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NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	SECURITY INTEREST

CONVEYING PARTY DATA

Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
Cbeyond Communications, LLC		102/08/2006	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: DELAWARE

RECEIVING PARTY DATA

Name:	Bank of America
Street Address:	600 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Internal Address:	Suite 1300
City:	Atlanta
State/Country:	GEORGIA
Postal Code:	30308
Entity Type:	National Association:

PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 17

Property Type	Number	Word Mark
Registration Number:	2805009	BEYONDOFFICE
Registration Number:	2793909	BEYONDVOICE
Registration Number:	2794512	BEYONDVOICE
Registration Number:	2763714	BEYONDVOICE I
Registration Number:	2761638	BEYONDVOICE I
Registration Number:	2763713	BEYONDVOICE II
Registration Number:	2816962	BEYONDVOICE II
Serial Number:	78438509	BEYONDVOICE LITE
Serial Number:	78438528	BEYONDVOICE LITE
Serial Number:	78514072	BEYONDVOIP
Serial Number:	78514099	BEYONDVOIP
Serial Number:	78711477	CBEYOND
Serial Number:	78711478	CBEYOND

TRADEMARK
REEL: 003308 FRAME: 0174

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Registration Number:	2716113	CBEYOND COMMUNICATIONS
Registration Number:	2614092	CBEYOND COMMUNICATIONS
Registration Number:	2597070	
Registration Number:	2671389	THE LAST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY A SMALL BUSINESS WILL EVER NEED

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SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT (this "Security Agreement"), dated as of February 8, 2006, is by and among the parties identified as "Grantors" on the signature pages hereto and such other parties as may become Grantors hereunder after the date hereof (individually a "Grantor", and collectively the "Grantors") and BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as administrative agent (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent") on behalf of the Secured Parties (defined below).

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, a credit facility of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) has been established in favor of CBEYOND COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement, dated as of the date hereof (as amended and modified, the "Credit Agreement"), among each of the Grantors, the Lenders identified therein, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent; and

WHEREAS, this Security Agreement is required under the terms of the Credit Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>.

(a) Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Credit Agreement. In addition, the following terms, which are defined in the UCC as in effect in the State of New York on the date hereof, are used as defined therein: Accession, Account, As-Extracted Collateral, Chattel Paper, Commercial Tort Claim, Commingled Goods, Consumer Goods, Deposit Account, Document, Equipment, Farm Products, Fixtures, General Intangible, Goods, Instrument, Inventory, Investment Property, Letter-of-Credit Right, Manufactured Home, Proceeds, Software, Standing Timber, Supporting Obligation and Tangible Chattel Paper.

(b) As used herein:

"Collateral" has the meaning provided in Section 2 hereof.

"Copyright License" means any written agreement, naming any Grantor as licensor, granting any right under any Copyright including any thereof referred to in Schedule 1(b) attached hereto.

"Copyrights" means (a) all registered United States copyrights in all Works, now existing or hereafter created or acquired, all registrations and recordings thereof, and all applications in connection therewith, including registrations, recordings and applications in the United States Copyright Office including any thereof referred to in Schedule 1(b) attached hereto, and (b) all renewals thereof including any thereof referred to in Schedule 1(b) attached hereto.

"<u>Patent License</u>" means any agreement, whether written or oral, providing for the grant by or to a Grantor of any right to manufacture, use or sell any invention covered by a Patent, including any thereof referred to in <u>Schedule 1(b)</u> attached hereto.

"<u>Patents</u>" means (a) all letters patent of the United States or any other country and all reissues and extensions thereof, including any letters patent referred to in <u>Schedule 1(b)</u> attached hereto, and (b) all applications for letters patent of the United States or any other country and all

divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part thereof, including any thereof referred to in Schedule 1(b) attached hereto.

"Secured Obligations" means, without duplication, (a) all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, any Loan Party arising under any Credit Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan or Letter of Credit, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding, (b) all obligations under any Swap Contract of any Loan Party to which a Lender or any Affiliate of a Lender is a party, (c) all obligations under any treasury management agreement between any Loan Party and any Lender or Affiliate of a Lender and (d) all costs and expenses incurred in connection with enforcement and collection of the Secured Obligations, including reasonable attorney fees.

"Secured Parties" means the holders of the Secured Obligations.

"Trademark License" means any agreement, written or oral, providing for the grant by or to a Grantor of any right to use any Trademark, including any thereof referred to in Schedule 1(b) attached hereto.

"Trademarks" means (a) all trademarks, trade names, corporate names, company names, business names, fictitious business names, trade styles, service marks, logos and other source or business identifiers, and the goodwill associated therewith, now existing or hereafter adopted or acquired, all registrations and recordings thereof, and all applications in connection therewith, whether in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in any similar office or agency of the United States, any state thereof or any other country or any political subdivision thereof, or otherwise, including any thereof referred to in Schedule 1(b) attached hereto, and (b) all renewals thereof.

"<u>UCC</u>" means the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect from time to time in the State of New York.

"Work" means any work that is subject to copyright protection pursuant to Title 17 of the United States Code.

- 2. <u>Grant of Security Interest in the Collateral</u>. To secure the prompt payment and performance in full when due, whether by lapse of time, acceleration, mandatory prepayment or otherwise, of the Secured Obligations, each Grantor hereby grants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a continuing security interest in, and a right to set off against, any and all right, title and interest of such Grantor in and to all personal property of the Grantors of whatever type or description, whether now owned or existing or owned, acquired, or arising hereafter (collectively, the "<u>Collateral</u>"), including the following:
 - (a) all Accounts;
 - (b) all cash and currency;
 - (c) all Chattel Paper;
 - (d) those Commercial Tort Claims identified on Schedule 2(d) attached hereto;

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- (e) all Copyrights;
- (f) all Copyright Licenses;
- (g) all Deposit Accounts;
- (h) all Documents;
- (i) all Equipment;
- (i) all Fixtures;
- (k) all General Intangibles;
- (1) all Instruments;
- (m) all Inventory;
- (n) all Investment Property;
- (o) all Letter-of-Credit Rights;
- (p) all Patents;
- (q) all Patent Licenses;
- (r) all Software;
- (s) all Supporting Obligations;
- (t) all Trademarks;
- (u) all Trademark Licenses; and
- (v) all Accessions and all Proceeds of any and all of the foregoing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the security interests granted under this Security Agreement shall not extend to (i) any property that is subject to a Lien securing purchase money Indebtedness or property subject to a capital lease, in each case as permitted under the Credit Agreement pursuant to documents that prohibit such Grantor from granting any other Liens in such property or (ii) any lease, license or other contract if the grant of a security interest in such lease, license or contract in the manner contemplated by this Security Agreement, under the terms thereof and under applicable law, is prohibited and would result in the termination thereof; provided in each case that any such limitation on the security interests granted hereunder shall only apply to the extent that (A) after request by the Administrative Agent and reasonable efforts on the part of the applicable Grantor, consent from the relevant party or parties has not been obtained and (B) any such prohibition could not be rendered ineffective pursuant to the UCC or any other applicable law (including Debtor Relief Laws) or principles of equity.

