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PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

between

VAREL INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
a Delaware corporation

and

NATIONAL-OILWELL, L.P.
a Delaware limited partnership

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PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

This PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made as of June 24, 1999, by and between National Oilwell L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Seller"), and VAREL INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation ("Buyer").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Seller is engaged in the Business (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, Seller desires to sell to Buyer and Buyer desires to purchase from Seller all of the Business and the assets used in connection with the Business, all on the terms and conditions herein contained.

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

DEFINITIONS

All terms used herein (i) if of a particular gender shall be construed to cover every other gender and (ii) shall include both the singular and plural of such term. The words "herein," "hereunder," "herewith" and "hereof" shall refer to this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires. All references to articles, sections, subsections, subparagraphs, schedules and exhibits are to the articles, sections, subsections, subparagraphs, schedules and exhibits of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires. The following terms have the following meanings when used with an initial capital letter in this Agreement:

"Assets" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.1, but does not mean or include any of the Excluded Assets.

"Assumed Contracts" means the contracts and agreements primarily related to the Business, including the Material Contracts, but does not include any of the Excluded Contracts.

"Assumed Liabilities" means all liabilities and obligations of Seller directly relating to the Business or the Assets that are (i) incurred in the ordinary course of the Business and due to be performed or paid after the Closing under the Assumed Contracts; (ii) included in Net Working Capital as set forth on the Final Settlement Statement; (iii) of the type reflected on the December 31, 1998 balance sheet included within the Financial Statements and incurred in the ordinary course of the Business on or before the Closing Date; (iv) Permitted Encumbrances; (v) liabilities and obligations which Buyer has expressly assumed or agreed to be responsible for pursuant to this Agreement or the documents delivered in connection herewith. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Assumed Liabilities shall not include (a) any liability incurred by Seller after the date hereof and prior to the Closing which Seller covenants herein not to incur after the date hereof; (b) any liabilities that arise out of or primarily relate to the Excluded Assets; (c) any liabilities that arise out of or primarily relate to a breach or default under any Assumed Contract (or any action that, solely with the giving of notice or lapse of any applicable cure period, or both, would constitute a default or breach thereunder) occurring prior to the

Closing Date; (d) any liabilities not reflected in Net Working Capital for taxes, or similar assessments of Government Authorities, penalties or interest thereon, to the extent that they relate to the period prior to the Closing; or (e) any liabilities or obligations expressly assumed or retained by Seller or for which Seller has agreed to be responsible pursuant to this Agreement or the documents delivered in connection herewith, including without limitation, Environmental Liabilities for the period prior to Closing.

"Bill of Sale" means a bill of sale with respect to the personal property constituting a portion of the Assets in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto.

"Business" means the manufacture and marketing of drill bits. This shall include roller cone drill bits for the mining and oilfield markets in addition to PDC and natural diamond fixed cutter drill bits. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the definition of Business shall specifically exclude Seller's Downhole Tool business. Seller's Downhole Tool business includes, without limitation, the business of designing, manufacturing, selling and renting drilling motors, specialized drilling tools, hydraulic and mechanical drilling jars and shock tools, fishing jars, bumper subs, reamers, stabilizers and kelly and tubing safety valves.

"Claims" means past, present or future liabilities, losses, damages (including incidental, consequential, special and punitive damages), penalties, fines, obligations, judgments, liens, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, costs of investigation, attorneys' fees, experts' fees, consultants' fees and disbursements of any kind or of any nature whatsoever), claims, actions, causes of action, demands, filings, settlements, investigations, proceedings, arbitrations, mediations, suits or other legal or administrative proceedings, whether civil or criminal or based on negligence, trespass, intentional tort, strict liability, contribution or indemnification, common or decisional law or otherwise, and whether any of the foregoing is the result of a third-party claim, a claim by Buyer or Seller, or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Claims shall not include Environmental Liabilities.

"Closing," means the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby, all of which shall occur concurrently.

"Closing Date" means the earliest practicable date after all conditions to closing have been satisfied, but not later than June 24, 1999.

"Closing Payment" shall have the meaning given that term in Section 2.3.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Confidentiality Agreement" means the Confidentiality and Stand Still Agreement between Buyer and Seller dated January 12, 1999.

"Controlled Group" means a "controlled group" of organizations (as defined in Sections 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended).

"Employees" means those employees employed by Seller whose primary responsibilities are directly related to the conduct of the Business or whose services are necessary for the conduct of the Business.

"Environmental Liabilities" means past, present or future liabilities, losses, damages (including incidental, consequential, special and punitive damages), penalties, fines, obligations, judgments, liens, costs and expenses (including without limitation costs of investigation, attorneys' fees, experts' fees, consultants' fees and disbursements of any kind or of any nature whatsoever) claims, actions, causes of action, demands, filings, settlements, investigations, proceedings, arbitrations, mediations, suits or other legal or administrative proceedings, whether civil or criminal, or based on negligence, trespass, intentional tort, strict liability, contribution or indemnification, common or decisional law or otherwise, and whether any of the foregoing is a result of a third-party claim, a claim by Buyer or Seller, or otherwise, for or in connection with, or arising in any way from:

- (i) any Environmental Requirement.
- (ii) the exposure of any individual, including without limitation any Employee, to any Environmental Material.
- (iii) damage to natural resources, wildlife or the environment.
- (iv) any Environmental Release or the presence of any Environmental Material on, at, in, upon, under, about, to, or from the Assets.
- (v) Environmental Work.
- (vi) the manufacture, distribution in commerce, labeling or use of any Environmental Material;
- (vii) the generation, disposal, treatment, recycling, storage, or transportation, or the arrangement for treatment, recycling, storage, disposal or transportation of any Environmental Material at, in, upon, about, into, to or from any location, including, without limitation, any offsite (i.e. at any location other than the Real Property), disposal, storage, treatment, recycling or Environmental Release of any Environmental Material.
- (viii) any other matter relating to human health, natural resources, wildlife or the environment.

Environmental Liabilities shall not include occupational safety and health matters that do not involve exposure to Environmental Materials.

"Environmental Material" means any substance, product, waste or other material of any nature whatsoever (a) which is or becomes identified, listed, published, or defined as a hazardous substance, hazardous waste, dangerous waste, hazardous material, toxic substance, solid waste, acutely hazardous waste, extremely hazardous waste, infectious waste, retrograde material, volatile organic compound, waste, air contaminant, air pollutant, or pollutant, or is otherwise regulated, restricted or addressed under or pursuant to or may give rise to liability under any Environmental Requirement or (b) which otherwise has any adverse effect upon human health, natural resources, wildlife, or the environment. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Environmental Material shall exclude any material which has been the subject of remediation in, on or under the Real Estate pursuant to and in full satisfaction

of a jurisdictional Governmental Authority program to the extent such jurisdictional authority declares in writing, that such remediation has been completed in full satisfaction of applicable laws, rules and regulations.

"Environmental Permit" means any permit, license, franchise, consent, certificate of financial responsibility or other authorization or approval of or by any Government Authority under any applicable Environmental Requirement and any application therefor or filing in connection therewith.

"Environmental Release" means any actual or threatened spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, migrating, dumping or disposing into the air, surface water, groundwater, soil, land surface, subsurface strata, or indoor environment (including the abandonment or discarding of barrels, containers and other closed receptacles).

"Environmental Requirement" means (a) any international, national, provincial, regional, Indian, federal, state, municipal or local, statute, treaty, compact, law, rule, order, ordinance, Environmental Permit, regulation, judgment, binding decision, decree, or common or decisional law (including without limitation principles of negligence, trespass, nuisance, intentional tort, strict liability, contribution or indemnification) or other requirement of any Government Authority which relates to or imposes liabilities, duties or obligations in connection with the environment, natural resources, wildlife or human health, including without limitation (i) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 et seq.), (ii) the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 6901 et seq.), (iii) the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 11001 et seq.), (iv) the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 7401 et seq.), (v) the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Sections 1251 et seq.), (vi) the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. Sections 2601 et seq.), (vii) the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sections 136 et seq.), (viii) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 300f et seq.), (ix) the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 4851 et seq.), (x) the Oil Pollution and Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. Sections 2761 et seq.), (xi) the Occupational Safety and Health Act (29 U.S.C. Sections 651 et seq.), (xii) the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. Sections 5401 et seq.), (xiii) the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act (49 U.S.C. Sections 60101 et seq.), (xiv) any foreign, international, provincial, regional, Indian, state, municipal or local statutes, treaties, compacts, laws, rules, orders, ordinances or the like similar or analogous to the federal statutes listed in the foregoing parts (i) to (xiii), (xv) any amendments to the statutes, treaties, compacts, laws, rules, orders or ordinances listed in the foregoing parts (i) to (xiv) regardless of whether in existence on the date hereof, (xvi) any rules, Environmental Permits, binding decisions, decrees, regulations, directives, orders, judgments or the like adopted pursuant to or implementing the statutes, laws, treaties, compacts, rules, orders, ordinances and amendments listed in the foregoing parts (i) to (xv) and (xvii) any other law, statute, treaty, compact, ordinance, amendment, rule, regulation, Environmental Permit, directive, binding decision, decree, judgment, order, common law requirement, or the like in effect now or in the future relating to environmental, natural resources, wildlife or human health matters, and (b) any private agreement, contract or undertaking, including without limitation covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in or attached to any Leases to the extent such private agreement, contract or undertaking relates

directly or indirectly to or imposes liabilities, duties or obligations in connection with human health, natural resources, wildlife or the environment.

"Environmental Work" means any investigation, site monitoring, medical monitoring, containment, cleanup, removal, abatement, assessment, remediation, response, closure, post-closure care, restoration or other work of any kind or nature relating to the avoidance or mitigation of the adverse effects of Environmental Materials on human health, natural resources, wildlife, or the environment.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

"ERISA Affiliate" means any corporation, trade or business the employees of which, together with the employees of Seller, are required to be treated as employed by a single employer under the provisions of ERISA or Section 414 of the Code.

"Excluded Assets" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.2.

"Excluded Contracts" means the contracts and agreement disclosed on Schedule

D.

"Fee Properties" means, collectively, the Land and the Improvements.

"Final Settlement Statement" means a statement prepared after the Closing, setting forth the amount of, and the method of calculation of, the Closing Payment (including a definitive calculation of the Net Working Capital Adjustment).

"Financial Statements" shall have the meaning set forth in Subsection 3.1.14.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied.

"Government Authority" means any international, national, provincial, regional, Indian, federal, state, municipal or local executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative agency, department, commission, board, bureau or other governmental or quasi-governmental authority or instrumentality.

