not been cured to the satisfaction of such person or the Committee within the cure period designated in the written demand delivered to Executive, or

(ii) any act of fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement or similar dishonest or wrongful act by Executive, including, without limitation, any violation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act or similar laws or legal standards, but excluding for this purpose any non-criminal violation of Sarbanes-Oxley or similar laws or legal standards that has no adverse impact on the Company or its reputation and does not involve dishonesty or render Executive ineligible for any licensing, bonding or insurance coverage or for employment or engagement in any Company work or activity; or

(iii) Executive's abuse of alcohol, prescription drugs or any substance which materially interferes with Executive's ability to perform Executive's duties and responsibilities under this Agreement or Executive's use of illegal drugs; or

(iv) Executive's violation of any laws, agreements or Company policies or codes prohibiting employment discrimination, harassment, conflicts of interest, retaliation, competition with the Company, solicitation of Company customers or employees on behalf of anyone other than Company, improper use or disclosure of Trade Secrets, Confidential Information or other proprietary information of the Company; or

(v) Executive's conviction for, or plea of guilty *ornolo contendere* to, a felony; or

(vi) Executive's failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, including but not limited to the provisions of Sections 10 and 13 hereunder.

(c) Resignation by Executive.

(i) For the time period from the Effective Date through the date that is ninety days after the Effective Date, Executive may resign for any reason or no reason; provided, however, that no resignation pursuant to a Notice of Termination delivered during such period shall be considered a resignation for Good Reason (as defined below), regardless of whether any such events of Good Reason shall have occurred. Any resignation referred to above shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 8(e). Notwithstanding the foregoing, during such time period the Company shall not change its reporting structure such that Executive no longer reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company or the Chairman of the Board, reduce Executive's Base Salary, reduce Executive's Bonus Opportunity below the minimum defined in Section 5(b)(i), reduce the benefits pursuant to the Welfare Plans (unless a similar reduction is made in the benefits of similarly-situated senior executives), fail to comply with and satisfy Section 16(c) of this Agreement, or require that Executive be based in any office or location other than in the greater metropolitan area of Atlanta, Georgia. If Executive believes that the Company has breached any of the foregoing provisions, he shall provide written notice. The Company shall not be considered in breach of the foregoing unless it has not cured any such breach within ten days of receipt of such written notice.

(ii) For the time period from the 91st day after the Effective Date ("Earliest Notice Date") through the first anniversary of the Effective Date (the "First Anniversary Date"), Executive may resign for any reason or no reason, and any resignation pursuant to a 30-day Notice of Termination delivered during such period shall entitle Executive to the benefits set forth in Section 8(a) of this Agreement.

(iii) After the First Anniversary Date, Executive may resign for any reason or no reason, including without limitation, for Good Reason. For purposes of this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events after the First Anniversary Date, without the written consent of Executive:

(A) the assignment to Executive to a position (a) materially different from Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer or (b) to which he is not the Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of a publicly traded corporation having a class of securities registered pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; which assignment is not rescinded within ten (10) days after the Company receives written notice from Executive that he believes that the assignment constitutes Good Reason and that he intends to resign if it is not rescinded; or

(B) the Company changes its reporting structure such that Executive no longer reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company or the Chairman of the Board; or

(C) a reduction by the Company: (a) in Executive's Base Salary as in effect on the Effective Date or as the same may be increased from time to time; or (b) in Executive's Bonus Opportunity below the minimum defined in Section 5(b)(i); or

(c) in the benefits pursuant to the Welfare Plans (unless a similar reduction is made in the benefits of similarly-situated senior executives), and which reduction set forth in (a), (b), or (c) above is not rescinded within ten (10) days after the Company receives written notice from Executive that he believes that the reduction constitutes Good Reason and that he intends to resign if it is not rescinded; or

(D) any failure by the Company to comply with and satisfy Section 16(c) of this Agreement; or

(E) a requirement that Executive be based in any office or location other than in the greater metropolitan area of Atlanta, Georgia.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no event or act or omission shall constitute "Good Reason" under this Section 7(c)(iii) unless (i) Executive in accordance with Section 17(f) provides notice of such event or act or omission to the Company no later than 30 days after Executive has knowledge of such event or act or omission, (ii) the Company fails to remedy such event or act or omission with 30 days of the receipt of such notice (the "Cure Period"), and (iii) failing such cure by the Company, Executive delivers a Notice of Termination no later than 90 days after the end of the Cure Period.

(d) Notice of Termination. Any termination by the Company or resignation by Executive shall be communicated by Notice of Termination to the other party hereto given in accordance with Section 17(f) of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, a "Notice of Termination" means a written notice which (i) indicates the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, (ii) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of Executive's employment under the provision so indicated, and (iii) subject to Section 7(e) below, specifies the applicable termination date. The failure by Executive or the Company to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance which contributes to a showing of Good Reason or Cause shall not waive any right of Executive or the Company, respectively, hereunder or preclude Executive or the Company, respectively, from asserting such fact or circumstance in enforcing Executive's or the Company's rights hereunder.

(e) Date of Termination. "Date of Termination" means (i) if Executive resigns pursuant to the provisions of Sections 7(c)(i), 7(c)(ii), or 7(c)(iii), the date that is 30 days after the Notice of Termination, provided that the Company may specify any earlier Date of Termination, (ii) if Executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than by reason of Disability, the date of receipt of the Notice of Termination, or any later date specified therein, or (iii) if Executive's employment is terminated by reason of death, Disability or Retirement, the Date of Termination will be the date of death or Retirement, or the Disability Effective Date, as the case may be.

8. Obligations of the Company upon Termination.

(a) Prior to a Change in Control: Notice of Resignation Given by Executive During the Time Period between the Earliest Notice Date and the First Anniversary Date, or Termination by the Company Other Than for Cause or Disability on or before the First Anniversary Date. If, prior to a Change in Control or prior to a Termination by the Company for Cause, the Company shall terminate Executive's employment other than for Cause or Disability on or before the First Anniversary Date or Executive shall deliver a Notice of Termination (for any reason or no reason) between the Earliest Termination Date and the First Anniversary Date (inclusive of such dates), then (and with respect to the payments and benefits described in clauses (ii) through (x) below, only if Executive has complied with the provisions of this Agreement, including but not limited to the provisions of Sections 10 and 13, and only if within 60 days after the Date of Termination Executive shall have executed the Release and the applicable revocation period shall have expired:

(i) the Company shall pay to Executive in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination the sum of Executive's Base Salary through the Date of Termination to the extent not theretofore paid ("Accrued Obligations"), and