The Grantors and the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, hereby acknowledge and agree that the security interest created hereby in the Collateral (i) constitutes continuing collateral security

for all of the Secured Obligations, whether now existing or hereafter arising and (ii) is not to be construed as an assignment of any Copyrights, Copyright Licenses, Patents, Patent Licenses, Trademarks or Trademark Licenses.

3. Provisions Relating to Accounts.

- (a) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, each of the Grantors shall remain liable under each of the Accounts to observe and perform all the conditions and obligations to be observed and performed by it thereunder, all in accordance with the terms of any agreement giving rise to each such Account. Neither the Administrative Agent nor any holder of the Secured Obligations shall have any obligation or liability under any Account (or any agreement giving rise thereto) by reason of or arising out of this Security Agreement or the receipt by the Administrative Agent or any holder of the Secured Obligations of any payment relating to such Account pursuant hereto, nor shall the Administrative Agent or any holder of the Secured Obligations be obligated in any manner to perform any of the obligations of a Grantor under or pursuant to any Account (or any agreement giving rise thereto), to make any payment, to make any inquiry as to the nature or the sufficiency of any payment received by it or as to the sufficiency of any performance by any party under any Account (or any agreement giving rise thereto), to present or file any claim, to take any action to enforce any performance or to collect the payment of any amounts that may have been assigned to it or to which it may be entitled at any time or times.
- (b) Once during each calendar year or at any time after the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent shall have the right, but not the obligation, to make test verifications of the Accounts in any manner and through any medium that it reasonably considers advisable, and the Grantors shall furnish all such assistance and information as the Administrative Agent may require in connection with such test verifications. At any time and from time to time, upon the Administrative Agent's request and at the expense of the Grantors, the Grantors shall cause independent public accountants or others satisfactory to the Administrative Agent to furnish to the Administrative Agent reports showing reconciliations, aging and test verifications of, and trial balances for, the Accounts. At any time after the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent in its own name or in the name of others may communicate with account debtors on the Accounts to verify with them to the Administrative Agent's satisfaction the existence, amount and terms of any Accounts.
- 4. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Each Grantor hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, that so long as any of the Secured Obligations remains outstanding and until all of the commitments relating thereto have been terminated:

(a) <u>Legal Name: Chief Executive Office</u>. As of the date hereof:

- (i) Each Grantor's exact legal name is (and for the prior five years or since its formation, whichever is longer, has been) and state of incorporation or formation, principal place of business and chief executive office are (and for the prior five months have been) as set forth on Schedule 4(a)(i) attached hereto.
- (ii) Other than as set forth on <u>Schedule 4(a)(ii)</u> attached hereto, no Grantor has been party to a merger, consolidation or other change in structure or used any tradename in the prior five years.
- (b) <u>Ownership</u>. Each Grantor is the legal and beneficial owner of its Collateral and has the right to pledge, sell, assign or transfer the same.

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- (c) <u>Security Interest/Priority</u>. This Security Agreement creates a valid security interest in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the Secured Parties, in the Collateral of such Grantor and, when properly perfected by filing, shall constitute a valid perfected security interest in such Collateral, to the extent such security interest can be perfected by filing under the UCC, free and clear of all Liens except for Permitted Liens.
- (d) <u>Types of Collateral</u>. None of the Collateral consists of, or is the Accessions or the Proceeds of, As-Extracted Collateral, Consumer Goods, Farm Products, Manufactured Homes, or Standing Timber.
- (e) Accounts. (i) Each Account of the Grantors and the papers and documents relating thereto are genuine and in all material respects what they purport to be, (ii) each Account arises out of (A) a bona fide sale of goods sold and delivered by such Grantor (or is in the process of being delivered) or (B) services theretofore actually rendered by such Grantor to, the account debtor named therein, (iii) no Account of a Grantor is evidenced by any Instrument or Chattel Paper unless (A) such Instrument or Chattel Paper has been theretofore endorsed over and delivered to, or submitted to the control of, the Administrative Agent or (B) the aggregate amount of all such Accounts is less than or equal to \$5,000 and (iv) no surety bond was required or given in connection with any Account of a Grantor or the contracts or purchase orders out of which they arose.
- (f) <u>Inventory</u>. No Inventory is held by any Person other than a Grantor pursuant to consignment, sale or return, sale on approval or similar arrangement.

(g) Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks.

- (i) <u>Schedule 1(b)</u> attached hereto includes all material Copyrights, Copyright Licenses, Patents, Patent Licenses, Trademarks and Trademark Licenses owned by any Grantor in its own name, or to which any Grantor is a party, as of the date hereof.
- (ii) To the best of each Grantor's knowledge, each Copyright, Patent and Trademark of such Grantor is valid, subsisting, unexpired, enforceable and has not been abandoned.
- (iii) Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 1(b)</u> attached hereto, none of such Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks is the subject of any licensing or franchise agreement.
- (iv) To the best of each Grantor's knowledge, no holding, decision or judgment has been rendered by any Governmental Authority that would limit, cancel or question the validity of any such Copyright, Patent or Trademark.
- (v) No action or proceeding is pending seeking to limit, cancel or question the validity of any Copyright, Patent or Trademark, or that, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (vi) All applications pertaining to the Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks of each Grantor have been duly and properly filed, and all registrations or letters pertaining to such Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks have been duly and properly filed and issued, and all of such Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks are valid and enforceable.