"Greenville Lease" means the agreement between the Seller and Buyer on the form attached as Exhibit "B" attached hereto, for Seller's property located at 7107 Interstate 30, Greenville, Texas, which shall be leased to Buyer "rent free" for a period of six (6) months from the Closing Date. For purposes of this Agreement, "rent free" shall mean Buyer shall not pay any rent, property tax attributable to real property or improvements, maintenance or insurance for the use of said property during or for said six (6) month lease period.

"Indemnified Party" shall have the meaning given that term in Section 13.3.

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"Intellectual Property" means (a) all inventions whether patentable or unpatentable (whether or not reduced to practice), all improvements thereto, and all patents, patent applications and patent disclosures, together with all reissuances, continuations, continuations-in-part, revisions, extensions, re-examinations and foreign counterparts thereof; (b) all Marks, together with all translations, adaptations, derivations and combinations thereof and all applications, registrations, foreign counterparts and renewals in connection therewith; (c) all copyrightable works, drawings and designs, all copyrights and all applications, registrations and renewals in connection therewith; (d) trade secrets and proprietary information; (e) all intellectual property rights in all computer software (including data and related documentation); (f) all other proprietary rights of a similar nature; and (g) all intellectual property rights in all copies and tangible embodiments thereof (in whatever form or medium) related primarily to the Business.

"Inventory" means the inventory of raw materials, ingredients, packaging, supplies, spare parts, consumable inventory and products, work in progress and finished goods related primarily to the Business.

"Inventory Valuation Procedures" means the valuation procedures set forth in Schedule A.

"Leases" means the "Greenville Lease" and the "Oklahoma Sublease".

"Marks" means all logos, marks, trademarks, trademark registrations, trade names, product marks, service marks and other commercial symbols, registered or unregistered, held or registered in the name of Seller on, or at any time prior to, the Closing Date other than the Transferred Marks.

"Material Adverse Effect" means any change or effect that individually or in the aggregate is materially adverse to the Business as presently conducted by Seller, taken as a whole, or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, taken as a whole.

"Material Contracts" shall have the meaning ascribed to that term in Subsection 3.1.6(A).

"Net Working Capital" means Seller's net working capital employed in the Business including without limitation petty cash, accounts receivable, notes receivable, inventory, warehouse stock, materials and supplies (to the extent not included in Inventory), prepaid expenses, third-party vendor payables, accrued liabilities, property taxes or other general business property taxes, but specifically excluding cash in the bank, computed in accordance with GAAP in all material respects. For the purposes of determining Net Working Capital, Inventory shall be valued in accordance with the Inventory Valuation Procedures.

"Net Working Capital Adjustment" means the United States dollar amount (which may be either a positive or a negative number) equal to (a) Net Working Capital as of the Closing Date minus (b)

"Oklahoma Lease" means the lease between JAR Group L.L.C. and Harrisburg/Woolley Inc. with respect to the property located at 1610 S.E. 37th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated October 2, 1995.

"Oklahoma Sub-Lease" means the agreement between the existing landlord and Buyer on the form attached as Exhibit "C" hereto, pursuant to which the property being leased by Seller located at 1610 S.E. 37th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will be sub-leased to Buyer.

"Permit" means any permit, license, franchise, consent, certificate of financial responsibility or other authorization or approval of or by any Government Authority, and shall include without limitation any Environmental Permit.

"Permitted Encumbrances" means

- (a) the matters disclosed on Schedule B;
- (b) rights reserved to, or vested in, or any obligations or duties to any Government Authority;
- (c) present or future zoning laws and ordinances;
- (d) all contractually binding arrangements to which the Assets are subject which do not materially interfere with or impair the operation, value or use of any of the Assets for the purposes for which they have been used by Seller;
- (e) all other liens, charges and encumbrances affecting the Assets not disapproved by Buyer within 5 days of Seller's request for approval thereof (such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) which do not materially interfere with or impair the operation, value or use of any of the Assets for the purposes for which they have been used by Seller.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, Government Authority or other entity.

"Pre-Closing Environmental Liabilities" means Environmental Liabilities relating to or resulting from acts or omissions occurring, or conditions created or existing, prior to the Closing Date.

"Preliminary Settlement Statement" means a statement prepared for Closing setting forth the amount of, and the method of calculation of, the Closing Payment (including a good faith estimate of the Net Working Capital Adjustment).

"Property Acquisition Agreements" means the agreements under, by or pursuant to which Seller acquired any or all of its interest in any of the Assets including without limitation assignments, assignment agreements, exchange agreements, purchase agreements and settlement agreements.

"Purchase Price" means an amount equal to

"Real Property" means, collectively, the Greenville Lease and the Oklahoma Sublease.

"Records" means all originals of Seller's records primarily relating to the Assets or the Business, including property files, lease files, contract files, environmental files, health and safety files, Permit files, abstracts and title opinions, or policies, production records, customer data, pricing data, tax records, insurance and related records, personnel records, transportation records, manufacturing records, surveys and maps. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, "Records" does not include (i) documents and information subject to any attorney-client privilege or work product privilege held by Seller and/or its attorneys (unless the Record in question materially relates to the Assets or to a liability which is an Assumed Liability), (ii) documents and information relating to the negotiation of this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, (iii) documents and information which Seller may not disclose or provide to Buyer due to a binding obligation to one or more other Persons, other than members of the Seller, to treat such documents or information as confidential (unless Buyer agrees to be bound by such obligations, in which event Seller shall make a good faith effort to obtain permission to disclose such documents or information to Buyer); (iv) documents and information relating primarily to the Excluded Assets; or (v) personnel records which Seller is required by law to maintain as confidential. To the extent Seller does not disclose under the foregoing clause (iii), Seller shall provide a log of such documents and information to Buyer.

"Seller Benefit Plan" means any Seller Fringe Benefit Plan, Seller Pension Plan or Seller Welfare Benefit Plan.

"Seller Fringe Benefit Plan" means any written plan or policy providing for "fringe benefits" maintained by Seller as of the date hereof in connection with the Business (including but not limited to vacation, paid holidays, personal leave, employee discount, educational benefit or similar program), and any other deferred compensation, bonus, stock option, employee stock purchase, severance, group insurance, disability, unemployment, supplemental unemployment, layoff, consulting or stock, appreciation rights plan, and any other similar written plan, policy, arrangement, commitment or understanding other than Seller Pension Plans and Seller Welfare Benefit Plans.

"Seller Pension Plan" means any "employee pension benefit plan," as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA, ever maintained or contributed to (or required to be maintained or contributed to) by the Seller or any ERISA Affiliate that cover Employees who are employed by Seller as of the date hereof.

"Seller Welfare Benefit Plan" means any "employee welfare benefit plan," as defined in Section 3(1) of ERISA that the Seller or any ERISA Affiliate maintains, contributes to or is required to maintain or contribute to on behalf of any Employee who is employed by Seller as of the date hereof.

"State" means the State of Texas.

"Supplemental Disclosure" means any written notice from Seller to Buyer required by Section 4.5.

"Transferred Copyrights" means those works of authorship, published or unpublished, including registrations, renewals and applications in connection therewith owned or held by Seller which primarily relate to the Business as presently conducted by Seller.

"Transferred Employees" means Employees to whom Buyer has made an offer of employment pursuant to Section 11.1 and by whom such offer has been accepted.

"Transferred Intellectual Property" means, collectively, the Transferred Copyrights, the Transferred Marks, the Transferred Patents and the Transferred Trade Secrets.

"Transferred Marks" means those logos, marks, trademarks, trademark registrations, trade names, product marks, service marks and other commercial symbols identified on Schedule C.

"Transferred Patents" means the patents and patent applications identified on Schedule C.

"Transferred Trade Secrets" means those trade secrets, know how and other proprietary information owned or held by Seller which primarily relates to the Business as presently conducted by Seller.

"Undisclosed Pre-Closing Environmental Liabilities" means all Pre-Closing Environmental Liabilities relating to or arising out of the Business or the Assets other than the Disclosed Pre-Closing Environmental Liabilities.

"Wiring Instructions" means the wiring instructions for the Closing Payment which Seller delivers to Buyer at least three business days prior to Closing.

ARTICLE 1. PURCHASE AND SALE

1.1 Assets. Subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, Seller agrees to sell transfer, convey, assign and deliver to Buyer and Buyer agrees to purchase, accept and receive on and as of the Closing Date, subject to the terms and provisions herein contained, all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to, to the extent transferable, the properties, assets, interests and rights (including contract rights) of every nature, kind and description, tangible and intangible (including goodwill), whether real, personal or mixed, accrued, contingent or otherwise and whether now existing or hereinafter acquired (other than the Excluded Assets) primarily relating to or used or held for use in connection with the Business (collectively, the "Assets"), including without limitation:

1.1.1 the Real Property;

1.1.2 the Assumed Contracts;

1.1.3 all materials, supplies, spare parts, inventory, furniture, motor vehicles, rolling stock, tools, implements, appliances, machinery, equipment, personal computers, improvements and other tangible personal property and fixtures which relate primarily to the Assets;

1.1.4 the Records;

1.1.5 all Permits relating primarily to the Assets or the Business;

1.1.6 all personal property leases for personal property relating primarily to the Assets or the Business;

1.1.7 all assets included in Net Working Capital on the Closing Date;

1.1.8 all Transferred Intellectual Property, including without limitation, the ownership of and all rights to use of the name of Walker McDonald;

1.1.9 all customer, prospect and marketing lists relating primarily to the Business.

1.2 Excluded Assets. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the following properties, assets, rights and interests (collectively, the "Excluded Assets") shall be excluded from the Assets to be sold and transferred to Buyer hereunder:

1.2.1 all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to the properties, assets, interests and rights (including contract rights) of every nature, kind and description, tangible and intangible (including goodwill), whether real, personal or mixed, accrued, contingent or otherwise not primarily relating to or used or held for use in connection with the Business and those properties, assets, rights and interests of Seller described on Schedule 1.2;

1.2.2 properties, assets, rights and interests sold or otherwise disposed of by Seller in the ordinary course of the Business to the extent not prohibited hereunder;

1.2.3 policies or contracts of insurance and surety bonds and similar assurances of financial responsibility;

1.2.4 minutes, capital stock ledgers and similar corporate records and instruments of Seller;

1.2.5 general ledgers and original books of entry subsidiary thereto, tax returns, checks, vouchers and bank statements and supporting papers of Seller for each of the foregoing;

1.2.6 all real property and fixtures located at 7107 Interstate 30, Greenville, Hunt County, Texas, provided; however, said property shall be leased to Buyer pursuant to the Greenville Lease.