(ii) on the first day of the seventh month after the Date of Termination (the "Six-Month Pay Date"), the Company shall pay Executive a lump sum equal to the amount of Executive's Base Salary from the Date of Termination until the Six-Month Pay Date; provided, however, that the Company shall have no obligation to make such payment if Executive has violated any of the Restrictive Covenants (as defined in Section 13 of this Agreement) and failed to remedy such violation to the satisfaction of the Committee within 10 days of notice of such violation or if Executive has violated the provisions Section 10 of this Agreement. If Executive has performed services of any kind for any Competing Person or for any Person who has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary who is a Competing Person between the Date of Termination and the Six-Month Pay Date, then the amount otherwise due shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days that elapsed from the Date of Termination until his first date of service for such Person (which cannot exceed 180) and the denominator of which is 180; and

(iii) thereafter, for up to twelve (12) additional months following the Six-Month Pay Date, the Company will continue to pay Executive an amount equal to his monthly Base Salary, payable in equal monthly or more frequent installments as are customary under the Company's payroll practices from time to time; provided, however that the Company's obligation to make or continue such payments shall cease if Executive violates any of the Restrictive Covenants (as defined in Section 13 of this Agreement) and fails to remedy such violation to the satisfaction of the Committee within 10 days of notice of such violation, if Executive violates Section 10 of this Agreement, or if Executive performs services of any kind for any Competing Person or for any Person who has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary who is a Competing Person; and

(iv) for a period of eighteen (18) months after the Date of Termination, Executive shall have the right to elect continuation of health care coverage under the Company's group health plan in accordance with "COBRA," and the Company shall pay (and report as taxable income to Executive) all premiums for such COBRA coverage for Executive and his covered dependents for the eighteen (18) month period, *provided, however*, that the obligation of the Company to pay the cost for such COBRA coverage shall terminate upon Executive's obtaining other employment to the extent that such health care coverage is provided by the new employer; and

(v) unless already paid, the Company shall pay to Executive, on the later of the Six-Month Pay Date or the normal payment date for the 2010 bonus payments, the amount of his fiscal year 2010 bonus, to the extent earned based on actual performance through the end of the performance period as if Executive had remained employed during the entire performance period provided that such bonus shall be paid only if the pre-established performance targets are in fact certified by the Committee in the ordinary course to have been met on a basis consistent with the Chief Executive Officer and the other senior executives under the senior executive compensation plan (the "Plan"); and

(vi) the Company shall pay to Executive, on the later of the Six-Month Pay Date or the normal payment date for such bonus payments, a pro-rated bonus with respect to the 2011 performance period if commenced prior to the Date of Termination (such bonus shall be calculated based on actual performance through the end of the performance period and then multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of full months in the fiscal year preceding the Date of Termination and the denominator of which is 12; provided that such bonus shall be paid only if the pre-established performance targets are in fact certified by the Committee in the ordinary course to have been met on a basis consistent with the Chief Executive Officer and the other senior executives under the Plan; and

(vii) all grants of restricted stock of the Company ("Restricted Stock") held by Executive as of the Effective Date will become immediately vested as of the Date of Termination; and

(viii) any other performance-based incentive awards held by Executive as of the Effective Date shall continue in effect until the normal payment date for such awards, at which time such awards will be paid out, on the later of (a) the normal payment date for such awards or (b) the Six Month Pay Date, based on actual performance through the end of the applicable performance period as if Executive had remained employed during the entire performance period; provided that such award shall be made only if the pre-established performance targets are in fact certified by the Committee in the ordinary course to have been met on a basis consistent with the Chief Executive Officer and the other senior executives under the Plan. If there are any other performance-based incentive awards granted to Executive after the Effective Date, such awards shall continue in effect until the normal payment date for such awards, at which time such awards will be paid out, on the later of (a) the normal payment date for such

awards or (b) the Six Month Pay Date, on a pro-rated basis equal to (i) the award Executive would have earned, if any, based on actual financial performance through the end of the applicable performance period as if Executive had remained employed during the entire performance period, times (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of full months in the performance period preceding the Date of Termination and the denominator of which is the number of full months in the performance period; provided that such award shall be made only if the pre-established performance targets are in fact certified by the Committee in the ordinary course to have been met on a basis consistent with the Chief Executive Officer and the other senior executives under the Plan; and

(ix) all of Executive's options to acquire Common Stock of the Company ("Options") that were granted prior to the Effective Date and would have become vested (by lapse of time) following the Date of Termination had Executive remained employed during such period will become immediately vested as of the Date of Termination; and

(x) all of Executive's vested but unexercised Options as of the Date of Termination (including those with accelerated vesting pursuant to Section 8(a)(ix) above) shall remain exercisable through the earlier of (A) the original expiration date of the Option, (B) the 13-month anniversary date of the Date of Termination, or (C) the date that is the 10th anniversary of the original date of grant of the Option; and

(xi) to the extent not theretofore paid or provided, the Company shall timely pay or provide to Executive any other amounts or benefits required to be paid or provided or which Executive is eligible to receive otherwise than under this Agreement under any plan, program, policy or practice or contract or agreement of the Company (such other amounts and benefits shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Other Benefits").

(b) Prior to a Change in Control: Resignation by Executive for Good Reason after the First Anniversary Date; Termination by the Company Other Than for Cause or Disability after the First Anniversary Date. If, prior to a Change in Control, the Company shall terminate Executive's employment other than for Cause or Disability after the First Anniversary Date or Executive shall deliver a Notice of Termination for Good Reason after the First Anniversary Date, then (and with respect to the payments and benefits described in clauses (ii) through (ix) below, only if Executive has complied with the provisions of this Agreement, including but not limited to the provisions of Sections 10 and 13 and only if within 60 days after the Date of Termination Executive shall have executed the Release and the applicable revocation period shall have expired):

(i) the Company shall pay to Executive the Accrued Obligations in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination to the extent not theretofore paid, and

(ii) on the Six-Month Pay Date, the Company shall pay Executive a lump sum equal to the amount of Executive's Base Salary from the Date of Termination

until the Six-Month Pay Date; provided, however, that the Company shall have no obligation to make such payment if Executive has violated any of the Restrictive Covenants (as defined in Section 13 of this Agreement) and failed to remedy such violation to the satisfaction of the Committee within 10 days of notice of such violation or has violated the provisions of Section 10 of this Agreement. If Executive has performed services of any kind for any Competing Person or for any Person who has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary who is a Competing Person between the Date of Termination and the Six-Month Pay Date, then the amount otherwise due shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days that elapsed from the Date of Termination until his first date of service for such Person (which cannot exceed 180) and the denominator of which is 180; and