- (vii) No Grantor has made any assignment or agreement in conflict with the security interest in the Copyrights, Patents or Trademarks of each Grantor hereunder.
- 5. <u>Covenants</u>. Each Grantor covenants that, so long as any of the Secured Obligations remains outstanding and until all of the commitments relating thereto have been terminated:
 - (a) Other Liens. Such Grantor shall defend the Collateral against the claims and demands of all other parties claiming an interest therein, keep the Collateral free from all Liens, except for Permitted Liens, and not sell, exchange, transfer, assign, lease or otherwise dispose of the Collateral or any interest therein, except as permitted under the Credit Agreement.
 - (b) <u>Preservation of Collateral</u>. Such Grantor shall keep the Collateral in working order, condition and repair (ordinary wear and tear excepted) and not use the Collateral in violation of the provisions of this Security Agreement or any other agreement relating to the Collateral or any policy insuring the Collateral or any applicable statute, law, bylaw, rule, regulation or ordinance.
 - (c) <u>Instruments/Tangible Chattel Paper/Documents</u>. If any amount payable under or in connection with any of the Collateral shall be or become evidenced by any Instrument or Tangible Chattel Paper, or if any property constituting Collateral shall be stored or shipped subject to a Document, such Grantor shall ensure that such Instrument, Tangible Chattel Paper or Document is either in the possession of such Grantor at all times or, if requested by the Administrative Agent, is immediately delivered to the Administrative Agent, duly endorsed in a manner satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. Such Grantor shall ensure that any Collateral consisting of Tangible Chattel Paper is marked with a legend acceptable to the Administrative Agent indicating the Administrative Agent's security interest in such Tangible Chattel Paper.
 - (d) <u>Change in Structure, Location or Type</u>. Such Grantor shall not, without providing ten days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent and without filing such financing statements and amendments to any previously filed financing statements as the Administrative Agent may require, change its name or state of formation or be party to a merger, consolidation or other change in structure or use any tradename other than as set forth on <u>Schedule 4(a)(ii)</u> attached hereto.
 - (e) <u>Inspection</u>. Such Grantor shall allow the Administrative Agent or its representatives to visit and inspect the Collateral as set forth in Section 6.10 of the Credit Agreement.
 - Authorization. Such Grantor authorizes the Administrative Agent to prepare and file such UCC or other applicable financing statements (including amendment or renewal statements), or such other instruments as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably deem necessary, appropriate or convenient in order to perfect and maintain the security interests granted hereunder in accordance with the UCC, without such Grantor's signature thereon. Such Grantor agrees that the collateral descriptions on any such UCC or other applicable financing statement may be broader or more general than the description of the Collateral under this Security Agreement. Further, such Grantor also hereby irrevocably makes, constitutes and appoints the Administrative Agent, its nominee or any other Person whom the Administrative Agent may designate, as such Grantor's attorney-in-fact with full power and for the limited purpose to sign in the name of such Grantor any such financing statements or instruments, notices or any similar documents that in the Administrative Agent's reasonable discretion would be necessary, appropriate or convenient in order to perfect and maintain perfection of the security interests granted hereunder, such power, being coupled with an interest, being and remaining irrevocable so long as the Secured Obligations remain unpaid and until the commitments relating thereto shall have been terminated. Such Grantor hereby agrees that a carbon, photographic or other reproduction of this Security

Agreement or any such financing statement is sufficient for filing as a financing statement by the Administrative Agent without notice thereof to such Grantor wherever the Administrative Agent may in its sole discretion desire to file the same.

- Perfection of Security Interest. Such Grantor shall execute and deliver to the (g) Administrative Agent such agreements, assignments or instruments (including affidavits, notices, reaffirmations and amendments and restatements of existing documents) and do all such other things as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem necessary, appropriate or convenient (i) to assure to the Administrative Agent the effectiveness and priority of its security interests hereunder, including (A) such financing statements (including renewal statements), amendments and supplements or such other instruments as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request in order to perfect and maintain the security interests granted hereunder in accordance with the UCC, (B) with regard to Copyrights, a Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Copyrights for filing with the United States Copyright Office in the form of Exhibit 5(f)(i) attached hereto, (C) with regard to Patents, a Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Patents for filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the form of Exhibit 5(f)(ii) attached hereto and (D) with regard to Trademarks, a Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Trademarks for filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the form of Exhibit 5(f)(iii) attached hereto, (ii) to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and (iii) to otherwise protect and assure the Administrative Agent of its rights and interests hereunder. In the event for any reason the law of any jurisdiction other than New York becomes or is applicable to the Collateral of any Grantor or any part thereof, or to any of the Secured Obligations, such Grantor agrees to execute and deliver all such instruments and to do all such other things as the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion reasonably deems necessary, appropriate or convenient to preserve, protect and enforce the security interests of the Administrative Agent under the law of such other jurisdiction (and, if a Grantor shall fail to do so promptly upon the request of the Administrative Agent, then the Administrative Agent may execute any and all such requested documents on behalf of such Grantor pursuant to the power of attorney granted hereinabove). If any Collateral is in the possession or control of a Grantor's agents and the Administrative Agent so requests, such Grantor agrees to notify such agents in writing of the Administrative Agent's security interest therein and, upon the Administrative Agent's request, instruct them to hold all such Collateral for the account of the Secured Parties and subject to the Administrative Agent's instructions. Each Grantor agrees to mark its books and records to reflect the security interest of the Administrative Agent in the Collateral.
- (h) <u>Control</u>. Execute and deliver all agreements, assignments, instruments or other documents as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request for the purpose of obtaining and maintaining control within the meaning of the UCC with respect to any Collateral consisting of Deposit Accounts, Investment Property, Letter-of-Credit Rights and Electronic Chattel Paper.
- (i) <u>Collateral held by Warehouseman, Bailee, etc.</u> If any Collateral is at any time in the possession or control of a warehouseman, bailee, agent or processor of such Grantor, (i) notify the Administrative Agent of such possession or control, (ii) notify such Person of the Administrative Agent's security interest in such Collateral, (iii) instruct such Person to hold all such Collateral for the Administrative Agent's account and subject to the Administrative Agent's instructions and (iv) use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain an acknowledgment from such Person that it is holding such Collateral for the benefit of the Administrative Agent.
- (j) Treatment of Accounts. Not grant or extend the time for payment of any Account, or compromise or settle any Account for less than the full amount thereof, or release any Person or property, in whole or in part, from payment thereof, or allow any credit or discount thereon, other than as normal and customary in the ordinary course of a Grantor's business or as required by law.