1.2.7 the Intellectual Property other than the Transferred Intellectual Property;

1.2.8 the Seller Benefit Plans and all assets related thereto.

ARTICLE 2. PURCHASE PRICE

2.1 Consideration. In consideration for the transfer by Seller to Buyer of the Assets, Buyer shall pay the Purchase Price to Seller at the time and in the manner set forth herein. It is

further provided that it is Seller's intention to sell the real property and improvements identified in the Greenville Lease. If, within two (2) years of the Closing there is a sale or disposition of the real property and improvements, at the time of such sale or other disposition, Seller shall pay Buyer a sum equal to one half (1/2) of the amount by which the sales price or value of such disposition is less than the sum paid to Seller, but not to exceed a total sum paid to Seller.

2.2 Closing Payment. At the Closing, Buyer shall pay and deliver the Closing Payment to Seller, by wire transfer of immediately available funds denominated in United States Dollars in accordance with the Wiring Instructions.

2.3 Calculation of Closing Payment. The Closing Payment shall be an amount equal to:

2.3.1 the Purchase Price;

2.3.2 Plus the Net Working Capital Adjustment which shall be calculated to determine the difference, if any, between the Financial Statements of December 31, 1998, and those of May 31, 1999 for purposes of the Closing Payment and a second Net Working Capital Adjustment shall be made, post Closing to adjust for the differences, if any between May 31, 1999 Financial Statements and those prepared as of the Closing. The results of these calculations shall, in effect, be an addition if the Net Working Capital Adjustment is a positive number as between the earlier Financial Statements subsequent Financial Statements and a subtraction of the absolute value thereof if the Net Working Capital Adjustment is a negative number.

ARTICLE 3. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

3.1 Representations and Warranties of Seller. Seller hereby represents and warrants to Buyer as follows:

3.1.1 Organization and Good Standing. Seller is a limited partnership duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has all requisite power and authority to own and lease the properties and assets it owns and leases related to the Business and to carry on the Business as such business is presently conducted. Seller is duly licensed or qualified to do business in the State and all other jurisdictions in which the character of the Assets or the nature of the Business requires it to be so licensed or qualified except where a failure to have such license or qualification would not have a material adverse effect upon the operation of the Assets or the Business as presently conducted by Seller.

3.1.2 Corporate Authority; Authorization of Agreement. Seller has all requisite power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and the documents provided for herein to be executed and delivered by Seller at Closing, to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and to perform its obligations under this Agreement and such documents. Seller has taken all proper corporate action to authorize and approve the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the documents provided for herein to be executed and delivered by Seller at Closing, the performance of all the terms and conditions hereof and thereof to be performed by Seller and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. No other act or proceeding on the part of Seller is necessary to authorize the execution, delivery or

performance of this Agreement or such other documents, or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby. This Agreement constitutes (and the documents provided for herein to be executed and delivered by Seller at Closing will, when executed and delivered, constitute) the legal, valid and binding obligations of Seller, enforceable against Seller in accordance with their terms.

3.1.3 No Violation. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.3, the execution and delivery by Seller of this Agreement and the documents provided for herein to be executed and delivered by Seller at Closing, the consummation by Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby and the compliance by Seller with the terms hereof and thereof, do not and will not, (i) violate, or conflict with or result in a breach of any provisions of or constitute a default (or an event which, with notice or lapse of any applicable cure period, or both, would constitute a default) or require a consent under, or result in the termination of, or accelerate the performance required by or result in the creation of any lien upon any of the Assets under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the articles of incorporation, bylaws, limited liability company operating agreement or similar charter documents of Seller, or (ii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation of any Government Authority applicable to Seller or the Assets.

3.1.4 Actions and Proceedings. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.4:

(A) there is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending against Seller which has been served on Seller, to the best of Seller's knowledge, threatened against Seller or its affiliates involving or affecting the Business or any Assets material to the Business and seeking (individually, or with respect to claims which arise out of the same facts and circumstances, in the aggregate), (i) compensation in a specified amount in excess of \$100,000; (ii) compensation in an unspecified amount that could as of the date hereof reasonably be expected to exceed \$100,000; (iii) injunctive relief except for such injunctive relief that if granted would not be material to the Business as presently conducted by Seller or to any Assets material to the Business.

(B) there are no decrees, injunctions, liens or orders of any Governmental Authority outstanding against Seller or its affiliates relating to or affecting the Business or any Assets material to the Business that would have a material adverse effect upon the Business as presently conducted by Seller.

(C) there is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending against Seller or its affiliates which has been served on Seller or its affiliates by which any Person seeks to restrain, prohibit or enjoin the performance by Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby.

(D) there is no action, suit or proceeding pending against Seller or its affiliates which has been served on Seller or its affiliates or, to the best of Seller's knowledge, which has been threatened against Seller, by which any Person seeks to take by eminent domain or condemnation any material portion of any of the Real Property.

3.1.5 Brokers. No person acting on behalf of Seller has any valid claim against Buyer or the Assets for any brokers or finder's fee or similar compensation in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby. Seller shall indemnify, defend and hold Buyer harmless from and against any and all Claims by any person alleging a right to a broker or finder's fee from or through Seller.

3.1.6 Material Contracts.

(A) Schedule 3.1.6(A) contains a true and complete listing of all Material Contracts. For the purposes hereof, "Material Contracts" means the following contracts or agreements to which Seller is a party and that relate primarily to the Assets or the Business; (i) any written contract or agreement obligating Seller to make capital expenditures which as of the date hereof are reasonably estimated by Seller to exceed \$150,000 after the date hereof; (ii) any contract or agreement obligating Seller to pay, or entitling Seller to receive, an amount which as of the date hereof is reasonably estimated by Seller to exceed either (a) \$150,000 in any 12 month period after the date hereof or (b) \$150,000 in the aggregate over the remainder of current term of the contract or agreement; (iii) any loan of money by Seller to any Person for which the outstanding principal amount as of the date hereof exceeds \$75,000 or any contract or agreement obligating Seller to make such a loan of money (provided, however, that sales by Seller to customers on payment or credit terms consistent with industry custom and practice shall not constitute a loan for these purposes); (iv) any guaranty by Seller of the obligation of any other Person in an amount which as of the date hereof is reasonably estimated by Seller to exceed \$100,000; (v) any contract or agreement by which Seller has agreed not to compete with another Person in the manufacture and/or marketing of drill bits or by which another Person has agreed not to compete with Seller in such business; (vi) any other contract or agreement that is material to the Business as presently conducted by Seller or to any Assets material to the Business; (vii) any contract or agreement by which Seller has been granted a license to use any of the Transferred Intellectual Property; (viii) any rights of first refusal, buy/sell, option or similar rights in favor of Persons other than Seller with respect to the Business or any Asset material to the Business; and (viii) any material amendment or modification to any of the foregoing.

(B) Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.6(B), (i) all of the Material Contracts are valid and binding against Seller; and (ii) no defaults by Seller, as the case may be, exist thereunder nor has any event occurred which, solely with the giving of notice or the lapse of any applicable cure period, or both, would constitute a default under any Material Contract, except where a default or termination of such Material Contract would not have a material adverse effect upon the operation of the Assets or the Business as presently conducted by Seller. To the best of Seller's knowledge, except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.6(B), (i) all of the Material Contracts are valid and binding against the other parties thereto (or their successors in interest); (ii) no defaults by the other parties thereto (or their successors in interest) exist thereunder nor has any event occurred which, solely with the giving of notice or the lapse of any applicable cure period, or both, would constitute a default by such other parties (or their successors in interest) under any Material Contract, except where a default or termination of such Material Contract would not have a material adverse effect upon the Business as presently conducted by Seller or

any Assets material to the Business; and (iii) execution of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein shall not constitute a default under, or result in the termination of, any Material Contract, except where a default or termination of such Material Contract would not have a material adverse effect upon the Business as presently conducted by Seller or any Assets material to the Business. For the purposes of the foregoing, the matters set forth on Schedule 3.1.4 shall be deemed incorporated by reference as if such matters were set forth in full on Schedule 3.1.6(B).

(C) Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.6(C), no consents or approvals are required in connection with the assignment by Seller to Buyer of Seller's rights and obligations under the Material Contracts, no violations would occur under the Material Contracts in connection with or as a result of the transfer from Seller to Buyer of the Business and Assets, no consents or approvals are required in the Business as presently conducted by Seller and no violations would occur under the Material Contracts in connection with the assignment by Seller to Buyer of Seller's rights and obligations under the Material Contracts, except where failing to obtain such consent or such approval would not have a material adverse effect upon the Business and Assets.

3.1.7 Business and Assets. There exist no agreements or arrangements for the sale by Seller of the Business (including, without limitation, calls on or other rights in favor of Persons other than Seller to purchase such Business and Assets whether or not the same are currently being exercised).

3.1.8 Permits.

(A) Schedule 3.1.8 contains a true and complete listing of all Permits material to the ownership and operation of the Business as presently conducted by Seller and to the Assets which are material to the Business.

(B) Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.8, (i) Seller holds, or has applied for, all Permits material to the ownership and operation of the Business as presently conducted by Seller and to the Assets which are material to the Business; (ii) all such Permits held by Seller are in full force and effect, and all applications for such Permits are complete; and (iii) Seller is in compliance in all material respects with such Permits. For the purposes of the foregoing, the matters set forth on Schedule 3.1.4 and Schedule 3.1.9 shall be deemed incorporated by this reference as if such matters were set forth on Schedule 3.1.8 in full.

(C) Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.8, to the best of Seller's knowledge, all of the Permits listed thereon may be transferred or assigned by Seller to Buyer without the consent of the Government Authority listed as having jurisdiction therefor.

3.1.9 Compliance with Laws. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.9, Seller is in compliance in all material respects with all judgments, orders, decrees, injunctions, statutes, rules, regulations, orders and other legal or administrative requirements of all Government Authorities having jurisdiction over the operation of the Assets and/or the Business, except

where non-compliance would not have a material adverse effect upon the Business as presently conducted by Seller or any Assets material to the Business. Except as set forth in Schedule 3.1.9, Seller has not received any written notice of a material violation of any such Permit, judgment, order, decree, injunction, statute, rule, regulation or other legal or administrative requirement from any Government Authority having jurisdiction other than violations which, to the best of Seller's knowledge, have been cured or remedied to such Government Authority's satisfaction. For the purposes of the foregoing, the matters set forth on Schedule 3.1.3, Schedule 3.1.4, Schedule 3.1.8, Schedule 3.1.10, Schedule 3.1.12, Schedule 3.1.14 and Schedule 3.1.20(A) shall be deemed incorporated by this reference as if such matters were set forth on Schedule 3.1.9 in full.