(iii) thereafter, for up to twelve (12) additional months following the Six-Month Pay Date, the Company will continue to pay Executive an amount equal to his monthly Base Salary, payable in equal monthly or more frequent installments as are customary under the Company's payroll practices from time to time; provided, however, that the Company's obligation to make or continue such payments shall cease if Executive violates any of the Restrictive Covenants (as defined in Section 13 of this Agreement) and fails to remedy such violation to the satisfaction of the Committee within 10 days of notice of such violation or violates the provisions of Section 10 of this Agreement or if Executive performs services of any kind for any Competing Person or for any Person who has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary who is a Competing Person; and

(iv) for a period of eighteen (18) months after the Date of Termination, Executive shall have the right to elect continuation of health care coverage under the Company's group health plan in accordance with "COBRA," and the Company shall pay (and report as taxable income to Executive) all premiums for such COBRA coverage for Executive and his covered dependents for the eighteen (18) month period, *provided, however*, that the obligation of the Company to pay the cost for such COBRA coverage shall terminate upon Executive's obtaining other employment to the extent that such health care coverage is provided by the new employer; and

(v) the Company shall pay to Executive, on the later of the Six-Month Pay Date or the normal payment date for such bonus payments, a pro-rated annual bonus with respect to any ongoing annual bonus performance period that commenced prior to the Date of Termination (such bonus shall be calculated based on actual performance through the end of the performance period and then multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of full months in the fiscal year preceding the Date of Termination and the denominator of which is 12; provided that such bonus shall be paid only if the pre-established performance targets are in fact certified by the Committee in the ordinary course to have been met on a basis consistent with the Chief Executive Officer and the other senior executives under the Plan; and

(vi) all grants of Restricted Stock held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will become immediately vested as of the Date of Termination; and

(vii) any other performance-based incentive awards held by Executive on the Date of Termination shall continue in effect until the normal payment date for such awards, at which time such awards will be paid out, on the later of (a) the normal payment date for such awards or (b) the Six Month Pay Date, on a pro-rated basis equal to (i) the award Executive would have earned, if any, based on actual financial performance through the end of the applicable performance period as if Executive had remained employed during the entire performance period, times (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of full months in the performance period preceding the Date of Termination and the denominator of which is the number of full months in the performance period; provided that such award shall be made only if the pre-established performance targets are in fact certified by the Committee in the ordinary course to have been met on a basis consistent with the Chief Executive Officer and the other senior executives under the Plan; and

(viii) all of Executive's Options that would have become vested (by lapse of time) within the 24-month period following the Date of Termination had Executive remained employed during such period will become immediately vested as of the Date of Termination; and

(ix) all of Executive's vested but unexercised Options as of the Date of Termination (including those with accelerated vesting pursuant to Section 8(a) (viii) above) shall remain exercisable through the earlier of (A) the original expiration date of the Option, (B) the 90th day following the Date of Termination, or (C) the date that is the 10th anniversary of the original date of grant of the Option; and

(x) to the extent not theretofore paid or provided, the Company shall timely pay or provide to Executive his Other Benefits.

(c) After or in Connection with a Change in Control: Resignation by Executive for Good Reason after the First Anniversary Date: Termination by the Company Other Than for Cause or Disability. If there occurs a Change in Control and, within 36 months following such Change in Control (or if Executive can reasonably show that such termination by the Company was in anticipation of the Change in Control), the Company shall terminate Executive's employment other than for Cause or Disability, or Executive shall terminate employment for Good Reason after the First Anniversary Date, then (and with respect to the payments and benefits described in clauses (ii) through (ix) below, only if within 60 days after the Date of Termination Executive shall have executed the Release and the applicable revocation period shall have expired):

(i) the Company (or its successor) shall pay to Executive the Accrued Obligations in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination to the extent not theretofore paid; and

(ii) on the Six-Month Pay Date, the Company (or its successor) shall pay Executive a lump sum equal to the amount of Executive's Base Salary from the Date of Termination until the Six-Month Pay Date; provided, however, that the Company shall have no obligation to make such payment if Executive has violated any of the Restrictive Covenants (as defined in Section 13 of this Agreement) and failed to remedy such violation to the satisfaction of the Committee within 10 days of notice of such violation; and

(iii) thereafter, for up to eighteen (18) additional months after the Six-Month Pay Date, the Company (or its successor) will continue to pay Executive an amount equal to his monthly Base Salary, payable in equal monthly or more frequent installments as are customary under the Company's payroll practices from time to time; provided, however, that the Company's obligation to make or continue such payments shall cease if Executive violates any of the Restrictive Covenants (as defined in Section 13 of this Agreement) and fails to remedy such violation to the satisfaction of the Committee within 10 days of notice of such violation; and

(iv) for a period of eighteen (18) months after the Date of Termination, Executive shall have the right to elect continuation of health care coverage under the Company's group health plan in accordance with "COBRA," and the Company shall pay (and report as taxable income to Executive) all premiums for such COBRA coverage for Executive and his covered dependents for the eighteen (18) month period, *provided, however*, that that the obligation of the Company to pay the cost for such COBRA coverage shall terminate upon Executive's obtaining other employment to the extent that such health care coverage is provided by the new employer; and

(v) on the Six-Month Payment Date, the Company shall pay Executive a lump sum bonus for the year in which the Date of Termination occurs in an amount equal to 100% of Executive's then current target Bonus Opportunity; and

(vi) all grants of Restricted Stock held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will become immediately vested as of the Date of Termination; and

(vii) any other performance-based incentive awards held by Executive as of the Date of Termination shall continue in effect until the normal payment date for such awards, at which time such awards will be paid out, on the later of (a) the normal payment date for such awards or (b) the Six Month Pay Date, on a pro-rated basis equal to (i) the award Executive would have earned, if any, based on actual financial performance through the end of the applicable performance period as if Executive had remained employed during the entire performance period, times (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of full months in the performance period preceding the Date of termination and the denominator of which is the number of full months in the performance period; provided that such award shall be made only if the pre-established performance targets are in fact certified by the Committee in the ordinary course to have been met on a basis consistent with the Chief Executive Officer and the other senior executives under the Plan; and

(viii) all of Executive's Options held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will become immediately vested and exercisable as of the Date of Termination; and

(ix) all of Executive's vested but unexercised Options as of the Date of Termination (including those with accelerated vesting pursuant to the Section 8(c) (viii) above) shall remain exercisable through the earlier of (A) the original expiration date of the Option, (B) the 90th day following the Date of Termination, or (C) the date that is the 10th anniversary of the original date of grant of the Option; and

(x) to the extent not theretofore paid or provided, the Company shall timely pay or provide to Executive his Other Benefits.