(k) Covenants Relating to Copyrights.

- Not do any act or knowingly omit to do any act whereby any material Copyright may become invalidated and (A) not do any act, or knowingly omit to do any act, whereby any material Copyright may become injected into the public domain; (B) notify the Administrative Agent immediately if it knows that any material Copyright may become injected into the public domain or of any adverse determination or development (including the institution of, or any such determination or development in, any court or tribunal in the United States or any other country) regarding a Grantor's ownership of any such Copyright or its validity; (C) take all necessary steps as it shall deem appropriate under the circumstances, to maintain and pursue each application (and to obtain the relevant registration) and to maintain each registration of each material Copyright owned by a Grantor including filing of applications for renewal where necessary; and (D) promptly notify the Administrative Agent of any material infringement of any material Copyright of a Grantor of which it becomes aware and take such actions as it shall reasonably deem appropriate under the circumstances to protect such Copyright, including, where appropriate, the bringing of suit for infringement, seeking injunctive relief and seeking to recover any and all damages for such infringement.
- (ii) Not make any assignment or agreement in conflict with the security interest in the Copyrights of each Grantor hereunder.

(1) Covenants Relating to Patents and Trademarks.

- (i) (A) Continue to use each material Trademark in order to maintain such Trademark in full force free from any claim of abandonment for non-use, (B) maintain as in the past the quality of products and services offered under such Trademark, (C) employ such Trademark with the appropriate notice of registration, (D) not adopt or use any mark that is confusingly similar or a colorable imitation of such Trademark unless the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, shall obtain a perfected security interest in such mark pursuant to this Security Agreement, and (E) not (and not permit any licensee or sublicensee thereof to) do any act or knowingly omit to do any act whereby any Trademark may become invalidated.
- (ii) Not do any act, or omit to do any act, whereby any material Patent may become abandoned or dedicated.
- (iii) Notify the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties immediately if it knows that any application or registration relating to any material Patent or Trademark may become abandoned or dedicated, or of any adverse determination or development (including the institution of, or any such determination or development in, any proceeding in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or any court or tribunal in any country) regarding a Grantor's ownership of any Patent or Trademark or its right to register the same or to keep and maintain the same.
- (iv) Whenever a Grantor, either by itself or through an agent, employee, licensee or designee, shall file an application for the registration of any Patent or Trademark with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or any similar office or agency in any other country or any political subdivision thereof, a Grantor shall report such filing to the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties within five Business Days after the last day of

the fiscal quarter in which such filing occurs. Upon request of the Administrative Agent, a Grantor shall execute and deliver any and all agreements, instruments, documents and papers as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request to evidence the security interest of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties in any Patent or Trademark and the goodwill and general intangibles of a Grantor relating thereto or represented thereby.

- (v) Take all reasonable and necessary steps, including in any proceeding before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or any similar office or agency in any other country or any political subdivision thereof, to maintain and pursue each material application (and to obtain the relevant registration) and to maintain each material registration of the Patents and Trademarks, including filing of applications for renewal, affidavits of use and affidavits of incontestability.
- (vi) Promptly notify the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties after it learns that any material Patent or Trademark included in the Collateral is infringed, misappropriated or diluted by a third party and promptly sue for infringement, misappropriation or dilution, to seek injunctive relief where appropriate and to recover any and all damages for such infringement, misappropriation or dilution, or to take such other actions as it shall reasonably deem appropriate under the circumstances to protect such Patent or Trademark.
- (vii) Not make any assignment or agreement in conflict with the security interest in the Patents or Trademarks of each Grantor hereunder.
- (m) New Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks. Promptly provide the Administrative Agent with (i) a listing of all applications, if any, for new Copyrights, Patents or Trademarks (together with a listing of the issuance of registrations or letters on present applications), which new applications and issued registrations or letters shall be subject to the terms and conditions hereunder, and (ii) (A) with respect to Copyrights, a duly executed Notice of Security Interest in Copyrights, (B) with respect to Patents, a duly executed Notice of Security Interest in Patents, (C) with respect to Trademarks, a duly executed Notice of Security Interest in Trademarks or (D) such other duly executed documents as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request in a form acceptable to counsel for the Administrative Agent and suitable for recording to evidence the security interest in the Copyright, Patent or Trademark that is the subject of such new application.
- (n) <u>Insurance</u>. Insure, repair and replace the Collateral of such Grantor as set forth in the Credit Agreement. All insurance proceeds shall be subject to the security interest of the Administrative Agent hereunder.

(o) Commercial Tort Claims.

- (i) Promptly notify the Administrative Agent in writing of the initiation of any Commercial Tort Claim before any Governmental Authority by or in favor of such Grantor or any of its Subsidiaries.
- (ii) Execute and deliver such statements, documents and notices and do and cause to be done all such things as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem necessary, appropriate or convenient, or as are required by law, to create, perfect and maintain the Administrative Agent's security interest in any Commercial Tort Claim.

Advances by Secured Parties. On failure of any Grantor to perform any of the covenants and agreements contained herein, the Administrative Agent may, at its sole option and in its sole discretion, perform the same and in so doing may expend such sums as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem advisable in the performance thereof, including the payment of any insurance premiums, the payment of any taxes, a payment to obtain a release of a Lien or potential Lien, expenditures made in defending against any adverse claim and all other expenditures that the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties may make for the protection of the security hereof or that may be compelled to make by operation of law. All such sums and amounts so expended shall be repayable by the Grantors on a joint and several basis (subject to Section 25 hereof) promptly upon timely notice thereof and demand therefor, shall constitute additional Secured Obligations and shall bear interest from the date said amounts are expended at the Default Rate for Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans. No such performance of any covenant or agreement by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties on behalf of any Grantor, and no such advance or expenditure therefor, shall relieve the Grantors of any default under the terms of this Security Agreement, the other Loan Documents or any other documents relating to the Secured Obligations. The Secured Parties may make any payment hereby authorized in accordance with any bill, statement or estimate procured from the appropriate public office or holder of the claim to be discharged without inquiry into the accuracy of such bill, statement or estimate or into the validity of any tax assessment, sale, forfeiture, tax lien, title or claim except to the extent such payment is being contested in good faith by a Grantor in appropriate proceedings and against which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP.