3.1.10 Labor and Employment Matters.

(A) Seller is providing, on Schedule E hereto, a true and complete listing, to the best of Seller's knowledge and belief, upon due inquiry, of all Employees as of the date thereof, including approximate date of hire, title or grade as of the date thereof, salary or rate of compensation as of the date thereof, exempt or non-exempt status, and active or leave status. Except for any agreements disclosed on Schedule 3.1.10 and any Seller Benefit Plan, none of the Employees is a party to any written employment contract, agreement or commitment, termination or severance agreement or similar contract or agreement, and the employment of all such Employees is terminable at will (subject, however, to applicable laws governing the termination of employees generally).

(B) There are no collective bargaining agreements or other similar agreements with respect to Employees, and no Employees are represented by any labor organization or collective bargaining representative. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.10, Seller is in compliance in all material respects with all applicable laws, rules and regulations pertaining to labor or employment matters, practices, wages, benefits and hours.

(C) Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.10, to the best of Seller's knowledge, there is not currently underway any organized effort to unionize Employees who are employed by Seller as of the date hereof and there are no union certification or representation issues pending before any Government Authority.

3.1.11 Intellectual Property. The Transferred Patents constitute all of the patents owned by or licensed to Seller, and used by Seller in the Business that are material to the operation of the Business as currently conducted by Seller. The Transferred Marks constitute all of the Marks owned by Seller and used by Seller in the Business that are material to the operation of the Business as currently conducted by Seller. As configured and operating on the Closing Date, (i) the Business does not knowingly and unlawfully infringe upon or misappropriate the Intellectual Property of any other Person; and (ii) to the best of Seller's knowledge, the Transferred Intellectual Property is not being unlawfully infringed upon or misappropriated by any other Person. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.11, Seller has the right to assign or license, as applicable, to Buyer its right, title and interest in the Transferred Intellectual Property. With respect to Transferred Intellectual Property of which Seller is

licensee, Seller has the right to use such Transferred Intellectual Property as they are currently being used by Seller in the Business.

3.1.12 No Material Adverse Effect. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.12, there has been no Material Adverse Effect since December 31, 1998. For the purposes of the foregoing, the matters set forth on Schedule 3.1.4 and Schedule 3.1.9 shall be deemed incorporated by this reference as if such matters were set forth on Schedule 3.1.12 in full.

3.1.13 Taxes. Seller has filed (or will cause to be filed) all material non-income tax returns that are required to be filed by Seller with respect to the Assets or the Business through the Closing Date, such returns are (and will be) true, correct and complete in all material respects and were (and will be) prepared in conformity with all applicable laws and regulations, and Seller shall have paid (or will pay when due) all taxes required to be reported on such returns which are due and are attributable to any taxable period or portion thereof that ends on or before the Closing Date.

3.1.14 Financial Statements. Schedule 3.1.14 consists of the unaudited financial statement and balance sheet of the Business as of and for the year ending December 31, 1998 and for the five (5) month period ending May 31, 1999, (collectively, the "Financial Statements"). Except as known by Buyer, such Financial Statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Business at the date and for the period indicated and have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. Except as known by Buyer, the Financial Statements do not contain any material items of a special or nonrecurring nature, except as expressly stated therein. The Financial Statements have been prepared from the books and records of the Seller, which accurately and fairly reflect the transactions of, acquisitions and dispositions of assets by, and incurrence of liabilities by the Seller with respect to the Business. The Seller has no material Liabilities of or relating to the business of the Seller except for (i) Liabilities reflected on the Financial Statements, (ii) current liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice after the latest Financial Statements, (iii) ordinary course obligations under the Material Contracts and under other agreements entered into by the Seller in the ordinary course of the Seller's business that are not included within the definition of Material Contracts. All accounts receivable reflected in the latest Financial Statements or included in the Assets arose in the ordinary course of business and are fully collectible in the ordinary course of business, without resort to litigation, at the face amount thereof less any reserve reflected in the latest Financial Statement and, to the knowledge of Sellers, will not be subject to counterclaim, set-off or other reduction.

3.1.15. Absence of Material Adverse Change. Except as set forth in Schedule 3.1.12, since the latest Financial Statement date, except as specifically contemplated by this Agreement, there has not been: (a) any material adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, assets or Liabilities of the Seller or with respect to the manner in which the Seller conducts its business or operations; (b) any payment or transfer of assets to or for the benefit of any stockholder of the Seller, other than compensation and expense reimbursements paid in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practice; (c) any breach or default by the Seller or, to the knowledge of Sellers, any other party (or event that with notice or lapse of time would constitute a breach or default), termination or threatened termination under any Material Contracts; (d) any change by the Seller in its accounting methods, principles or practices; (e) any

increase in the benefits under, or the establishment or amendment of, any bonus, insurance, severance, deferred compensation, pension, retirement, profit sharing or other employee benefit plan, or any increase in the compensation payable or to become payable to directors, officers or employees of Seller, except for annual merit increases in salaries or wages in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice; (f) any theft, condemnation or eminent domain proceeding or any material damage, destruction or casualty loss affecting any asset used in the business of the Seller, whether or not covered by insurance; (g) any sale, assignment or transfer of any asset of the Seller, except sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices or any sales of obsolete equipment no longer used in the business of the Seller; (h) any waiver by the Sellers of any material rights related to the Seller's business, operations or assets; (i) any other transaction, agreement or commitment entered into by the Seller or affecting the Seller's business, operations or assets, except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices or (j) any agreement or understanding to do or resulting in any of the foregoing.

3.1.16 Receivables. All receivables reflected in Net Working Capital on the Closing Date which have not heretofore been collected are valid and genuine, except as would not be material to the aggregate amount thereof. All accounts receivable and notes receivable reflected in the Financial Statements or included in the Assets arose in the ordinary course of business and are fully collectible in the ordinary course of business, without resort to litigation, at the face amount thereof less any reserve reflected in the latest Financial Statement and, to the knowledge of Sellers, will not be subject to counterclaim, set-off or other reduction.

3.1.17 Seller Benefit Plans.

(A) Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.1.17, neither the Seller nor any ERISA Affiliate contributes or has at any time within the six calendar year period preceding the Closing Date contributed or had an obligation to contribute to a multi-employer plan (as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA) on behalf of the Employees who are employed by Seller as of the date hereof.

(B) Following the Closing, Buyer will have no liabilities under, resulting from, or relating to the Seller Benefit Plans and will have no obligation to continue or replace any of the Seller Benefit Plans, except as expressly provided in Article 11 below.

(C) The Seller's 401(k) plan is qualified under Code § 401(a), and has been operated in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and in accordance with the terms of the plan.

3.1.18 Title to Assets. Seller has good and marketable title and/or a valid ownership interest, or a valid leasehold interest, in each of the Assets (other than the Real Property) free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances other than Permitted Encumbrances. Upon consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, Buyer will have acquired good and marketable title and/or a valid ownership interest, or a valid leasehold interest, in each of the Assets (other than the Real Property), free and clear of any liens or encumbrances, except for Permitted Encumbrances and liens and encumbrances created by or through Seller, Guarantor or their affiliates.

3.1.19 Leases. The Oklahoma Sub-lease, with Buyer as tenant, pertains to the same property described as the Oklahoma Lease, which shall be sub-leased by the existing landlord to Buyer pursuant to the terms of Exhibit C hereto, is in full force and effect and has not been amended, modified or supplemented in any material manner that has not been disclosed to Buyer in writing. The Oklahoma Lease and the Greenville Lease constitute all of the written or oral agreements of any kind for the leasing, rental or occupancy of any portion of the Real Property. Seller has performed and complied with all of its material obligations under the Oklahoma Lease as and when required and there exists no fact or circumstance that with or without notice or lapse of any applicable cure period, or both, would constitute a material default under the Oklahoma Sub-lease.

3.1.20 Litigation. No injunction or order shall have been issued restraining or prohibiting, nor shall any law or decision have been rendered making unlawful, or which would substantially delay or make substantially more burdensome (1) any transaction contemplated by this Agreement, (2) Buyer's ownership or use of the Business or any Assets material to the Business, nor shall any Governmental Authority have filed an action or threatened to file an action seeking any of the foregoing. The foregoing closing condition shall supersede the representations made in Subsection 3.1.4(C) and Subsection 3.2.4, to the extent such representations would otherwise also be a closing condition.

3.2 Representations and Warranties of Buyer. Buyer represents and warrants to Seller as follows:

3.2.1 Organization and Good Standing. Buyer is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has all requisite corporate power and authority to own and lease the properties and assets it owns and leases and to carry on its business as such business is presently conducted. Buyer is duly licensed or qualified to do business in the State and all other jurisdictions in which the character of the properties and assets owned or leased by it or the nature of the business conducted by it requires it to be so licensed or qualified, except where the failure to be so licensed or qualified would not have a material adverse effect on Buyer, taken as a whole, or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, taken as a whole.

3.2.2 Corporate Authority; Authorization of Agreement. Buyer has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and the documents provided for herein to be executed and delivered by Buyer at Closing, to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and to perform its obligations under this Agreement and related documents. Buyer has taken all proper corporate action to authorize and approve the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the documents provided herein to be executed and delivered by Buyer at Closing, the performance of all the terms and conditions hereof and thereof to be performed by Buyer and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. No other act or proceeding on the part of Buyer is necessary to authorize the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement or such other documents, or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby. This Agreement constitutes (and the documents provided for herein to be executed and delivered at the Closing by Buyer will, when executed and delivered, constitute) the legal, valid and binding obligations of Buyer, enforceable against Buyer in accordance with their terms.

3.2.3 No Violation. The execution and delivery by Buyer of this Agreement and the documents provided herein to be executed and delivered by Buyer at Closing, the consummation by Buyer of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, and the compliance by Buyer with the terms hereof and thereof, do not and will not (i) violate or conflict with or result in a breach of any provisions of or constitute a default (or an event which, with notice or lapse of any applicable cure period, or both, would constitute a default), or require a consent under, or result in the termination of, or accelerate the performance required by or result in the creation of any lien upon any of the Assets under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the articles of incorporation, bylaws or similar charter documents of Borrower or, (ii) any order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation of any Government Authority applicable to Buyer or to the Assets.

3.2.4 Litigation. There is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending against Buyer or its affiliates which has been served on Buyer or its affiliates or, to the best of Buyer's knowledge, threatened against Buyer or its affiliates by which any Person seeks to restrain or enjoin the performance by Buyer of this Agreement.