(d) Death, Disability or Retirement. If Executive's employment terminates due to Executive's death, Disability or Retirement, then:

(i) all grants of Restricted Stock held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will become immediately vested as of the Date of Termination; and

(ii) in the case of termination on account of Retirement only, any performance-based equity incentive awards held by Executive as of the Date of Termination shall continue in effect until the normal payment date for such awards, and the Company shall deliver to Executive, on the later of (a) the normal payment date for such awards or (b) the Six Month Pay Date, the number of shares of common stock equal to the number of shares that would have been awarded, if any, based on actual performance through the end of the applicable performance period as if Executive had remained employed during the entire performance period; provided that such award shall be made only if the pre-established performance targets are in fact certified by the Committee in the ordinary course to have been met on a basis consistent with the Chief Executive Officer and the other senior executives under the Plan and

(iii) in the case of termination on account of death or Disability only, any performance-based equity incentive awards held by Executive as of the Date of Termination shall vest at the target level on the Date of Termination, and the Company shall deliver to Executive or Executive's beneficiary, as applicable, on the later of (a) the normal payment date for such awards or (b) the Six Month Pay Date, fully vested common stock equal to the number of shares that would have been awarded assuming the performance goals had been reached at target levels; and

(iv) all Options held by Executive as of the Date of Termination will become immediately vested and exercisable as of the Date of Termination and shall remain exercisable through the earliest of (A) the original expiration date of the Option, (B) the 90th day following the Date of Termination or such longer period as specified in the plan document governing the applicable award, or (C) the date that is the 10th anniversary of the original date of grant of the Option; and

(v) for a period of eighteen (18) months after the Date of Termination Executive shall have the right to elect continuation of healthcare coverage under the Company's group plan (if allowed by the plan) in accordance with "COBRA" provided Executive shall pay the entire cost of such coverage.

Except as set forth above and regardless of whether or not a Change in Control shall have occurred, if Executive's employment is terminated by reason of Executive's death, Disability or Retirement, this Agreement shall terminate without further obligations to Executive or his estate or legal representatives under this Agreement, other than for payment of Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or provision of Other Benefits. Accrued Obligations shall be paid to Executive's estate or beneficiary, as applicable, in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination. With respect to the provision of Other Benefits, the term Other Benefits as used in this Section 8(d) shall include, without limitation, and Executive or his estate and/or beneficiaries shall be entitled to receive, benefits under such plans, programs, practices and policies relating to death, disability or retirement benefits, if any, as are applicable to Executive on the Date of Termination.

(e) Cause, Voluntary Termination, Resignation without Good Reason, or Resignation in Accordance with Section 7(c)(i) Regardless of whether or not a Change in Control shall have occurred, if Executive's employment shall be terminated for Cause, or if Executive terminates employment (a) in accordance with Section 7(c)(i) or prior to July 31, 2010 (except as expressly waived in writing by the Company), (b) not pursuant to the provisions of Section 7(c)(ii), or (c) without Good Reason after the First Anniversary Date, or if Executive fails to comply with the provisions of this Agreement (including but not limited to the provisions of Sections 10 and 13), this Agreement shall terminate without further obligations to Executive, other than for payment of Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or provision of Other Benefits. Accrued Obligations shall be paid to Executive's estate or beneficiary, as applicable, in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination. For a period of eighteen (18) months after the Date of Termination, Executive shall have the right to elect continuation of healthcare coverage under the Company's group plan in accordance with "COBRA" provided Executive shall pay the entire cost of such coverage (except as otherwise expressly provided hereunder).

(f) Limited Exclusion for Private Equity Firms For purposes of Section 8(a)(ii), 8(a)(iii), 8(b)(ii), and 8(b)(iii), the term "Person who has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary who is a Competing Person" shall exclude a private equity firm having an investment in a Competing Person provided that Executive can demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company's Chief Executive Officer that (i) Executive's services for such private equity firm are not in any way related to the private equity firm's investment in such Competing Person, (ii) Executive receives no information about the activities of such Competing Person, and (iii) Executive shares no information about Competitive Services with anyone at such private equity firm or such Competing Person.

9. Non-exclusivity of Rights. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent or limit Executive's continuing or future participation in any plan, program, policy or practice provided by the Company and for which Executive may qualify, nor, subject to Section 17(d), shall anything herein limit or otherwise affect such rights as Executive may have under any contract or agreement with the Company. Amounts which are vested benefits or which Executive is otherwise entitled to receive under any plan, policy, practice or program of or any contract or agreement with the Company at or subsequent to the Date of Termination shall be payable in accordance with such plan, policy, practice or program or contract or agreement except as explicitly modified by this Agreement.

10. Stock Retention. During the 90-day period following the Effective Date and subject to all applicable laws and to the Company's trading policies, Executive shall only be allowed to sell, pledge, encumber or otherwise transfer 100,000 shares of Company stock in total but not more than 50,000 shares in any one month period; provided, however, that the Company may withhold shares or Executive may sell shares in an amount sufficient to cover statutory tax withholding requirements in connection with the vesting, exercise or settlement of equity-based awards. From the end of such 90-day period until the earlier of (a) the date Executive is no longer employed by the Company and (b) the First Anniversary Date, Executive may sell or otherwise dispose of up to 10,000 of his shares per month. The amounts set forth above are cumulative.

11. Costs of Enforcement. Unless otherwise provided by the arbitrator(s) in an arbitration proceeding pursuant to Section 14 hereof, in any action taken in good faith relating to the enforcement of this Agreement or any provision herein, Executive shall be entitled to be paid any and all costs and expenses incurred by him in enforcing or establishing his rights thereunder, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, whether suit be brought or not, and whether or not incurred in trial, bankruptcy or appellate proceedings, but only if Executive is successful on at least one material issue raised in the enforcement proceeding. Any costs or expenses that otherwise meet the requirements for reimbursement under this Section 11 shall be reimbursed within 60 days of submission by Executive for a request for reimbursement, but in no event later than the last day of Executive's taxable year following the taxable year in which the Employee becomes entitled to such reimbursement by reason of being successful on at least one material issue (provided a request for reimbursement has been made).

12. Representations and Warranties. Executive hereby represents and warrants to the Company that Executive is not a party to, or otherwise subject to, any covenant not to compete with any person or entity, and Executive's execution of this Agreement and performance of his obligations hereunder will not violate the terms or conditions of any contract or obligation, written or oral, between Executive and any other person or entity.

13. Restrictions on Conduct of Executive.

(a) General. Executive and the Company understand and agree that the purpose of the provisions of this Section 13 is to protect legitimate business interests of the Company, as more fully described below, and is not intended to eliminate Executive's post-employment competition with the Company per se, nor is it intended to impair or infringe upon Executive's right to work, earn a living, or acquire and possess property from the fruits of his labor. Executive hereby acknowledges that the post-employment restrictions set forth in this Section 13 are reasonable and that they do not, and will not, unduly impair his ability to earn a living after the termination of this Agreement. Therefore, subject to the limitations of reasonableness imposed by law, Executive shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in this Section 13. For the purposes of this Section 13, "Company" shall be deemed to include Company and all its parents, affiliates, and subsidiaries.