7. Remedies.

General Remedies. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the (a) continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties shall have, in addition to the rights and remedies provided herein, in the Loan Documents, in any other documents relating to the Secured Obligations, or by law (including levy of attachment and garnishment), the rights and remedies of a secured party under the UCC of the jurisdiction applicable to the affected Collateral and, further, the Administrative Agent may, with or without judicial process or the aid and assistance of others, (i) enter on any premises on which any of the Collateral may be located and, without resistance or interference by the Grantors, take possession of the Collateral, (ii) dispose of any Collateral on any such premises, (iii) require the Grantors to assemble and make available to the Administrative Agent at the expense of the Grantors any Collateral at any place and time designated by the Administrative Agent that is reasonably convenient to both parties, (iv) remove any Collateral from any such premises for the purpose of effecting sale or other disposition thereof, and/or (v) without demand and without advertisement, notice, hearing or process of law, all of which each of the Grantors hereby waives to the fullest extent permitted by law, at any place and time or times, sell and deliver any or all Collateral held by or for it at public or private sale, by one or more contracts, in one or more parcels, for cash, upon credit or otherwise, at such prices and upon such terms as the Administrative Agent deems advisable, in its sole discretion (subject to any and all mandatory legal requirements). Each of the Grantors acknowledges that any private sale referenced above may be at prices and on terms less favorable to the seller than the prices and terms that might have been obtained at a public sale and agrees that such private sale shall be deemed to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner. Neither the Administrative Agent's compliance with applicable law nor its disclaimer of warranties relating to the Collateral shall be considered to adversely affect the commercial reasonableness of any sale. In addition to all other sums due the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties with respect to the Secured Obligations, the Grantors shall pay the Administrative Agent and each of the Secured Parties all reasonable documented costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent or any such holder of the Secured Obligations (including reasonable attorney fees and court costs) in obtaining or liquidating the Collateral, in enforcing payment of the Secured Obligations, or in the prosecution or defense of any action or proceeding by or against the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties or the Grantors concerning any matter

arising out of or connected with this Security Agreement, any Collateral or the Secured Obligations, including any of the foregoing arising in, arising under or related to a case under Debtor Relief Laws. To the extent the rights of notice cannot be legally waived hereunder, each Grantor agrees that any requirement of reasonable notice shall be met if such notice is personally served on or mailed, postage prepaid, to the Borrower in accordance with the notice provisions of Section 10.02 of the Credit Agreement at least ten Business Days before the time of sale or other event giving rise to the requirement of such notice. The Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties shall not be obligated to make any sale or other disposition of the Collateral regardless of notice having been given. To the extent permitted by law, any holder of the Secured Obligations may be a purchaser at any such sale. To the extent permitted by applicable law, each of the Grantors hereby waives all of its rights of redemption with respect to any such sale. Subject to the provisions of applicable law, the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties may postpone or cause the postponement of the sale of all or any portion of the Collateral by announcement at the time and place of such sale, and such sale may, without further notice, to the extent permitted by law, be made at the time and place to which the sale was postponed, or the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties may further postpone such sale by announcement made at such time and place.

- Remedies relating to Accounts. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, whether or not the Administrative Agent has exercised any or all of its rights and remedies hereunder, each Grantor will promptly upon request of the Administrative Agent instruct all account debtors to remit all payments in respect of Accounts to a mailing location selected by the Administrative Agent. In addition, upon the occurrence of and Event of Default, and during the continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent shall have the right to enforce any Grantor's rights against its customers and account debtors, and the Administrative Agent or its designee may notify any Grantor's customers and account debtors that the Accounts of such Grantor have been assigned to the Administrative Agent or of the Administrative Agent's security interest therein, and may (either in its own name or in the name of a Grantor or both) demand, collect (including by way of a lockbox arrangement), receive, take receipt for, sell, sue for, compound, settle, compromise and give acquittance for any and all amounts due or to become due on any Account, and, in the Administrative Agent's discretion, file any claim or take any other action or proceeding to protect and realize upon the security interest of the Secured Parties in the Accounts. Each Grantor acknowledges and agrees that the Proceeds of its Accounts remitted to or on behalf of the Administrative Agent in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be solely for the Administrative Agent's own convenience and that such Grantor shall not have any right, title or interest in such Accounts or in any such other amounts except as expressly provided herein. The Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties shall have no liability or responsibility to any Grantor for acceptance of a check, draft or other order for payment of money bearing the legend "payment in full" or words of similar import or any other restrictive legend or endorsement or be responsible for determining the correctness of any remittance. Each Grantor hereby agrees to indemnify the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties from and against all liabilities, damages, losses, actions, claims, judgments, costs, expenses, charges and reasonable attorney fees suffered or incurred by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties (each, an "Indemnified Party") because of the maintenance of the foregoing arrangements except as relating to or arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of an Indemnified Party or its officers, employees or agents. In the case of any investigation, litigation or other proceeding, the foregoing indemnity shall be effective whether or not such investigation, litigation or proceeding is brought by a Grantor, its directors, shareholders or creditors or an Indemnified Party or any other Person or any other Indemnified Party is otherwise a party thereto.
- (c) Access. In addition to the rights and remedies hereunder, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent shall have the right to

enter and remain upon the various premises of the Grantors without cost or charge to the Administrative Agent, and use the same, together with materials, supplies, books and records of the Grantors for the purpose of collecting and liquidating the Collateral, or for preparing for sale and conducting the sale of the Collateral, whether by foreclosure, auction or otherwise. In addition, the Administrative Agent may remove Collateral, or any part thereof, from such premises and/or any records with respect thereto, in order to effectively collect or liquidate such Collateral.