3.2.5 Brokers. No person acting on behalf of Buyer has any valid claim against Seller for any brokers or finder's fee or similar compensation in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby. Buyer shall indemnify, defend and hold Seller harmless from and against any, and all Claims by any person alleging a right to a broker or finder's fee from or through Buyer.

3.2.6 No Implied Warranties. EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT, IF ANY, EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT OR THE EXHIBITS OR SCHEDULES HERETO (AS INCORPORATED HEREIN), (A) SELLER MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES AND DISCLAIMS ALL LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY REPRESENTATION, WARRANTY, STATEMENT OR INFORMATION ORALLY OR IN WRITING MADE OR COMMUNICATED TO BUYER INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY OPINION, INFORMATION OR ADVICE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO BUYER BY SELLER; AND (B) SELLER HAS NOT MADE, AND SELLER HEREBY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS AND NEGATES, ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR CONFORMITY TO MODELS OR SAMPLES AND ANY OTHER REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESS, STATUTORY OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO THE ASSETS.

ARTICLE 4. DUE DILIGENCE

4.1 Access to Assets. Upon execution of this Agreement, and for so long as Buyer complies with Section 4.2 Buyer shall have the reasonable right to enter upon the Real Property and inspect the Assets located thereon and conduct such physical, topographical, geological, environmental, drainage, soil and engineering studies or inspections as Buyer may reasonably desire. Based upon the results of such studies or inspections, Buyer may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement, and upon such termination Seller shall return to Buyer all down payments or earnest money. Buyer shall provide Seller reasonable prior written notice of any access under this Article. All access, inspections and tests shall be non-destructive in nature and Seller shall be notified and shall have the right to approve the protocol of any such tests prior to

commencement of the test. Any and all access and tests shall be done at the sole cost, liability, risk and expense of Buyer, who shall indemnify Seller for any and all claims arising from Buyer's activities, access and tests.

4.2 Access to Records. Upon reasonable prior written notice from Buyer, Seller shall provide Buyer reasonable access during Seller's regular business hours to the Records. The disclosure of any privileged document or information to Buyer shall not constitute a waiver of the applicable privilege, and Buyer shall promptly following written request of Seller return to Seller all originals, copies and derivations of any such document or information unless such document or information primarily relates to the Assets or an Assumed Liability. Any and all access shall be done at the sole cost, liability, risk and expense of Buyer, who shall indemnify Seller for any and all claims arising from Buyer's activities.

4.3 Access to Persons. Seller shall provide Buyer reasonable access during Seller's regular business hours to Seller's employees, agents and representatives. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Buyer shall not contact any of Seller's employees, agents or representatives unless and until the parties shall have reasonably agreed (orally or in writing) upon the manner in which and terms pursuant to which such access shall be provided, including any agreements or understandings (orally or in writing) made prior to the date hereof. Any and all access shall be done at the sole cost, liability, risk and expense of Buyer.

4.4 Other Due Diligence. Prior to the Closing, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Buyer may conduct such other examination or investigation of public records relating to the Assets or third persons having knowledge of the Assets as Buyer may choose to conduct in its discretion.

4.5 Supplemental Disclosures. From time to time prior to the Closing, the Seller will promptly deliver a Supplemental Disclosure with respect to any matter hereafter arising which, if existing or occurring at or prior to the date hereof, would have been required to be set forth or listed in the Schedules hereto or which is necessary to complete or correct any information in the Schedules. Any matters set forth on the Supplemental Disclosure which are not cured or remedied by Seller prior to Closing, and any Claims relating thereto, shall survive Closing and shall be subject to Article 10 hereof.

4.6 Inaccuracies of Representations and Warranties. Should Buyer reasonably determine that any one or more of the representations and warranties of Seller set forth in Section 3.1 are untrue or misleading, then Buyer may deliver written notice thereof to Seller prior to the Closing Date. If Buyer does deliver such notice prior to the Closing Date, then Seller may make reasonable efforts to cure or remedy such inaccuracies or the effect on value of such inaccuracies to Buyer's reasonable satisfaction prior to the Closing Date. If Seller does not cure or remove such inaccuracies, including without limitation any Supplemental Disclosures, or any other item Buyer was aware of, then Buyer may elect, by written not to Close and to terminate all further obligations of the parties to each other (except for those obligations which survive pursuant to Subsection 10.2.1). If Buyer does not deliver such notice at the time and in the manner set forth, any such inaccuracies shall automatically and irrevocably be deemed as disclosed by Seller and accepted by Buyer upon Closing.

ARTICLE 5. OPERATIONS

5.1 Permits; Environmental Requirements. Buyer shall be solely responsible for compliance with Permits and Environmental Requirements (except to the extent such permits and Environmental Requirements relate to Pre-Closing Environmental Liability, for which Seller shall remain responsible and liable) affecting the Business and the Assets after the Closing (whether or not Seller is the permit holder under such Permits).

ARTICLE 6. PRE-CLOSING COVENANTS

6.1 Certain Covenants of Seller Pending Closing. Between December 31, 1998 and the Closing Date:

6.1.1 Conduct of Business. Except as expressly permitted by this Agreement or as otherwise approved by Buyer in writing, Seller shall have:

(A) conducted the Business in substantially the same manner as heretofore conducted by Seller in all material respects;

(B) used reasonable efforts to (i) maintain in effect all Permits material to the operation of the Assets which are material to the Business as presently operated by Seller; (ii) maintain the Assets material to the Business in their present operating condition and repair (normal wear and tear excepted); (iii) keep available the services of the Employees who are employed by Seller as of the date hereof (other than Employees who Buyer informs Seller will not be Transferred Employees, and Employees who resign or are terminated for cause); and (iv) maintain its relationships with customers, suppliers and others having business dealings with it;

(C) made payments in respect of accounts payable and other obligations of the Business in a manner and at times consistent, in the aggregate, with prior practice;

(D) performed in all material respects its obligations under the Material Contracts, and comply in all material respects with all applicable laws applicable to the Business;

(E) not entered into or assume any contract or agreement which, if entered into or assumed prior to the date hereof, would be a Material Contract;

(F) not granted (or committed to grant) any increase, other than periodic increases and bonuses consistent with past practices, in the compensation of any Employee or institute, adopt or amend (or commit to institute, adopt or amend) any compensation or benefit plan, policy, program or arrangement or collective bargaining agreement applicable to any such Employee, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or as otherwise disclosed by Seller to Buyer.

6.1.2 Expenses. Seller shall not, have made any commitments to expend funds or otherwise incur any other obligations or liabilities in excess of \$50,000 per such expense, in

connection with the ownership or operation of the Assets, other than (i) expenses incurred in the normal operation of the Assets; (ii) commitments, obligations and liabilities which will be satisfied as of the Closing Date; (iii) expenses incurred to resolve emergency conditions, (iv) as may be required pursuant to the terms of Permits; (v) expenses which Seller has reserved against on the financial statements referred to in Subsection 3.1.14; and (vi) expenses payable under or pursuant to the Material Contracts.

6.1.3 Transfers. Except as otherwise provided herein, Seller shall not have sold, transferred or abandoned any portion of the Assets other than the sale, transfer or abandonment, in the ordinary course of conducting the Business, of Assets having a per item fair market value of more than \$50,000.

6.1.4 Material Contracts. Seller shall not have amended, altered, modified, waived or terminated any Material Contract.

6.1.5 Unaudited Financial Statements. Seller shall provide to Buyer unaudited financial statements of the Business (including balance sheets and statements of operations and cash flows) as of and for the year ending December 31, 1998, and for the five (5) month period ending May 31, 1999, prepared in accordance with GAAP. Seller shall promptly deliver copies thereof to Buyer upon receipt and/or preparation of such financial statements, but in no event later than the Closing Date.

6.1.6 Transfer of Permits. Seller shall reasonably cooperate with Buyer with regard to the application for transfer of any Permits.

6.1.7 Closing Conditions. Seller shall make reasonable best efforts to satisfy all conditions necessary to Close and shall reasonably cooperate in good faith with Buyer in Buyer's efforts to Close.

ARTICLE 7. TAXES; PRORATIONS

7.1 Proration of Ad Valorem and Property Taxes. All ad valorem taxes, personal property taxes, special assessments, direct assessment, general assessments and similar obligations (and any refunds, credits and the like) for the appropriate periods shall be prorated as of the Closing Date between Buyer and Seller based on the period of ownership of each and if the amount of taxes due is unknown at Closing, such allocation shall be based upon prior periods. Any increase in any of such taxes as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be borne in the same proportions. Any such tax, assessment or similar obligation with a payment delinquency date prior to Closing shall be physically paid by Seller, and any such item with a payment delinquency date on or after the Closing shall be physically paid by Buyer. Buyer shall file or cause to be filed all required reports and returns incident to such taxes, assessments and similar obligations which are due on or after Closing, and shall pay or cause to be paid to the taxing authorities all such taxes, assessments and similar obligations reflected on such reports or returns.

7.2 Sales, Use and Transfer Taxes. Seller shall be liable for and pay any stamp, deed, transfer, sales, use, excise, business, occupation, franchise or other similar taxes imposed in connection with the transfer of the Assets. Seller shall be liable for and pay any conveyance,

transfer and recording fees or taxes imposed in connection with the transfer of the Assets. Seller shall be liable for and pay any penalties and interest which may accrue as a result of Seller's failure to make timely payment. If Buyer is required by applicable law to report and pay these taxes and/or fees, Seller shall, upon presentment of an invoice therefor by Buyer, promptly pay such taxes and/or fees.

7.3 Notice of Tax Assessment. Buyer shall promptly deliver to Seller a copy of any notice of proposed tax assessment received by Buyer which relates to a period prior to the Closing Date and for which Seller may be liable.

7.4 Tax Contests. Buyer and Seller shall cooperate with each other in the event that either requests the other's assistance (including reasonable access to records in the other's possession) in pursuing or defending any tax contests.

7.5 Other Prorations. Except to the extent such items are reflected in the Net Working Capital Adjustment, and to the extent not otherwise inconsistent with the terms hereof, utilities, rental, and payments due or receivable under Assumed Contracts shall be prorated in a customary manner as of the Closing Date.

7.6 Calculation of Prorations. Except to the extent reflected in the Net Working Capital Adjustment all prorations shall be calculated as of 12:01 a.m. Dallas time on the Closing Date, so that Seller will bear all income and expense prior to the Closing Date and Buyer will bear all income and expense on and after the Closing Date. The prorations shall be reflected on the Preliminary Settlement Statement, and any disagreements regarding the prorations shall be resolved at the time and in the manner provided for resolution of disagreements about the Final Settlement Statement.