(b) Definitions. The following terms used in this Section 13 (and elsewhere in the Agreement) shall have the meanings assigned to them below, which definitions shall apply to both the singular and the plural forms of such terms:

"Competitive Position" means any employment with a Competitor in which Executive has duties for such Competitor that relate to Competitive Services and that are the same or similar to those services actually performed by Executive for the Company.

"Competitive Services" means the provision of products and services to facilitate or assist with the movement in electronic commerce of payment and financial information, merchant acquiring, merchant processing, credit and debit transaction processing, check guarantee and verification, electronic authorization and capture, terminal management services, purchase card services, financial electronic data interchange, and cash management services but shall exclude card issuing services, pre-paid card issuing services, and gift card issuing services.

"Competing Person" is any Person engaged in Competitive Services either directly or through any parent, affiliate, subsidiary, joint venture, partnership, limited liability company, association or other entity or enterprise.

"Competitor" means any of the following companies, all of whom engage in Competitive Services (and all of their parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates who engage in Competitive Services) and all of the successors in interest to any of the foregoing: TSYS Acquiring Solutions, Chase Paymentech Solutions, First Data Corporation, Total System Services, Inc., Fifth Third Processing Solutions, Wells Fargo Merchant Services, Heartland Payment Systems, First National Merchant Solutions, RBS Llynk, Royal Bank of Scotland, TransFirst Holdings, iPayment, BA Merchant Services, NPC, Elavon Merchant Services, Alliance Data, and Moneris Solutions.

"Confidential Information" means all information regarding the Company, its activities, business or clients that is the subject of reasonable efforts by the Company to maintain its confidentiality and that is not generally disclosed by practice or

authority to persons not employed by the Company, but that does not rise to the level of a Trade Secret. "Confidential Information" shall include, but is not limited to, financial plans and data concerning the Company; management planning information; business plans; operational methods; market studies; marketing plans or strategies; product development techniques or plans; lists of current or prospective customers; details of customer contracts; current and anticipated customer requirements; past, current and planned research and development; business acquisition plans; and new personnel acquisition plans. "Confidential Information" shall not include information that has become generally available to the public by the act of one who has the right to disclose such information without violating any right or privilege of the Company. This definition shall not limit any definition of "confidential information" or any equivalent term under state or federal law.

"Determination Date" means the date of termination of Executive's employment with the Company for any reason whatsoever or any earlier date of an alleged breach of the Restrictive Covenants by Executive.

"Person" means any individual or any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, association or other entity or enterprise.

"Principal or Representative" means a principal, owner, partner, shareholder, joint venturer, investor, member, trustee, director, officer, manager, employee, agent, representative or consultant.

"Protected Customers" means any Person (a) to whom the Company has sold or provided its products or services during the twelve (12) months prior to the Determination Date, including without limitation any independent sales organization who is a party to a Merchant Services Agreement or other agreement with the Company during the twelve (12) months prior to the Determination Date.

"Protected Employees" means employees of the Company who were employed by the Company at any time within six (6) months prior to the Determination Date.

"Restricted Period" means the Employment Period and a period extending two (2) years from the termination of Executive's employment with the Company.

"Restricted Territory" means the States of California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and Massachusetts.

"Restrictive Covenants" means the restrictive covenants contained in Section 13(c) hereof.

“Sales Agents” means any Person (a) who is an independent sales organization who is a party to a Merchant Services Agreement or other agreement with the Company during the twelve (12) months prior to the Determination Date or (b) who is or was an independent sales representative or referral source with whom the Company has a contract during the twelve (12) months prior to the Determination Date.

“Trade Secret” means all information, without regard to form, including, but not limited to, technical or non-technical data, a formula, a pattern, a compilation, a program, a device, a method, a technique, a drawing, a process, financial data, financial plans, product plans, distribution lists or a list of actual or potential customers, advertisers or suppliers which is not commonly known by or available to the public and which information: (A) derives economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (B) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy. Without limiting the foregoing, Trade Secret means any item of Confidential Information that constitutes a “trade secret(s)” under the common law or applicable state law.

(c) Restrictive Covenants.

(i) Restriction on Disclosure and Use of Confidential Information and Trade Secrets Executive understands and agrees that the Confidential Information and Trade Secrets constitute valuable assets of the Company and its affiliated entities, and may not be converted to Executive’s own use. Accordingly, Executive hereby agrees that Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, at any time during the Employment Period or during the two (2) years immediately following the end of the Employment Period for any reason reveal, divulge, or disclose to any Person not expressly authorized by the Company any Confidential Information, and Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, at any time during the Employment Period or during the two (2) years immediately following the end of the Employment Period for any reason use or make use of any Confidential Information in connection with any business activity other than that of the Company. Throughout the term of this Agreement and at all times after the date that this Agreement terminates for any reason, Executive shall not directly or indirectly transmit or disclose any Trade Secret of the Company to any Person, and shall not make use of any such Trade Secret, directly or indirectly, for himself or for others, without the prior written consent of the Company. The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is not intended to, and does not, alter either the Company’s rights or Executive’s obligations under any state or federal statutory or common law regarding trade secrets and unfair trade practices.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, Executive shall not be restricted from disclosing or using Confidential Information that is required to be disclosed by law, court order or other legal process; provided, however, that in the event disclosure is required by law, Executive shall provide the Company with prompt notice of such requirement so that the Company may seek an appropriate protective order prior to any such required disclosure by Executive.

(ii) Non-solicitation of Protected Employees. Executive understands and agrees that the relationship between the Company and each of its Protected Employees and Sales Agents constitutes a valuable asset of the Company and may not be converted to Executive's own use. Accordingly, Executive hereby agrees that during the Restricted Period Executive shall not directly or indirectly on Executive's own behalf or as a Principal or Representative of any Person or otherwise solicit or induce any Protected Employee with whom Executive worked or otherwise had material contact through his employment with the Company to terminate his or her employment relationship with the Company or to enter into employment with any other Person. Executive also agrees that during the Restricted Period Executive shall not directly or indirectly on Executive's own behalf or as a Principal or Representative of any Person or otherwise solicit or induce any Sales Agent with whom Executive worked or otherwise had Material Contact (as defined in Section 13(e)(iii)) through his employment with the Company to terminate his or her arrangement with the Company or to enter into an arrangement with any other Person for the purpose of providing or selling Competitive Services.