- Secured Parties to exercise any right, remedy or option under this Security Agreement, any other Credit Document, any other documents relating to the Secured Obligations, or as provided by law, or any delay by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties in exercising the same, shall not operate as a waiver of any such right, remedy or option. No waiver hereunder shall be effective unless it is in writing, signed by the party against whom such waiver is sought to be enforced and then only to the extent specifically stated, which in the case of the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties shall only be granted as provided herein. To the extent permitted by law, neither the Administrative Agent, the Secured Parties, nor any party acting as attorney for the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties, shall be liable hereunder for any acts or omissions or for any error of judgment or mistake of fact or law other than their gross negligence or willful misconduct hereunder. The rights and remedies of the Administrative Agents and the Secured Parties under this Security Agreement shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any other right or remedy that the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties may have.
- (e) Retention of Collateral. To the extent permitted under applicable law, in addition to the rights and remedies hereunder, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent may, after providing the notices required by Sections 9-620 and 9-621 of the UCC or otherwise complying with the requirements of applicable law of the relevant jurisdiction, accept or retain all or any portion of the Collateral in satisfaction of the Secured Obligations. Unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have provided such notices, however, the Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have accepted or retained any Collateral in satisfaction of any Secured Obligations for any reason.
- (f) <u>Deficiency</u>. In the event that the proceeds of any sale, collection or realization are insufficient to pay all amounts to which the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties are legally entitled, the Grantors shall be jointly and severally liable for the deficiency (subject to <u>Section 25</u> hereof), together with interest thereon at the Default Rate for Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans, together with the costs of collection and reasonable attorney fees. Any surplus remaining after the full payment and satisfaction of the Secured Obligations shall be returned to the Grantors or to whomsoever a court of competent jurisdiction shall determine to be entitled thereto.

8. Rights of the Administrative Agent.

- (a) <u>Power of Attorney</u>. In addition to other powers of attorney contained herein, each Grantor hereby designates and appoints the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, and each of its designees or agents, as attorney-in-fact of such Grantor, irrevocably and with power of substitution, with authority to take any or all of the following actions upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default:
 - (i) to demand, collect, settle, compromise and adjust, and give discharges and releases concerning the Collateral, all as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem appropriate;

- (ii) to commence and prosecute any actions at any court for the purposes of collecting any of the Collateral and enforcing any other right in respect thereof:
- (iii) to defend, settle or compromise any action brought and, in connection therewith, give such discharge or release as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem appropriate;
- (iv) to receive, open and dispose of mail addressed to a Grantor and endorse checks, notes, drafts, acceptances, money orders, bills of lading, warehouse receipts or other instruments or documents evidencing payment, shipment or storage of the goods giving rise to the Collateral on behalf of and in the name of such Grantor, or securing, or relating to such Collateral;
- (v) to pay or discharge taxes, liens, security interests or other encumbrances levied or placed on or threatened against the Collateral;
- (vi) to direct any parties liable for any payment in connection with any of the Collateral to make payment of any and all monies due and to become due thereunder directly to the Administrative Agent or as the Administrative Agent shall direct;
- (vii) to receive payment of and receipt for any and all monies, claims, and other amounts due and to become due at any time in respect of or arising out of any Collateral;
- (viii) to sell, assign, transfer, make any agreement in respect of, or otherwise deal with or exercise rights in respect of, any Collateral or the goods or services that have given rise thereto, as fully and completely as though the Administrative Agent were the absolute owner thereof for all purposes;
- (ix) to adjust and settle claims under any insurance policy relating thereto;
- (x) to execute and deliver all assignments, conveyances, statements, financing statements, renewal financing statements, security and pledge agreements, affidavits, notices and other agreements, instruments and documents that the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem appropriate in order to perfect and maintain the security interests and liens granted in this Security Agreement and in order to fully consummate all of the transactions contemplated therein;
- (xi) to institute any foreclosure proceedings that the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem appropriate; and
- (xii) to do and perform all such other acts and things as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem appropriate or convenient in connection with the Collateral.

This power of attorney is a power coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable for so long as any of the Secured Obligations shall remain outstanding and until all of the commitments relating thereto shall have been terminated. The Administrative Agent shall be under no duty to

exercise or withhold the exercise of any of the rights, powers, privileges and options expressly or implicitly granted to the Administrative Agent in this Security Agreement, and shall not be liable for any failure to do so or any delay in doing so. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any act or omission or for any error of judgment or any mistake of fact or law in its individual capacity or its capacity as attorney-in-fact except acts or omissions resulting from its gross negligence or willful misconduct. This power of attorney is conferred on the Administrative Agent solely to protect, preserve and realize upon its security interest in the Collateral.

- (b) <u>Performance by the Administrative Agent of Obligations</u>. If any Grantor fails to perform any agreement or obligation contained herein, the Administrative Agent itself may perform, or cause performance of, such agreement or obligation, and the expenses of the Administrative Agent incurred in connection therewith shall be payable by the Grantors on a joint and several basis (subject to <u>Section 25</u> hereof).
- (c) Assignment by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent may from time to time assign the Secured Obligations and any portion thereof and/or the Collateral and any portion thereof in connection with its resignation as Administrative Agent pursuant to Article X of the Credit Agreement, and the assignee shall be entitled to all of the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent under this Security Agreement in relation thereto.
- (d) The Administrative Agent's Duty of Care. Other than the exercise of reasonable care to assure the safe custody of the Collateral while being held by the Administrative Agent hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall have no duty or liability to preserve rights pertaining thereto, it being understood and agreed that the Grantors shall be responsible for preservation of all rights in the Collateral, and the Administrative Agent shall be relieved of all responsibility for the Collateral upon surrendering it or tendering the surrender of it to the Grantors. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of the Collateral in its possession if such Collateral is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which the Administrative Agent accords its own property, which shall be no less than the treatment employed by a reasonable and prudent agent in the industry, it being understood that the Administrative Agent shall not have responsibility for taking any necessary steps to preserve rights against any parties with respect to any of the Collateral. In the event of a public or private sale of Collateral pursuant to Section 7 hereof, the Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to clean, repair or otherwise prepare the Collateral for sale.
- 9. <u>Rights of Required Lenders</u>. All rights of the Administrative Agent hereunder, if not exercised by the Administrative Agent, may be exercised by the Required Lenders.
- 10. Application of Proceeds. Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, any payments in respect of the Secured Obligations and any proceeds of the Collateral, when received by the Administrative Agent or any of the Secured Parties in cash or its equivalent, will be applied in reduction of the Secured Obligations in the order set forth in the Credit Agreement or other document relating to the Secured Obligations, and each Grantor irrevocably waives the right to direct the application of such payments and proceeds and acknowledges and agrees that the Administrative Agent shall have the continuing and exclusive right to apply and reapply any and all such payments and proceeds in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, notwithstanding any entry to the contrary upon any of its books and records.
- 11. <u>Release of Collateral</u>. Upon request, the Administrative Agent shall promptly deliver to the Borrower (at the Borrower's expense) appropriate release documentation to the extent the release of Collateral is permitted under, and on the terms and conditions set forth in, the Credit Agreement; <u>provided</u> that any such release, or the substitution of any of the Collateral for other Collateral, will not alter, vary or