ARTICLE 8. CLOSING

8.1 The Closing. The Closing shall be consummated at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on the Closing Date at the offices of Hughes & Luce, L.L.P. located at 333 Clay Street, Houston, Texas or at such other place and hour as may be mutually agreed upon by Seller and Buyer. If either Seller or Buyer has not performed the conditions to Closing applicable to such party hereunder and the performance of such conditions have not been waived, in either case as of the Closing Date, then the party that has performed and stands ready to close shall have the one-time right (but not the obligation) to postpone the date of Closing to a business day no later than fifteen calendar days from the Closing Date.

8.2 Preliminary Settlement Statement. Seller shall deliver the Preliminary Settlement statement to Buyer at Closing, together with such supplemental calculations and information as shall be reasonably necessary or appropriate to enable Buyer to determine the accuracy thereof. The Preliminary Settlement Statement shall be based upon the most current and reliable information reasonably available to Seller at the time of its delivery, and may be based upon estimates where actual amounts are impractical to obtain or verify. Said statement shall be adjusted post-closing as agreed by Buyer and Seller.

8.4 Events at Closing. At Closing:

8.4.1 Seller shall:

(A) Execute, acknowledge and deliver to Buyer the Greenville Lease and the Oklahoma Sub-Lease.

(B) Execute and deliver to Buyer the Bill of Sale.

(C) Execute and deliver to Buyer one original affidavit or other certification (as permitted by such code) that Seller is not a "foreign person" within the meaning of Section 1445 (or similar provisions) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (i.e., Seller is not a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, foreign partnership, foreign trust or foreign estate as those terms are defined in such code and the regulations promulgated thereunder).

(D) Execute and deliver to Buyer one original withholding exemption certificate for each state in which the Assets are located which has a law similar to Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(E) Transfer to Buyer (subject to the terms of applicable operating agreements and other provisions hereof) possession and control of all of the Assets effective as of the Closing Date.

(F) Deliver to Buyer an estoppel letter with respect to each Lease material to the Business executed by the lessor thereunder, in form and content reasonably satisfactory to Buyer.

(G) The unaudited financial statements as of and for the year ending December 31, 1998, and for the five (5) month period ending May 31, 1999, shall have been delivered to Buyer. The sales, operating income and EBITDA amounts set forth on such unaudited financial statements shall not differ materially from the amounts therefor on the unaudited financial statements referred to in Subsection 3.1.14.

(H) Buyer shall have received an opinion of the in-house general counsel of Seller to the effect set forth in Subsections 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3 (to the best of his knowledge), and 3.1.4 (to the best of his knowledge) and that the forms of conveyance documents are legally sufficient to convey to Buyer all of Seller's right, title and interest in the Assets, in form and in substance reasonably satisfactory to Buyer.

(I) Seller shall have obtained all consents and approvals which are required in connection with transactions contemplated hereby, other than consents and approvals which Buyer and Seller reasonably agree are not material.

8.4.2 Buyer shall:

(A) Deliver to Seller the Closing Payment in the manner set forth in Article 2, calculated in accordance with the Preliminary Settlement Statement.

(B) Seller shall have received an opinion letter of Buyer's Counsel to the effect set forth in Subsection 3.2.1, Subsection 3.2.2, Subsection 3.2.3 (to the best of his knowledge and with respect to the Agreement), and Subsection 3.2.4 (to the best of his knowledge), in form and in substance reasonably satisfactory to Seller.

(C) Buyer shall have obtained all consents and approvals which are required under the Permits listed on Schedule 3.1.8 in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and which Buyer and Seller reasonably agree are material and necessary prior to Closing. With respect to Permits listed on Schedule 3.1.8 for which consent or approval is not available and which Buyer and Seller reasonably agree are material, then Buyer shall have obtained a Permit in Buyer's name from the Government Authority issuing such Permit listed on Schedule 3.1.8.

8.4.3 Buyer and Seller shall:

(A) Execute, acknowledge and deliver to each other a sufficient number of Leases and Sub-Lease Assignments to be recorded in the real property records of the recording districts and counties in which the Leases and Sub-Leases are located.

(B) Execute and deliver to each other the Assumption Agreement.

(C) Execute and deliver assignments of the Transferred Patents and Transferred Marks on such forms as the United States Patent and Trademark Office requires for assignment of patents and/or trademarks.

(D) Execute and deliver such other instruments and documents as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

8.5 Effect of Closing. Except as otherwise provided herein, all obligations of the parties wholly or partially to be performed after the Closing shall survive the Closing. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except as otherwise provided herein, all obligations of a party to indemnify another person contained herein shall survive the Closing.

ARTICLE 9. POST-CLOSING COVENANTS

9.1 Final Settlement Statement. Seller shall deliver the Final Settlement Statement to Buyer not later than 90 days after Closing, together with such supplemental calculations and information as shall be reasonably necessary or appropriate to enable Buyer to determine the accuracy thereof. The Final Settlement Statement shall be based upon the most current and reliable information reasonably available to Seller at the time of its delivery. Within 30 calendar days of Buyer's receipt of the Final Settlement Statement, Buyer shall notify Seller in writing whether Buyer approves the Final Settlement Statement. If Buyer approves the Final Settlement Statement, or fails to notify Seller of its disapproval in the manner and within the time specified above, then the Final Settlement Statement shall be as delivered to Buyer. If Buyer disapproves the Final Settlement Statement, then the parties shall use their reasonable best efforts to agree upon the amounts to be set forth in the Final Settlement Statement, and the Final Settlement Statement shall be amended accordingly. If Seller and Buyer cannot agree upon the amounts to be set forth in the Final Settlement Statement, then the accounting firm of Grant Thornton, or its

successor, is designated to act as sole arbitrator and to decide all points of disagreement with respect to the Final Settlement Statement, such decision to be binding on both parties. If such firm is unwilling or unable to serve in such capacity, Seller and Buyer shall use reasonable best efforts to designate and retain another mutually acceptable internationally-recognized accounting firm not retained for general audit purposes by either of them as the sole arbitrator under this Section. If the parties cannot agree upon the individual at any such accounting firm who will be primarily responsible to act as arbitrator, then either party may request the appointment of such individual by the managing partner thereof. If Grant Thornton, or its successor, is unwilling or unable to serve and if the parties are unable to jointly designate and retain another mutually acceptable accounting firm as the sole arbitrator, then Seller or Buyer, may in writing request that the American Arbitration Association designate an accounting or accounting firm to serve as sole arbitrator. The costs and expenses of the arbitrator, whether the firm designated above, or otherwise designated, shall be shared equally by Seller and Buyer. Within 5 business days after the Final Settlement Statement has been agreed upon or disagreements resolved, Buyer or Seller, as the case may be, shall promptly make a payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the other party in an amount equal to the difference between the Closing Payment set forth on the Preliminary Settlement Statement and the Closing Payment set forth on the Final Settlement Statement, together with interest at the rate of 5% per annum for the period from and including the Closing Date through and including the date of payment.

9.2 Books and Records.

(A) Prior to the Closing, Seller may make and retain duplicates of the documents referred to in Sub-Section 1.2.5 above (for purposes of this Section, "1.2.5 Data") for the purpose of making such duplicates. Seller may remove the 1.2.5 Data at any time after the date hereof, so long as Seller maintains the 1.2.5 Data in Houston, Texas where they are reasonably accessible to Buyer. Within ten calendar days of the Closing Date, Buyer shall permanently remove the 1.2.5 Data from the offices of Seller where they are then maintained by Seller.

(B) For a period of ten years after the Closing Date, or for any longer periods required by any Assumed Liability, any Environmental Liabilities or any Government Authority or prudent in connection with ongoing litigation, Buyer shall retain the Records in its possession and shall make such Records available to Seller for inspection and copying upon reasonable notice at Buyer's offices, at reasonable times and during regular office hours. Buyer shall maintain those Records in its possession which contain non-public proprietary or trade secret information strictly confidential and shall not disclose any such Records to any person or Government Authority, unless such disclosure is required by applicable law, rule or regulation. Seller shall use its reasonable best efforts to obtain consents, waivers or releases from third parties necessary to enable Seller to transfer to Buyer at Closing all records subject to confidentiality obligations. Seller shall retain the documents referred to in Sub-Section 1.2.5 in its possession and shall make such documents available to the Buyer for inspection and copying upon reasonable notice at Seller's offices at reasonable times and during regular business hours until such time as the Final Settlement Statement has been agreed upon or disagreements with respect thereto have been resolved pursuant to Sub-Section 12.1.

9.3 Public Announcements. Neither party shall make any public announcement or statement with respect to this Agreement nor the transactions contemplated hereby without the prior written consent of the other to the form, content and timing of such announcement or statement. However, either party may make such announcement or statement upon (a) receiving advice of its counsel that the making of such public announcement or statement, and the specific form, content and timing thereof, is required by applicable law, rule or regulation; and (b) giving as much prior notice to the other party regarding the form, content and timing as is reasonably practicable under the circumstances.

9.4 Restrictions on Sale of Assets. No sale or other transfer of any interest in any of the Assets at any time after the Closing Date shall relieve a Party to this Agreement (or any successor by merger) of any of its obligations hereunder (including without limitation all obligations regarding Environmental Liability) with respect to any such Assets or interest therein.

9.5 Non-Competition.

9.5.1 Scope. From the Closing Date through the third anniversary of the Closing Date, Seller shall neither, directly or indirectly (i) acquire a controlling interest in any entity that is in the business of manufacturing drillbits, nor (ii) except as provided in Section 11.1, solicit for employment any individual who is an employee of the Buyer at such time or was an employee of the Buyer during the year prior to such time. This Section shall not apply to the acquisition by any unaffiliated Person of a controlling interest in Seller or any member of Seller. This Section shall terminate automatically upon, and shall not apply to, the merger of Seller into any other unaffiliated Person, provided that the shareholders of such Person continue to own a controlling interest in such Person after consummation of the merger.

9.5.2 Enforcement.

(A) Seller acknowledges that its obligations under this Section are a material inducement to Buyer's execution and performance of this Agreement and that the restrictions contained in this Section are reasonable as to time, geographic area and scope of activity and do not impose a greater restraint than is necessary to protect the goodwill and other legitimate business interests of Buyer.

(B) If the provisions of this Section are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to contain unreasonable limitations as to time, geographic area or scope of activity, then such court is hereby directed to reform, such provisions to the minimum extent necessary to cause the limitations contained therein as to time, geographical area and scope of activity to be reasonable and enforceable.