(iii) Restriction on Relationships with Protected Customers Executive understands and agrees that the relationship between the Company and each of its Protected Customers constitutes a valuable asset of the Company and may not be converted to Executive's own use. Accordingly, Executive hereby agrees that, during the Restricted Period, Executive shall not, without the prior written consent of the Company, directly or indirectly, on Executive's own behalf or as a Principal or Representative of any Person, solicit, divert, take away or attempt to solicit, divert or take away a Protected Customer for the purpose of providing or selling Competitive Services; provided, however, that the prohibition of this covenant shall apply only to Protected Customers with whom Executive had Material Contact on the Company's behalf during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the termination of his employment hereunder. For purposes of this Agreement, Executive had "Material Contact" with a Protected Customer or Sales Agent if (a) he had business dealings with the Protected Customer or Sales Agent on the Company's behalf or (b) he was responsible for supervising or coordinating the dealings between the Company and the Protected Customer or Sales Agent.

(iv) Non-competition with the Company. The parties acknowledge: (A) that Executive's services under this Agreement require special expertise and talent in the provision of Competitive Services and that Executive will have substantial contacts with customers, suppliers, advertisers and vendors of the Company; (B) that pursuant to this Agreement, Executive will be placed in a position of trust and responsibility and he will have access to a substantial amount of Confidential Information and Trade Secrets and that the Company is placing him in such position and giving him access to such information in reliance upon his agreement not to compete with the Company during the Restricted Period; (C) that due to his management duties, Executive will be the repository of a substantial portion of the goodwill of the Company and would have an unfair advantage in competing with the Company; (D) that due to Executive's special experience and talent, the loss of Executive's services to the Company under this

Agreement cannot reasonably or adequately be compensated solely by damages in an action at law; (E) that Executive is capable of competing with the Company; and (F) that Executive is capable of obtaining gainful, lucrative and desirable employment that does not violate the restrictions contained in this Agreement. In consideration of the compensation and benefits being paid and to be paid by the Company to Executive hereunder, Executive hereby agrees that, during the Restricted Period, Executive will not, without prior written consent of the Company, directly or indirectly seek or obtain a Competitive Position in the Restricted Territory; provided, however, that the provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed to prohibit the ownership by Executive of any securities of the Company or its affiliated entities or not more than five percent (5%) of any class of securities of any corporation having a class of securities registered pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the period between the Effective Date and 30 days after the First Anniversary Date, the provisions of this Section 13(c)(iv) will not prohibit Executive from seeking or obtaining a Competitive Position in the Restricted Territory.

(d) Enforcement of Restrictive Covenants.

(i) Rights and Remedies Upon Breach. In the event Executive breaches, or threatens to commit a breach of, any of the provisions of the Restrictive Covenants, the Company shall have the following rights and remedies, which shall be independent of any others and severally enforceable, and shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other rights and remedies available to the Company at law or in equity:

(A) the right and remedy to enjoin, preliminarily and permanently, Executive from violating or threatening to violate the Restrictive Covenants and to have the Restrictive Covenants specifically enforced by any court of competent jurisdiction, it being agreed that any breach or threatened breach of the Restrictive Covenants would cause irreparable injury to the Company and that money damages would not provide an adequate remedy to the Company; and

(B) the right and remedy to require Executive to account for and pay over to the Company all compensation, profits, monies, accruals, increments or other benefits derived or received by Executive as the result of any transactions constituting a breach of the Restrictive Covenants.

(ii) Severability of Covenants. Executive acknowledges and agrees that the Restrictive Covenants are reasonable and valid in time and scope and in all other respects. The covenants set forth in this Agreement shall be considered and construed as separate and independent covenants. Should any part or provision of any covenant be held invalid, void or unenforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, voidness or unenforceability shall not render invalid, void or unenforceable any other part or provision of this Agreement. If any portion of the foregoing provisions is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction because its duration, the

territory, the definition of activities or the definition of information covered is considered to be invalid or unreasonable in scope, the invalid or unreasonable term shall be redefined, or a new enforceable term provided, such that the intent of the Company and Executive in agreeing to the provisions of this Agreement will not be impaired and the provision in question shall be enforceable to the fullest extent of the applicable laws.

This Section 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. Arbitration. Any claim or dispute arising under this Agreement (other than under Section 13) shall be subject to arbitration, and prior to commencing any court action, the parties agree that they shall arbitrate all such controversies. The arbitration shall be conducted in Atlanta, Georgia, in accordance with the Employment Dispute Rules of the American Arbitration Association and the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §1, *et. seq.* The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized to award both liquidated and actual damages, in addition to injunctive relief, but no punitive damages. The arbitrator(s) may also award attorney's fees and costs, without regard to any restriction on the amount of such award under Georgia or other applicable law. Such an award shall be binding and conclusive upon the parties hereto, subject to 9 U.S.C. §10. Each party shall have the right to have the award made the judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Initials of parties as to this Section 14:

Company: _____

Executive: _____

15. Rabbi Trust. In order to ensure the payment of the severance benefit provided for in Section 8(c)(ii) and (iii) of this Agreement, immediately following the commencement of any action by a third party with the aim of effecting a Change in Control of the Company, or the publicly-announced threat by a third party to commence any such action, the Company shall fully fund through the Global Payments Inc. Benefit Security Trust, or similar "rabbi trust" the amount of the severance payment that would have been paid to Executive under Section 8(c)(ii) and (iii) if the Date of Termination had occurred on the date of commencement, or publicly-announced threat of commencement, of such action by the third party; provided, however, that the trust shall not be funded if the funding thereof would result in taxable income to Executive by reason of Section 409A(b) of the Code; and provided, further, in no event shall any trust assets at any time be located or transferred outside of the United States, within the meaning of Section 409A(b) of the Code. Amounts shall be paid to Executive from such trust as provided under this Agreement and the trust. The right of Executive to receive payments under this Agreement shall be an unsecured claim against the general assets of the Company and Executive shall have no rights in or against any specific assets of the Company.

16. Assignment and Successors.

(a) This Agreement is personal to Executive and without the prior written consent of the Company shall not be assignable by Executive otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Executive's legal representatives.

(b) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company and its successors and assigns.

(c) The Company will require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company to assume expressly and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. As used in this Agreement, "Company" shall mean the Company as hereinbefore defined and any successor to its business and/or assets as aforesaid which assumes and agrees to perform this Agreement by operation of law, or otherwise.

17. Miscellaneous.

(a) Waiver. Failure of either party to insist, in one or more instances, on performance by the other in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any right granted in this Agreement or of the future performance of any such term or condition or of any other term or condition of this Agreement, unless such waiver is contained in a writing signed by the party making the waiver.

(b) Severability. If any provision or covenant, or any part thereof, of this Agreement should be held by any court to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, either in whole or in part, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions or covenants, or any part thereof, of this Agreement, all of which shall remain in full force and effect.