diminish in any way the force, effect, lien, pledge or security interest of this Security Agreement as to any and all Collateral not expressly released or substituted, and this Security Agreement shall continue as a first priority lien (subject to Permitted Liens) on any and all Collateral not expressly released or substituted.

12. <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. At all times hereafter, whether or not upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Grantors agree to promptly pay upon demand any and all reasonable costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties (a) as required under Section 10.04 of the Credit Agreement and (b) as necessary to protect the Collateral or to exercise any rights or remedies under this Security Agreement or with respect to any of the Collateral. All of the foregoing costs and expenses shall constitute Secured Obligations hereunder.

13. Continuing Agreement.

- (a) This Security Agreement shall be a continuing agreement in every respect and shall remain in full force and effect so long as any of the Secured Obligations remains outstanding and until all of the commitments relating thereto have been terminated (other than any obligations with respect to the indemnities and the representations and warranties set forth in the Loan Documents). Upon such payment and termination, this Security Agreement shall be automatically terminated and the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties shall, upon the request and at the expense of the Grantors, forthwith release all of its liens and security interests hereunder and shall execute and deliver all UCC termination statements and/or other documents reasonably requested by the Grantors evidencing such termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all releases and indemnities provided hereunder shall survive termination of this Security Agreement.
- (b) This Security Agreement shall continue to be effective or be automatically reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment, in whole or in part, of any of the Secured Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned by the Administrative Agent or any holder of the Secured Obligations as a preference, fraudulent conveyance or otherwise under any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar law, all as though such payment had not been made; provided that in the event payment of all or any part of the Secured Obligations is rescinded or must be restored or returned, all reasonable costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) incurred by the Administrative Agent or any holder of the Secured Obligations in defending and enforcing such reinstatement shall be deemed to be included as a part of the Secured Obligations.
- 14. <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. This Security Agreement and the provisions hereof may not be amended, waived, modified, changed, discharged or terminated except by written agreement between the Administrative Agent and each of the Grantors.
- 15. Successors in Interest. This Security Agreement shall create a continuing security interest in the Collateral and shall be binding upon each Grantor, its successors and assigns, and shall inure, together with the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties hereunder, to the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties and their successors and permitted assigns; provided, however, that none of the Grantors may assign its rights or delegate its duties hereunder without the prior written consent of the Requisite Lenders under the Credit Agreement. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Grantor hereby releases the Administrative Agent and each holder of the Secured Obligations, their respective successors, assigns, officers, attorneys, employees and agents, from any liability for any act or omission or any error of judgment or mistake of fact or of law relating to this Security Agreement or the Collateral, except for any liability arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Administrative Agent or such holder.

- 16. <u>Notices</u>. All notices required or permitted to be given under this Security Agreement shall be given as provided in Section 10.02 of the Credit Agreement.
- 17. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Security Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which where so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Security Agreement to produce or account for more than one such counterpart.
- 18. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the sections and subsections hereof are provided for convenience only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or construction of any provision of this Security Agreement.
 - 19. Governing Law; Submission to Jurisdiction; Venue.
 - (a) THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. Any legal action or proceeding with respect to this Security Agreement may be brought in the state or federal courts located in New York, New York, and, by execution and delivery of this Security Agreement, each Grantor hereby irrevocably accepts for itself and in respect of its property, generally and unconditionally, the jurisdiction of such courts. Each Grantor further irrevocably consents to the service of process out of any of the aforementioned courts in any such action or proceeding by the mailing of copies thereof by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to it at the address for notices pursuant to Section 16 hereof, such service to become effective three days after such mailing. Nothing herein shall affect the right of the Administrative Agent to serve process in any other manner permitted by law or to commence legal proceedings or to otherwise proceed against any Grantor in any other jurisdiction.
 - (b) Each Grantor hereby irrevocably waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any of the aforesaid actions or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Security Agreement brought in the courts referred to in subsection (a) hereof and hereby further irrevocably waives and agrees not to plead or claim in any such court that any such action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.
- 20. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH OF THE PARTIES TO THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.
- 21. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Security Agreement is determined to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be fully severable and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall be construed without giving effect to the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions.
- 22. <u>Entirety</u>. This Security Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the other documents relating to the Secured Obligations represent the entire agreement of the parties hereto and thereto, and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, if any, including any commitment letters or correspondence relating to the Loan Documents, any other documents relating to the Secured Obligations, or the transactions contemplated herein and therein.

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- 23. <u>Survival</u>. All representations and warranties of the Grantors hereunder shall survive the execution and delivery of this Security Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the other documents relating to the Secured Obligations, the delivery of the Notes and the extension of credit thereunder or in connection therewith.
- 24. Other Security. To the extent that any of the Secured Obligations are now or hereafter secured by property other than the Collateral (including real property and securities owned by a Grantor), or by a guarantee, endorsement or property of any other Person, then the Administrative Agent shall have the right to proceed against such other property, guarantee or endorsement upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, and the Administrative Agent shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine which rights, security, liens, security interests or remedies the Administrative Agent shall at any time pursue, relinquish, subordinate, modify or take with respect thereto, without in any way modifying or affecting any of them or the Secured Obligations or any of the rights of the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties under this Security Agreement, under any of the other Loan Documents or under any other document relating to the Secured Obligations.