(C) Seller acknowledges that Buyer would be irreparably harmed by any violation of its obligations under this Section and that, in addition to all other rights or remedies available at law or in equity, Buyer will be entitled to seek injunctive and other equitable relief to prevent or enjoin any such violation.

9.6 Pending and Threatened Litigation.

9.6.1 Litigation. From and after the Closing Date, Seller shall be solely responsible for, and shall indemnify, defend and hold Buyer harmless from and against, the costs of defense and/or prosecution of the proceeding identified on Schedule 3.1.4.

9.6.2 Other Litigation. Except to the extent otherwise provided in Subsection 9.6.1, Seller shall be solely responsible for, and shall indemnify, defend and hold Buyer harmless from and against, the costs of defense and/or prosecution of all other actions and proceedings pending at or threatened in writing prior to the Closing in connection with the Business with respect to conduct occurring prior to the Closing, and the payment of any judgments or settlements with respect to such actions and proceedings to the extent relating to such conduct prior to Closing, provided, however, that Pre-Closing Environmental Liabilities shall be subject to Article 5 hereof unless an action or proceeding therefor is currently pending or Buyer has received from a party who hereafter commences an action or proceeding therefor a reasonably specific, detailed, non-speculative written threat of litigation with respect thereto. Buyer shall, at no out-of-pocket cost to Buyer, reasonably cooperate with Seller in connection with Seller's pursuit or defense of any such action or proceeding, and any preparation or investigation relating thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Buyer shall reasonably make available to Seller for interview, deposition and testimony those Transferred Employees then in Buyer's employ having knowledge relating to such action, proceeding, preparation or investigation and shall reasonably make available Records relating thereto.

9.7 Cooperation Regarding Permits. Seller shall reasonably cooperate with Buyer in providing information required by Buyer to obtain or transfer Permits necessary for conducting operations and business.

ARTICLE 10. INDEMNIFICATION; SURVIVAL

10.1 Certain Agreements and Acknowledgements. The provisions of this Article 10 are the result of mutual compromise and an allocation of risk with respect to the subject matter hereof. The provisions of this Article 10 have been given individual weight by the parties in connection with entering into this Agreement and the setting of the Purchase Price. Buyer and Seller intend that the allocations of risk and responsibility contained in this Article 10 are mutually intended by them to be given full effect and that the rights and remedies contained in this Article 10 are exclusive of all other statutory and common law rights and remedies with respect to the subject matter of this Article 10.

10.2 Indemnification.

10.2.1 Seller's Indemnification. From the period after the Closing Date until the second (2nd) anniversary date, Seller shall defend, indemnify and hold Buyer harmless from and against (a) any and all Claims (whether third-party or otherwise), arising out of, resulting from or relating to (i) the ownership and/or operation of the Assets or the Business by any Person before the Closing Date, except the Assumed Liabilities; (ii) any misrepresentation or inaccuracy of any representation or warranty made by Seller in this Agreement; (iii) any other liability or obligation expressly retained by Seller under this Agreement; and (iv) the breach of, or failure to perform or

satisfy, any of the covenants of Seller set forth in this Agreement; and (b) any Environmental Liabilities for which Seller is responsible pursuant to the terms hereof. Seller shall defend Buyer from and against any allegation by a third party that, if true, would constitute a misrepresentation or inaccuracy of any representation or warranty made by Seller in this Agreement.

10.2.2 Buyer's Indemnification. From the period after the Closing Date until the second (2nd) anniversary thereof, Buyer shall defend, indemnify and hold Seller harmless from and against (a) any and all Claims (whether third-party or otherwise), arising out of, resulting from or relating to (i) the ownership and/or operation of the Assets or the Business by any Person after the Closing Date including without limitation the Assumed Liabilities; (ii) any misrepresentation or inaccuracy of any representation or warranty made by Buyer in this Agreement; (iii) any other liability or obligation expressly retained by Buyer under this Agreement; and (iv) the breach of, or failure to perform or satisfy, any of the covenants of Buyer set forth in this Agreement. Buyer shall defend Seller from and against any allegation by a third party that, if true, would constitute a misrepresentation or inaccuracy of any representation or warranty made by Buyer in this Agreement.

10.3 Claims Procedure. Promptly upon discovery of a Claim or Environmental Liability with respect to which the party giving notice believes it may be entitled to indemnity or defense, Seller or Buyer, as may be the case, shall give prompt written notice to the other thereof. The party giving notice of a Claim or Environmental Liability shall be referred to as the "Indemnified Party" and the party receiving notice of a Claim or Environmental Liability shall be referred to as the "Indemnifying Party." In the event that the Indemnified Party gives notice of a Claim or Environmental Liability to the Indemnifying Party, such notice shall set forth the facts known to the Indemnified Party pertaining to the Claim or Environmental Liability and shall specify the manner in which the Indemnified Party proposes to respond to the Claim or Environmental Liability. Within ten days of receipt of such notice, the Indemnifying Party shall commence the investigation of the Claim specified in such notice and shall complete such investigation within thirty (30) days of Indemnifying Party's receipt of such notice. Within ten (10) days of the completion of the investigation, the Indemnifying Party shall state in writing: (i) whether the Indemnified Party may proceed to respond to the Claim or Environmental Liability in the manner set forth in its notice and (ii) whether the Indemnifying Party shall assume responsibility for and conduct the negotiation, defense or settlement of the Claim or Environmental Liability, and if so, the specific manner in which the Indemnifying Party proposes to proceed. If the Indemnifying Party does elect to assume responsibility and such control, (i) its defense against the Claim or Environmental Liability shall be conducted by the Indemnifying Party and its counsel at its expense in a manner reasonably satisfactory and effective to protect the Indemnified Party to the extent required hereunder and (ii) the Indemnifying Party and its counsel shall keep the Indemnified Party fully advised as to its conduct of such defense. If the Indemnifying Party shall undertake at any time to compromise any such Claim or Environmental Liability, it shall promptly notify the Indemnified Party of its intention to do so and shall obtain the Indemnified Party's prior written consent to any final compromise or settlement, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the Indemnifying Party should fail to defend against any such Claim or Environmental Liability to the extent required hereunder, then the Indemnified Party may assume control of the defense and, with the consent of the Indemnifying Party, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, settle the Claim or Environmental Liability at the Indemnifying Party's expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Indemnified Party shall

have the right at all times to participate in the defense of any Claim or Environmental Liability hereunder with its own counsel and at its own expense. All provisions of this Agreement requiring a party to indemnify another person (including without limitation those set forth in Article 5) shall be deemed to incorporate this Section by reference, and all notices and actions relating to Claims and Environmental Liabilities thereunder shall be made in the manner set forth in, and subject to the terms and conditions of, this Section 10.3 (except to the extent that Article 5 provides alternate or supplemental procedures applicable thereto).

10.4 Limitation on Liability.

10.4.1 Threshold For Indemnification. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither Seller nor Buyer shall have any obligation to indemnify, defend and/or hold any Person harmless from or against any Claims arising out of, resulting from or related to (x) any misrepresentation or inaccuracy of any representation or warranty made by such party in this Agreement, or in any other agreement, instrument or certificate delivered in connection herewith, or (y) any breach, default or nonperformance by such party of any agreement, covenant or obligation contained in Article 10, unless and until the aggregate damage or loss actually incurred by such party in connection with all such Claims exceeds \$25,000.00 for such claim or type of claim no such indemnity shall be paid until such time as all sums claimed exceed \$200,000, in which case the indemnity hereunder shall apply to such Claims and any individual future Claim or Claims incurred by the members of Buyer or Seller, as the case may be. Further, deducted from each individual claim shall be the sum of \$5,000 until such time as the threshold has been met and then said sum shall be included in such indemnification. The foregoing threshold limitation shall not apply to any breach with respect to the Receivables representation under Section 3.1.16 hereof or any claim for Environmental Liabilities (including without limitation any representations or warranties relating to any Environmental Liabilities, Environmental Materials, Environmental Releases or Environmental Requirements), the thresholds for indemnification for which shall be governed exclusively by Article 5 hereof.

10.4.2 Net Amount. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither Seller nor Buyer shall have any obligation to indemnify, defend and/or hold any Person harmless from or against any Claims or Environmental Liabilities in excess of the net amount thereof actually paid or suffered by such Person. In determining the net amount for the purposes hereof, the gross amount of such Claims and Environmental Liabilities shall be reduced by the aggregate value of any money (including, without limitation, proceeds of insurance, related claims, cross-claims, counterclaims and the like and any federal, state, local or foreign tax benefits), actually realized by such Person in connection therewith.

10.4.3 Intentional Breach. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the limitations contained in Section 10.4.1 and Section 10.4.2 shall not apply to any Claims or Environmental Liabilities, arising out of, resulting from or related to any fraudulent misrepresentation or inaccuracy of any representation or warranty made in Article 3 or a willful breach by a party of a covenant contained herein.

10.4.4 Willful Breach. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the limitations contained in Section 10.4.1 and Section 10.4.2 shall not apply to any Claims or

Environmental Liabilities, arising out of, resulting from or related to any fraudulent misrepresentation or inaccuracy of any representation or warranty made in Article 3 by a party.

10.5 Survival of Representations and Warranties. The express representations and warranties contained in this Agreement shall survive until the end of the month following the eighteenth (18th) after the Closing Date, provided that if legal action is commenced in a court of competent jurisdiction with respect thereto prior to the second anniversary of the Closing Date, then the Claim relating to such representation and warranty shall survive only until a final judgment is entered in such court in such action. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all representations and warranties contained in this Agreement relating to Pre-Closing Environmental Liabilities shall terminate upon Closing, and shall after Closing be subject to the provisions of this Article 10.

ARTICLE 11. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

11.1 Offers of Employment. Buyer shall offer to employ 85% of the Employees identified on the list referred to in Schedule E, subject to each such Employee's satisfactory completion of Buyer's employment application process, including any reasonable screening processes and procedures. Buyer's obligation to offer employment in accordance with the preceding sentence shall apply to Employees on short term disability or other leave of absence only if such Employees return to active work within three months of the Closing Date; provided, further, that Buyer shall have no liability for any sick pay, disability pay or benefits with respect to any such Employee unless and until such Employee is actively at work for Buyer. Without Buyer's prior written consent, Seller shall not solicit the employment of any Employees identified on the list referred to in Schedule E. Prior to the Closing Date, Buyer shall deliver to Seller a list of Employees who will not be offered employment by Buyer. Except as to employees covered under employment contracts identified on Schedule 3.1.10, all offers of employment shall be on an at-will employment basis.