(c) Other Agents. Nothing in this Agreement is to be interpreted as limiting the Company from employing other personnel on such terms and conditions as may be satisfactory to it.

(d) Entire Agreement. Except as provided herein, this Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Company and Executive with respect to the subject matter hereof and, from and after the Effective Date, this Agreement shall supersede any other agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(e) Governing Law. Except to the extent preempted by federal law, and without regard to conflict of laws principles, the laws of the State of Georgia shall govern this Agreement in all respects, whether as to its validity, construction, capacity, performance or otherwise.

(f) Notices. All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered or three days after mailing if mailed, first class, certified mail, postage prepaid:

To Company: Global Payments Inc.
10 Glenlake Parkway- North Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30328
Office of the Corporate Secretary

To Executive: James G. Kelly
125 Lameloise Lane N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30327

Any party may change the address to which notices, requests, demands and other communications shall be delivered or mailed by giving notice thereof to the other party in the same manner provided herein.

(g) Amendments and Modifications. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a writing signed by both parties hereto, which makes specific reference to this Agreement.

18. Section 409A.

(a) General. This Agreement shall be interpreted and administered in a manner so that any amount or benefit payable hereunder shall be paid or provided in a manner that is either exempt from or compliant with the requirements Section 409A of the Code and applicable Internal Revenue Service guidance and Treasury Regulations issued thereunder. While the Company and Executive agree to cooperate fully and in good faith with one another to seek to minimize tax risk under Section 409A of the Code, Executive acknowledges and agrees that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a guarantee or indemnity by the Company for the tax consequences to the payments and benefits called for under this Agreement, including any tax consequences under Section 409A of the Code, and Executive agrees that Executive shall be responsible for paying all taxes due with respect to such payments made and benefits provided to Executive. Neither the Company nor its directors, officers, employees or advisers shall be held liable for any taxes, interest, penalties or other monetary amounts owed by Executive as a result of the application of Section 409A of the Code.

(b) Definitional Restrictions. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, to the extent that any amount or benefit that would constitute non-exempt "deferred compensation" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code would otherwise be payable or distributable hereunder, or a different form of payment would be effected, by reason of a Change in Control or the Executive's Disability or termination of employment, such amount or benefit will not be payable or distributable to the Executive,

and/or such different form of payment will not be effected, by reason of such circumstance unless (i) the circumstances giving rise to such Change in Control, Disability or termination of employment, as the case may be, meet any description or definition of “change in control event”, “disability” or “separation from service”, as the case may be, in Section 409A of the Code and applicable regulations (without giving effect to any elective provisions that may be available under such definition), or (ii) the payment or distribution of such amount or benefit would be exempt from the application of Section 409A of the Code by reason of the short-term deferral exemption or otherwise. This provision does not prohibit the *vesting* of any amount upon a Change in Control, Disability or termination of employment, however defined. If this provision prevents the payment or distribution of any amount or benefit, such payment or distribution shall be made on the date, if any, on which an event occurs that constitutes a Section 409A-compliant “change in control event”, “disability” or “separation from service,” as the case may be, or such later date as may be required by subsection (c) below. If this provision prevents the application of a different form of payment of any amount or benefit, such payment shall be made in the same form as would have applied absent such designated event or circumstance.

(c) Six-Month Delay in Certain Circumstances. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if any amount or benefit that would constitute non-exempt “deferred compensation” for purposes of Section 409A of the Code would otherwise be payable or distributable under this Agreement by reason of Executive’s separation from service during a period in which he is a Specified Employee (as defined below), then, subject to any permissible acceleration of payment by the Company under Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-3(j)(4)(ii) (domestic relations order), (j)(4)(iii) (conflicts of interest), or (j)(4)(vi) (payment of employment taxes): (A) the amount of such non-exempt deferred compensation that would otherwise be payable during the six-month period immediately following Executive’s separation from service will be accumulated through and paid or provided on the first day of the seventh month following Executive’s separation from service (or, if Executive dies during such period, within 30 days after Executive’s death) (in either case, the “Required Delay Period”); and (B) the normal payment or distribution schedule for any remaining payments or distributions will resume at the end of the Required Delay Period. For purposes of this Agreement, the term “Specified Employee” has the meaning given such term in Code Section 409A and the final regulations thereunder: *provided, however*, that the Company’s Specified Employees and its application of the six-month delay rule of Code Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) shall be determined in accordance with rules adopted by the Board or a committee thereof, which shall be applied consistently with respect to all nonqualified deferred compensation arrangements of the Company, including this Agreement.

(d) Timing of Release of Claims. Whenever in this Agreement a payment or benefit is conditioned on Executive’s execution and non-revocation of a release of claims, such release must be executed and all revocation periods shall have expired within 60 days after the Date of Termination; provided, however that (i) if such 60-day period begins and ends in a single calendar year, the Company may make or commence

payment at any time during such period at its discretion, and (ii) if such 60-day period spans two calendar years, the payment shall be made or commence during the second such calendar year (or any later date specified for such payment under the applicable provision of this Agreement), even if such signing and non-revocation of the release occur during the first such calendar year included within such 60-day period. In other words, Executive is not permitted to influence the calendar year of payment based on the timing of his signing of the release.

(e) Timing of Reimbursements and In-kind Benefits Items eligible for expense reimbursement under the terms of this Agreement shall be reimbursed in a manner intended to comply with Section 409A of the Code, which shall include implementing the following limitations with respect to reimbursements: (i) the amount of such expenses eligible for reimbursement in any calendar year shall not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement in another calendar year, (ii) no such reimbursement may be exchanged or liquidated for another payment or benefit, (iii) any reimbursements of such expenses shall be made as soon as practicable under the circumstances but in any event no later than the end of the calendar year following the calendar in which the related expenses were incurred, and (iv) the Company's obligation to make reimbursements or to provide in-kind benefits that constitute deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code shall not extend beyond Executive's lifetime or, if later, the end of the 20 year period which starts on the Effective Date.

(f) Treatment of Installment Payments Each payment of termination benefits under Section 8 of this Agreement, including, without limitation, each installment payment and each payment or reimbursement of premiums for continued medical insurance coverage, shall be considered a separate payment, as described in Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-2(b)(2), for purposes of Section 409A of the Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this Employment Agreement as of the date first above written.

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

By: /s/ Suellyn Tornay

Name: Suellyn Tornay

Title: General Counsel

Date: March 30, 2010

EXECUTIVE:

/s/ James G. Kelly

James G. Kelly

EXHIBIT A
Form of Release

This Release is granted effective as of the 30th day of March 30, 2010, by James G. Kelly ("Executive") in favor of Global Payments Inc. (the "Company"). This is the Release referred to that certain Employment Agreement effective as of March 30, 2010 by and between the Company and Executive (the "Employment Agreement"). Executive gives this Release in consideration of the Company's promises and covenants as recited in the Employment Agreement, with respect to which this Release is an integral part.