25. Joint and Several Obligations of Grantors.

- (a) Subject to subsection (c) of this Section 25, each of the Grantors is accepting joint and several liability hereunder in consideration of the financial accommodation to be provided by the Secured Parties, for the mutual benefit, directly and indirectly, of each of the Grantors and in consideration of the undertakings of each of the Grantors to accept joint and several liability for the obligations of each of them.
- (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this Section 25, each of the Grantors jointly and severally hereby irrevocably and unconditionally accepts, not merely as a surety but also as a codebtor, joint and several liability with the other Grantors with respect to the payment and performance of all of the Secured Obligations arising under this Security Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any other documents relating to the Secured Obligations, it being the intention of the parties hereto that all the Secured Obligations shall be the joint and several obligations of each of the Grantors without preferences or distinction among them.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein, in any other of the Loan Documents or in any other documents relating to the Secured Obligations, the obligations of each Guarantor under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall be limited to an aggregate amount equal to the largest amount that would not render such obligations subject to avoidance under Section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code of the United States or any other applicable Debtor Relief Law (including any comparable provisions of any applicable state law).

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Each of the parties hereto has caused a counterpart of this Security Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantors have caused this Security Agreement to be executed by a Responsible Officer as of the date first above written.

GRANTORS:	CBEYOND COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation
	By: Allet I ngate.
	Name: Robert Fugate
	Title: CFO
	CBEYOND COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
	By: Volunt Ingate Name: Robert Frente
	Title: CFO
	CBEYOND LEASING, INC., a Delaware corporation
	By: Shut Jugati
	Name: Robert Fligate Title: CFO
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	CBEYOND LEASING, LP, a Delaware limited partnership

By:

CBEYOND LEASING OF TEXAS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

Cbeyond Communications, LLC, its

By: Cbeyond Leasing, LP, its Sole Member By: Cbeyond Communications, LLC, its

General Partners

General Partner

Name: Title:

Name: Robert Fugate
Title: CFO

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CBEYOND HOLDINGS OF TEXAS, LLC, a

Delaware limited liability company

By: Cbeyond Communications, LLC, its

Sole Member

By: Lugat
Name: Robert Floate
Title: CFO

CBEYOND COMMUNICATIONS OF TEXAS, LP, a Delaware limited partnership

Cheyond Communications, LLC, its General

Partner

By:

By: Start trojate
Name: Robert Fugate
Title: CFO

CBEYOND COMMUNICATIONS, LLC SECURITY AGREEMENT

Accepted and agreed to as of the date first above written.

Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent

Name: Thomas M. Paulk Title: Vice President

> CBEYOND COMMUNICATIONS, LLC SECURITY AGREEMENT

> > TRADEMARK

SCHEDULES AND EXHIBITS

Schedule 1(b) Intellectual Property Schedule 2(d) Commercial Tort Claims Schedule 4(a)(i) Legal Name, Jurisdiction of Formation or Organization, Principal Place of Business, Chief Executive Office Mergers, Consolidations, Changes in Structure, Use of Tradenames Schedule 4(a)(ii) Exhibit 5(f)(i) Form of Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Copyrights Form of Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Patents Exhibit 5(f)(ii)

Form of Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Trademarks

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Exhibit 5(f)(iii)

TRADEMARK

SCHEDULE 1(b)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

SCHEDULE 1(b)

TRADEMARKS

All Marks are owned by Cbeyond Communications, LLC

FEDERAL REGISTRATIONS

MARK/CLASS OF	SERIAL	FILING	REGIS.	REGIS.
SERVICES	NO.	DATE	NO.	DATE
BEYONDOFFICE / 38	78/219,753	02/27/2003	2,805,009	01/13/2004
BEYONDVOICE / 38	76/419,472	06/11/2002	2,793,909	12/16/2003
BEYONDVOICE / 42	76/975,273	06/11/2002	2,794,512	12/16/2003
BEYONDVOICE I / 38	76/419,471	06/11/2002	2,763,714	09/16/2003
BEYONDVOICE I / 42	76/975,272	06/11/2002	2,761,638	09/09/2003
BEYONDVOICE II / 38	76/419,470	06/11/2002	2,763,713	09/16/2003
BEYONDVOICE II / 42	76/975,300	06/11/2002	2,816,962	02/24/2004
BEYONDVOICE LITE / 38	78/438,509	06/21/2004	Pending	Pending
BEYONDVOICE LITE / 42	78/438,528	06/21/2004	Pending	Pending
BEYONDVOIP / 38	78/514,072	11/09/2004	Pending	Pending
BEYONDVOIP / 42	78/514,099	11/09/2004	Pending	Pending
CBEYOND / 38	78/711,477	09/12/2005	Pending	Pending
CBEYOND / 42	78/711,478	09/12/2005	Pending	Pending
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GEORGIA STATES REGISTRATIONS

MARK / CLASS OF	REGIS. NO.	REGIS DATE
SERVICES		
CBEYOND / 2	S-19210	03/16/2001
CBEYOND / 2	S-19211	03/16/2001
CBEYOND	S-19212	03/16/2001
COMMUNICATIONS / 2		
CBEYOND	S-19213	03/16/2001

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COPYRIGHTS: NONE

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SCHEDULE 2(d)

COMMERCIAL TORT CLAIMS

SCHEDULE 2(d)

NONE

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SCHEDULE 4(a)(i)

LEGAL NAME, JURISDICTION OF FORMATION OR ORGANIZATION, PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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SCHEDULE 4(a)(i)

NAME	STATE (DATE OF FORMATION)	FEIN
Cbeyond Communications, Inc.	Delaware (3/22/2000)	59-3636526
Cbeyond Communications, LLC	Delaware (10/22/1999)	59-3608337
Cbeyond Leasing, Inc.	Delaware (1/26/2001)	58-2598218
Cbeyond Leasing, LP	Delaware (1/31/2001)	58-2598212
Cbeyond Leasing of Texas, LLC	Delaware (1/30/2001)	58-2598211
Cbeyond Communications of Texas, LP	Delaware (6/7/2000)	58-2566111
Cbeyond Holdings of Texas, LLC	Delaware (6/7/2000)	58-2566109

All of the above entities have as their principal place of business the offices located at 320 Interstate North Parkway; Suite 300; Atlanta, GA 30339.

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SCHEDULE 4(a)(ii)

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