11.2 Terms of Employment. The employment of Transferred Employees by the Buyer shall be upon the following terms and conditions:

11.2.1 Compensation. Buyer shall pay Transferred Employees a base rate of pay equal to the base rate payable by Seller on the Closing Date.

11.2.2 Vacation Program. Buyer shall recognize service of Transferred Employees as recognized by Seller for future vacation entitlement and accruals under Buyer's vacation plans.

11.2.3 Severance Pay. Buyer shall establish a severance pay plan for Transferred Employees, who are involuntarily terminated without cause by Buyer within one year of commencement of employment with Buyer. Severance pay shall be at least one week's pay per year of service, up to a maximum of 13 weeks' pay, and shall be subject to such other customary terms and conditions as Buyer designates in the severance pay plan, including, without limitation, requirements that Transferred Employees work through the last date Buyer requests and executes a release as a condition of receiving severance pay.

11.2.4 Benefit Plans. Subject to the approval of Buyer's insurance carriers (including stop-loss carriers), which Buyer will use reasonable efforts to obtain:

(A) Transferred Employees and their dependents who are participating in a group health plan maintained by Seller immediately before the Closing Date shall be eligible to participate in a group health plan maintained by Buyer immediately after the Closing Date, without regard to any waiting period or preexisting condition exclusion;

(B) Where coverage for dependents of Transferred Employees is available under Buyer's health and life plans, such coverage shall be effective as of the same date as the Transferred Employee's coverage becomes effective.

(C) The Buyer's health plans shall recognize Transferred Employees' payments toward the annual deductible for Seller's health plans as though they had been made under the Buyer's plan for the plan year in which the Transferred Employee became an employee of Buyer.

11.2.5 Service Credit. Transferred Employees' service with Seller shall be recognized for eligibility and vesting for the purposes of all of Buyer's benefit and pension plans and employment policies to the same extent as service with Buyer would be recognized, subject to any applicable Code provision or other law or regulation prohibiting or limiting the extension of such credit.

11.2.6 Sick Pay. Buyer shall recognize each Transferred Employee's accrued sick pay, subject to the terms and conditions of Buyer's leave policies.

11.3 No Third Party Rights. Nothing contained herein shall (i) confer upon any former, current or future employee of Seller or Buyer or any legal representative or beneficiary thereof any rights or remedies, including, without limitation, any right to employment or continued employment of any nature, for any specified period, (ii) cause the employment status of any former, present or future employee of Buyer to be other than terminable at will, or (iii) be construed to limit Buyer's right to amend, revise, suspend, or terminate any benefit plan or program at any time.

11.4 Employee Notifications. Prior to the Closing Date, Seller shall provide timely written notice of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement to the affected Employees, and any other third parties as may be required by applicable laws, including without limitation the National Labor Relations Act and the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act or similar state law, and as may be required under the terms of any applicable collective bargaining agreements, arbitration awards, consent decrees, settlement agreements, injunctions or court orders.

11.5 Former Employees; Transferred Employees. Seller shall be solely responsible for, and shall indemnify, defend and hold Buyer harmless from and against, any Claim made by or on behalf of any retiree or former employee of the Business, or with respect to any Employee who does not become a Transferred Employee, or with respect to any spouse or dependent of any such person, or with respect to a Transferred Employee arising out of acts or omissions by Seller occurring prior to Closing. Buyer shall be solely responsible for, and shall indemnify, defend

and hold Seller harmless from and against, any Claim made by or on behalf of any Transferred Employee or with respect to any spouse or dependent of any such person arising out of Buyer's acts or omissions subsequent to Closing including, without limitation, those made under Section 11.2. The parties agree that Buyer shall be liable for any continuation coverage (including any penalties, excise taxes or interest resulting from the failure to provide continuation coverage) required by Section 4980B of the Code due to qualifying events which occur on or after the Closing with respect to any Transferred Employee and such person's spouse and dependents.

ARTICLE 12. MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 Notices. Any notice provided or permitted to be given under this Agreement (including any request for consent or approval, or response thereto) shall be in writing, and may be served by personal delivery, by telecopier or by Federal Express or another reputable overnight courier service, addressed to the party to be notified. If there is any dispute regarding the actual receipt of notice, the party giving such notice shall bear the burden of providing reasonably satisfactory evidence of such delivery or receipt. For the purpose of the foregoing, electronic confirmation of complete facsimile transmission shall be satisfactory evidence of receipt of telecopy notice. Notices shall be deemed to have been given and received upon receipt at the addresses specified below. For purposes of notice, the addresses of the parties shall be as follows:

If to Buyer: Varel International, Inc.
9230 Denton Drive
P.O. Box 540157
Dallas, Texas 75354
Attention:
Telecopy: (214) 351-7098

with a copy to: Hughes & Luce, L.L.P.
1717 Main Street, Suite 2800
Dallas, Texas 75201
Attention: John B. Holden, Jr.
Telecopy: (214) 939-6100

If to Seller: National-Oilwell, L.P.
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Either Buyer or Seller may specify as its proper address any other address within the continental United States by giving notice to the other party, in the manner provided in this Section, at least three business days prior to the Closing Date of such change of address.

12.2 Assignment. No party may assign any rights or obligations under this Agreement prior to Closing without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent may be withheld in the sole discretion of the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Buyer may assign its rights and obligations hereunder in whole but not in part to any other Person which is a wholly owned direct subsidiary if such assignee executes a written assumption agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Seller. No assignment by any party, with or without consent, whether before or after Closing, shall in any way release such party from any obligations hereunder.

12.3 Further Assurances. Seller and Buyer shall take such further reasonable actions and shall execute, acknowledge and deliver all such further documents that are reasonably necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

12.4 Expenses. Whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated, and except as otherwise provided herein, each of the parties hereto shall bear the salaries, fees and expenses (including without limitation travel, lodging, food and overhead expenses) of their respective officers, employees, attorneys, accountants and other representatives and agents incurred in connection with negotiation and performance of this Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

12.5 Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced under any applicable rule or law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability and all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby, taken as a whole, is not affected thereby in a materially adverse manner with respect to either party.

12.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, documents provided for herein to be delivered at Closing and the Confidentiality Agreement contain the entire understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements, understandings, negotiations and discussions among the parties with respect to such subject matter.

12.7 Confidentiality.

12.7.1 All information obtained by Buyer about the Assets shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Confidentiality Agreement, which shall survive the execution, performance and termination of this Agreement.

12.7.2 Seller is contractually bound to Persons unaffiliated with Seller to treat the terms and conditions of certain agreements as confidential. The contracts which impose such obligations upon Seller are described on Schedule 12.7.2. Buyer shall treat the terms and conditions of such agreements as confidential to the extent and in the manner required by such

agreements except to the extent Buyer is required to disclose such terms under applicable law. Buyer shall indemnify, defend and hold Seller harmless from any Claims made by any third person, which result, directly or indirectly, from Buyer's breach of this Section 12.7.2.

12.7.3 Seller is contractually bound to Persons unaffiliated with Seller to treat certain information as confidential. Except as disclosed on Schedule 12.7.3, no such information is material to the Business as presently conducted by Seller or to the Assets material to the Business. Seller shall make reasonable best efforts to obtain a waiver or release from such Persons, such that Seller may make such information available to Buyer.

12.7.4 From and after the Closing, Seller will keep all Evaluation Materials (as defined in the Confidentiality Agreement) confidential.

12.8 Construction. Buyer and Seller acknowledge that this Agreement is the result of negotiation between them and that they have each been represented by counsel of their own choosing in such negotiations. The provisions of this Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with their fair meaning and shall not be strictly construed against the drafter thereof. Except as otherwise provided herein, no consents or approvals required or requested hereunder shall be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

12.9 Captions. The descriptive headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not control the meaning or construction of any provision of this Agreement.

12.10 Amendments. This Agreement may be amended, modified, supplemented, restated or discharged (and provisions hereof may be waived) only by one or more instruments in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of the amendment, modification, supplement, restatement, discharge or waiver is sought.

12.11 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

12.12 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without regard to the principles of conflicts of laws thereof.

12.13 Consent to Jurisdiction and Forum Selection. Buyer hereby irrevocably consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Texas in and for the County of Harris and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas in connection with any litigation arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated thereby.

12.14 Attorneys' Fees. In the event either Buyer or Seller brings any suit or other proceeding with respect to the subject matter or enforcement of this Agreement, the prevailing party (as determined by the court, agency or other authority before which such suit or proceeding is commenced) shall, in addition to such other relief as may be awarded, be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and costs of investigation as actually incurred (including without limitation attorneys' fees, expenses and costs of investigation incurred in appellate

proceedings), and costs incurred in establishing the right to indemnification, or in any action or participation in, or in connection with, any case or proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code, 11 United States Code Section 101 et seq., or any successor statute.

12.15 Punitive Damages. In no event shall either party be liable to the other for any exemplary or punitive damages in any dispute between the parties relating, directly or indirectly, to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

12.16 No Admissions. Neither this Agreement, nor any part hereof (including, without limitation, any disclosure on any Exhibit or Schedule hereto), nor any performance under this Agreement, nor any payment of any amount pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a finding, evidence of, or an admission or acknowledgment of any liability, fault, or past or present wrongdoing, or violation of any law, rule, regulation, or policy, by either Seller or Buyer or by their respective officers, directors, employees, or agents.

12.17 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing expressed or implied in this Agreement is intended to confer on any person other than Buyer, Seller and their successors and permitted assigns any rights or obligations under this Agreement.

12.18 No Required Notice. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, neither party shall be obligated to provide the other with notice of non-performance of an obligation which is required to be performed by a certain date or within a certain time period, and the failure to give such notice shall not extend the period for performance thereof.

12.19 Knowledge. References to either parties' "knowledge" or "best knowledge" or words or phrases of similar import refer to matters actually known upon reasonable inquiry, as determined by the inquiring party, (i) with respect to Seller, by the persons identified on Schedule 12.19(A), and (ii) with respect to Buyer, by the persons identified on Schedule 12.19(B).

[signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed by the parties hereto as of the date first written above.

SELLER:

NATIONAL-OILWELL, L.P. , by its general partner NOW Oilfield Services, Inc. a Delaware corporation

By: [Signature]
Name: Steven W. Koebler
Its: V.P.

BUYER:

VAREL INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation

By: [Signature]
Name: JAMES U. NIXON
Its: President & CEO

SCHEDULE C

TRANSFERRED MARKS AND TRANSFERRED PATENTS

Registered trademark number 1,540,144, Walker McDonald WM Bits (and design).

The tradename Walker-McDonald.