1. Release of the Company. Executive, for himself, his successors, assigns, attorneys, and all those entitled to assert his rights, now and forever hereby releases and discharges the Company and its respective officers, directors, stockholders, trustees, employees, agents, parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, estates, successors, assigns and attorneys ("the Released Parties"), from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, sums of money due, suits, debts, liens, covenants, contracts, obligations, costs, expenses, damages, judgments, agreements, promises, demands, claims for attorney's fees and costs, or liabilities whatsoever, in law or in equity, which Executive **ever had or now has** against the Released Parties, including, without limitation, any claims arising by reason of or in any way connected with any employment relationship which existed between the Company or any of its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, or predecessors, and Executive. It is understood and agreed that this Release is intended to cover all actions, causes of action, claims or demands for any damage, loss or injury, whether known or unknown, of any nature whatsoever, including those which may be traced either directly or indirectly to the aforesaid employment relationship, or the termination of that relationship, that Executive has, had or purports to have, from the beginning of time to the date of this Release, and including but not limited to claims for employment discrimination under federal or state law, except as provided in Paragraph 2; claims arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 621, et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e), et seq., or the Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.; claims for statutory or common law wrongful discharge, claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.; claims for attorney's fees, expenses and costs; claims for defamation; claims for emotional distress; claims for wages or vacation pay; claims for benefits, including any claims arising under the Executive Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. § 1001, et seq.; and claims under any other applicable federal, state or local laws or legal concepts; provided, however, that nothing herein shall release the Company of any indemnification obligations to Executive under the Company's bylaws, certificate of incorporation, Delaware law or otherwise.

2. Release of Claims Under Age Discrimination in Employment Act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Executive agrees that by executing this Release, he has released and waived any and all claims he has or may have as of the date of this Release for age discrimination under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 621, et seq. Executive acknowledges and agrees Executive has been, and

hereby is, advised by Company to consult with an attorney prior to executing this Release. Executive further acknowledges and agrees that Company has offered Executive the opportunity, before executing this Release, to consider this Release for a period of twenty-one (21) calendar days; and that the consideration he receives for this Release is in addition to amounts to which he was already entitled. It is further understood that this Release is not effective until seven (7) calendar days after the execution of this Release and that Executive may revoke this Release within seven (7) calendar days from the date of execution hereof.

3. Non-Admission. It is understood and agreed by Executive that the payment made to him is not to be construed as an admission of any liability whatsoever on the part of the Company or any of the other Releasees, by whom liability is expressly denied.

4. Acknowledgement and Revocation Period. Executive agrees that he has carefully read this Release and is signing it voluntarily. Executive acknowledges that he has had twenty one (21) days from receipt of this Release to review it prior to signing or that, if Executive is signing this Release prior to the expiration of such 21-day period, Executive is waiving his right to review the Release for such full 21-day period prior to signing it. Executive has the right to revoke this release within seven (7) days following the date of its execution by him. In order to revoke this Release, Executive must deliver notice of the revocation in writing to Company's General Counsel before the expiration of the seven (7) day period. However, if Executive revokes this Release within such seven (7) day period, no severance benefit will be payable to him under the Employment Agreement and he shall return to the Company any such payment received prior to that date.

5. No Revocation After Seven Days. Executive acknowledges and agrees that this Release may not be revoked at any time after the expiration of the seven (7) day revocation period and that he/she will not institute any suit, action, or proceeding, whether at law or equity, challenging the enforceability of this Release. Executive further acknowledges and agrees that, with the exception of an action to challenge the waiver of claims under the ADEA, Executive shall not ever attempt to challenge the terms of this Release, attempt to obtain an order declaring this Release to be null and void, or institute litigation against the Company or any other Releasee based upon a claim that is covered by the terms of the release contained herein, without first repaying all monies paid to him/her under Section 8 of the Employment Agreement. Furthermore, with the exception of an action to challenge his waiver of claims under the ADEA, if Executive does not prevail in an action to challenge this Release, to obtain an order declaring this Release to be null and void, or in any action against the Company or any other Releasee based upon a claim that is covered by the release set forth herein, Executive shall pay to the Company and/or the appropriate Releasee all their costs and attorneys' fees incurred in their defense of Executive's action.

6. Governing Law and Severability. This Release and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. If any provision hereof is unenforceable or is held to be unenforceable, such provision shall be fully severable, and this document and its terms shall be construed and enforced as if such unenforceable provision had never comprised a part hereof, the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and the court or tribunal construing the provisions shall add as a part hereof a provision as similar in terms and effect to such unenforceable provision as may be enforceable, in lieu of the unenforceable provision.

EXECUTIVE HAS CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT CONSTITUTES A GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMPANY UNDER THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT. EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE HAS HAD A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY OR OTHER ADVISOR OF HIS CHOOSING CONCERNING HIS EXECUTION OF THIS RELEASE AND THAT HE IS SIGNING THIS RELEASE VOLUNTARILY AND WITH THE FULL INTENT OF RELEASING THE COMPANY FROM ALL SUCH CLAIMS.



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Global Payments Strengthens Leadership Team

ATLANTA, March 30, 2010 – Global Payments Inc. (NYSE: GPN), a leader in electronic payment processing services, today announced leadership enhancements to maximize the Company’s global growth opportunities.

Jeffrey S. Sloan, Managing Director, Partner and Global Head of the Financial Technology Group at Goldman, Sachs & Co., has been appointed the President of Global Payments Inc. Mr. Sloan has led Goldman Sachs’ investment banking activities for the worldwide payments industry over the last decade. Mr. Sloan will be responsible for the Company’s lines of business in North America, as well as all worldwide business development activities. He will report to Paul R. Garcia, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and will assume his new role on June 1, 2010.

James G. Kelly will assume the role of Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Kelly will continue to report to Paul R. Garcia.

“I am very enthusiastic about adding Jeff to our team. He is a highly respected and knowledgeable leader in financial services with an unparalleled understanding of emerging trends and worldwide opportunities in the payments industry. He rounds out what I consider to be a world-class leadership team,” said Paul R. Garcia, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Global Payments Inc. (NYSE:GPN) is a leading provider of electronic transaction processing services for merchants, Independent Sales Organizations (ISOs), financial institutions, government agencies and multi-national corporations located throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Asia-Pacific region. Global Payments offers a comprehensive line of processing solutions for credit and debit cards, business-to-business purchasing cards, gift cards, electronic check conversion and check guarantee, verification and recovery including electronic check services, as well as terminal management. Visit www.globalpaymentsinc.com for more information about the Company and its services.

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